MINUTE NO. 183

BANCO NO. 153 "CULEBRON"

The Commission met at the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas at 10:00 a.m., September 24, 1946.

The Commission received the report of the Consulting Engineers dated September 23, 1946 with regard to Banco No. 153 "Culebrón" formed on the Lower Rio Grande, together with a map of the banco submitted therewith. The Commissioners considered and approved the report and map, which are attached to this Minute to form a part hereof.

The Commission adopted the following resolution:

"Banco No. 153 'Culebrón', which was cut from Mexico and is now on the left or northerly bank of the Rio Grande, described in the report of the Consulting Engineers dated September 23, 1946, is hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and the dominion and jurisdiction of this banco shall pass to the United States of America in accordance with the provisions of the Convention of March 20, 1905 for the Elimination of Bancos."

The Commissioners then signed the map (scale 1:5000), in duplicate (one original in English and one original in Spanish), which delineates the above described banco.

The meeting then adjourned.

/s/ L. M. Lawson
Commissioner of the United States

/s/ Rafael Fernández MacGregor
Commissioner of Mexico

/s/ George H. Winters
Secretary of the United States Section

/s/ Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section
The Honorable Commissioners,
International Boundary and Water Commission,
United States and Mexico,
El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.

Sirs:

In accordance with your instructions an inspection and survey of the banco formed on the Lower Rio Grande in 1945 has been made and in regard thereto we submit the following description of the banco and the subjoined general statement:

**BANCO NO. 153 "CULEBRON"**

Located in Cameron County, Texas about 1.5 kilometers southwest of the village of Los Indios, Texas, and 1.5 kilometers southerly of R. P. No. 34.

Cut from Mexico in 1945.
Claimants: José Samuel López and brothers, Matamoros, Tamaulipas; Eliseo and Mercurio Ramírez and sister, Mercedes, Texas; Ricardo Cavazos, Santa Rosa, Texas.

Area to the river: 75.2 hectares (185.8 acres).

Three houses and 17 inhabitants on the banco.

The abandoned channel of the river is very clearly defined around the tract described above. The tract was cut off by an avulsive movement of the river, and as regards area and inhabitants, is within the limits defining bancos set out in the Convention of 1905 for the Elimination of Bancos.

A map of the banco on a scale of 1:5000 has been prepared in duplicate, one original in English and one original in Spanish, and is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ C. M. Ainsworth  
Consulting Engineer, United States Section

/s/ J. G. Bustamante  
Consulting Engineer, Mexican Section