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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas  
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MINUTE NO. 217

CLEARING OF THE COLORADO RIVER CHANNEL DOWNSTREAM FROM MORELOS DAM

The Commission met at the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas, on November 30, 1964, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Necessity for Clearing the Channel of the Colorado River Below Morelos Dam", submitted by Principal Engineers W. E. Walker and Norberto Sanchez, under date of January 28, 1963. The English and Spanish texts of that Report are attached hereto and form a part hereof.

The Commission reviewed the Report under reference and found it to be in conformity with the provisions of Article 13 of the 1944 Water Treaty.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. The "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Necessity for Clearing the Channel of the Colorado River Below Morelos Dam", submitted by Principal Engineers W. E. Walker and Norberto Sanchez, under date of January 28, 1963, is approved.
2. That the initial clearing of 40 miles (64 kilometers) below Morelos Dam be effected as indicated in the Report of the Principal Engineers above mentioned; the United States at its expense carrying out the clearing of the normal river channel in the reach of approximately 20 miles (32 kilometers) from Morelos Dam to the southerly international boundary, and Mexico at its expense effecting the clearing of the normal channel in the reach of approximately 20 miles (32 kilometers) immediately below the southerly international boundary. These works shall be carried out under the supervision of the Commission.
3. That the clearing work recommended in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers above mentioned be effected periodically in the future by the two countries in the manner to be agreed upon by the Commission.

4. That the works mentioned in Paragraphs 2 and 3 form a part of a general flood control plan for the Lower Colorado River from Imperial Dam to the Gulf of California, which is in process of preparation.

The meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) J. F. Friedkin  
Commissioner of the United States

(Signed) D. Herrera J.  
Commissioner of Mexico

(Signed) Louis F. Blanchard  
Secretary of the United States Section

(Signed) Fernando Rivas S.  
Secretary of the Mexican Section