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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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MINUTE NO. 184

ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL,
VEHICLES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL
BOUNDARY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION OR OF
EITHER SECTION THEREOF.

The Commission met at the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10 a.m., January 21, 1947, for the purpose of taking final action with respect to the adoption of official means of identification of persons having occasion to cross the international boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States in connection with official business of the Commission or of either Section thereof, and of identification of vehicles and other equipment of the Commission or of either Section thereof.

The Commission had previously reached tentative conclusions regarding the requirements in this respect for purposes of compliance with the pertinent provisions of the treaty concluded February 3, 1944, as well as of facilitating generally the work of the Commission, and had instructed the Engineers of the two Sections to prepare and submit drawings of cards for the identification of personnel, and of plates and stickers for the identification of vehicles and other equipment of the Commission. The Commission examined and approved the drawings submitted in accordance with these instructions, and adopted the following resolutions:

"Identification of Official Personnel

"1. The Commission adopts the identification card of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit 1, as its official means of identification for purposes of crossing the international boundary, of officials of either Section and such employees of either Section as in the opinion of the Commissioner thereof may require official identification, and of such officials and employees of other agencies of either Government collaborating with its Section as in the opinion of the respective Commissioner may require such identification.

"2. Official personnel of either Section of the Commission or of other agencies of either Government collaborating with its Section, who are not in possession of the above mentioned identification cards and who have occasion to cross the international boundary on official business, may be identified by an accompanying official or responsible employee of the respective Section who is the bearer of a valid identification card, or by a letter signed by a responsible official or employee of that Section under the authority of the Commissioner thereof.

"3. Each Section shall be responsible for the issuance of the identification cards referred to in paragraph 1. A record shall be maintained of the issuance of each card, including the bearer's name, date and place of birth, nationality, description, official position, and a copy of the bearer's photograph affixed to the identification card. Cards issued by each Section shall be numbered serially; the series issued by the United States Section shall be designated by the letters "US" and the series issued by the Mexican Section shall be designated by the letter "M". Each Section shall promptly inform the other of the issuance or revocation of identification cards. Annually, in January, each Section shall be supplied a list of persons who are the bearers of currently valid cards issued by the other Section.

"4. In cases in which official personnel are to be identified by letter in accordance with paragraph 2, a copy of the letter shall be furnished to a responsible official of the other Section sufficiently in advance of the date on which said personnel expect to cross the boundary that the latter Section may duly inform the appropriate border officials of its country.

"Identification of Non-Official Personnel

"5. The Commission adopts the identification card of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit 2, as its official means of identification of private contractors and their supervisory employees engaged on works of the Commission or of either Section thereof and having occasion to cross the international boundary in connection with such employment.

"6. Non-official personnel other than those referred to in paragraph 5, employed on works of the Commission or of either Section thereof and having occasion to cross the international boundary in connection with such employment, shall be identified by such means as the Commission may determine to be adequate to

the particular needs in the case of each such work.

"7. Each Section shall be responsible for the issuance of the identification cards referred to in paragraph 5, to non-official personnel of the classes referred to in the same paragraph who are performing work for it. Each Commissioner shall designate a responsible member or members of his Section as the issuing officer or officers. A record shall be maintained of the issuance of each card, including the bearer's name, date and place of birth, nationality, description capacity in which employed, and a copy of the bearer's photograph affixed to the identification card. Cards issued by each Section shall be numbered serially; the series issued by the United States Section shall be designated by the letters "US", and the series issued by the Mexican Section shall be designated by the letter "M". Each issuing officer shall maintain at all times a list of currently valid cards, which list, together with the record of issuance of individual cards, shall be available for examination by the other Section.

"Identification of Vehicles and Other Equipment

"8. The Commission adopts for the official identification of automobiles and other vehicles, including boats, operated by personnel of the Commission along or across the international boundary, the plates of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibits 3 and 4, which are to be securely attached to said vehicles in such manner as to be readily visible. When additional means of identification visible at a greater distance than the official plates are required, the official pennants adopted by Minute No. 160 of the Commission, approved November 12, 1937, shall be used in the manner prescribed in that Minute.

"9. The Commission officially adopts stickers, of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit 5, for use when necessary in identifying other equipment of the Commission or of either Section.

"10. Copies of this Minute shall be made available to the various interested governmental agencies of the two countries

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along the international boundary."

The meeting then adjourned.

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

s/ Rafael Fernández MacGregor
Commissioner for Mexico

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

s/ Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section