

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chih.,
January 16, 1967.

MINUTE NO. 224

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE SALINITY PROBLEM

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10:00 a.m., January 16, 1967, to adopt the measures needed to be taken for the solution of the Lower Rio Grande salinity problem.

Pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 10 of the Resolution of the Commission's Minute No. 223, dated November 30, 1965, each of the Commissioners has effected the necessary consultation with appropriate agencies of his country, and has made more detailed studies of the costs and benefits of the works described in that Minute, and they are now in position to reach a decision as to the specific project which should be recommended to the two Governments for solution of the problem.

Accordingly, the Commission again considered the various aspects of the problem and makes the following Recommendations, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. The Paragraphs 1 to 9 of the Resolution of Minute No. 223 adopted by the Commission on November 30, 1965, and subsequently approved by the two Governments, remain in force.
2. The canal or drain, with its structures, referred to in Minute No. 223, shall be constructed substantially in accordance with the project plan attached to this Minute and forming a part thereof, in the understanding that the complementary works referred to in Paragraph 3 of the Resolution of Minute No. 223 above cited, to permit the discharge to the Gulf of Mexico of the waters of another drain or drains, shall be deferred until the Commission considers it practical to recommend their construction.
3. The cost of constructing the canal recommended in this Minute, with its structures, has been evaluated at \$1,380,000, United States Currency (\$17,250,000 Pesos, Mexican Currency). Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Resolution of Minute No. 223, the United States' share of the construction cost has been fixed at \$690,000, United States Currency (\$8,625,000 Pesos, Mexican Currency).
4. Within a period of thirty (30) days after the approval of this Minute by the two Governments, the Government of the United States will establish in a bank in Mexico to be approved by the Mexican Commissioner an irrevocable credit in favor of the Mexican Commissioner in the amount of \$690,000, United States Currency, (equivalent to \$8,625,000 Pesos, Mexican Currency), as payment of the United States' share of

the construction costs of the works to which this Minute refers. The Mexican Commissioner or his authorized representative will draw monthly against the credit thus established, with the countersignature of the United States Commissioner or his designated representative, in such amount as the Commission may agree upon, to cover the United States' share of the expenditures made on construction of the works during the preceding month.

5. The construction of the works provided for in the present Minute will be completed, and the works placed in operation, as soon as possible.

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