MINUTE NO. 239

ELIMINATION OF "PANALES" AND "LOMA DEL PINTO 20°" BANCOS, CUT BY THE RIO GRANDE IN THE PRESIDIO-OJINAGA VALLEY.

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., October 16, 1970 to decide upon the elimination of "Panales" banco, located approximately 4 miles (6 kilometers) south of Candelaria, Texas and San Antonio del Bravo, Chihuahua, and "Loma del Pinto 20°" banco, located opposite Ejido Las Conchas, Chihuahua, approximately two miles (3 kilometers) northwest of Vado de Piedra Diversion Dam, which the Rio Grande apparently cut from its left bank in the Presidio-Ojinaga Valley between 1910 and 1927.

The Commission confirmed that the maps prepared by Consulting Engineers W. W. Follett and E. Zayas of the International Boundary Commission, based on the topographic work they performed in that region of the Rio Grande for the purpose of identifying and mapping existing bancos, do not indicate the presence of bancos at the "Panales" and "Loma del Pinto 20°" locations; neither is mention made of bancos at those locations in the Joint Report they submitted on June 19, 1913.

The Commission then proceeded to examine the aerial photographic survey mosaics made in that part of the Rio Grande in 1927 and 1947, and observed at the "Panales" and "Loma del Pinto 20°" locations the characteristic traces of the respective bancos cut from the left bank, each with an area less than 617.76 acres (250 hectares).

The Commission concluded from the above that those two bancos were formed and cut after 1910 and before 1927, and considered that the International Boundary Commission had no knowledge of their separation, or of any claimants to ownership of the lands, because the Commission did not function continuously between those two dates; it also considered that if either of those bancos had had 200 or more inhabitants, that Commission would have learned of its separation a short time after occurrence.

Consequently, the Commission agreed that bancos "Panales", 85.69 acres (34.68 hectares) and "Loma del Pinto 20°", 92.12 acres (37.28 hectares) satisfy all the conditions fixed in the Convention of March 25, 1905 for elimination from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884.

The two Commissioners reviewed the maps of bancos 449, "Panales" and 450, "Loma del Pinto 20°", copies of which with English and Spanish texts
accompany this Minute and form a part thereof and having found them to be correct, approved and signed them.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution:

Banco 449, "Panales", 85.69 acres (34.68 hectares) in area and banco 450, "Loma del Pinto 20", 92.12 acres (37.28 hectares) in area, are eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and the dominion and jurisdiction over them pass to Mexico.

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

(signed) Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

PANALES BANCO
No. 449

CUT FROM THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1910 AND 1927
MAPIED FROM 1917 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY DATA
PASSED TO THE JURISDICTION OF MEXICO
UNDER THE TREATY OF 1905

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