El Paso, Texas  
May 18, 1977

COMPLETION OF THE RELOCATIONS OF THE RIO GRANDE  
STIPULATED IN ARTICLE I OF THE  
TREATY OF NOVEMBER 23, 1970  

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas at 2:00 P.M., on May 18, 1977, to confirm in a Minute that the changes in location of the channel of the Rio Grande stipulated in paragraphs A, B and C of Article I of the Treaty of November 23, 1970, have been completed.

The Commission agreed that the three changes in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande, stipulated in paragraphs A, B and C of Article I of the Treaty of 1970 have been completed, and that the relocations were effected so that the middle of the new channels of the river followed the alignments shown on the maps cited in the same paragraphs of that Treaty.

The Commission agreed that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande in the area of the Presidio-Ojinaga tracts was performed so as to transfer from the north to the south of the middle of the relocated channel an area of 1,606.19 acres (650.00 hectares), as stipulated in Article I A of the Treaty of 1970; that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande upstream from and near Hidalgo-Reynosa was performed so as to transfer from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channel an area of 431.60 acres (194.93 hectares), as stipulated in Article I B of that Treaty; and that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande downstream from and near Presidio-Ojinaga was performed so as to transfer from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channel, an area of 252.00 acres (101.98 hectares), as stipulated in Article I C of the same Treaty.

The Mexican Commissioner confirmed that his Government had acquired the lands which will be transferred from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channels...
of the Rio Grande and those necessary for rights-of-way on
the south side of the new channels of the river, and had
evacuated the residents and occupants of those lands. The
United States Commissioner confirmed that his Government
had acquired the lands which will be transferred from the
north to the south of the middle of the relocated channels
of the Rio Grande and those necessary for rights-of-way on
the north side of the new channels of the river, and had
evacuated the residents and occupants of those lands.

The United States Commissioner confirmed that his
Government had acquired the lands of the Morcon Tract and
Beaver Island from those who held legal titles according
to the land and title records in the United States. The
Commission recognized that, in accordance with the Resolu-
tion of Minute No. 255, for the transfer of those two por-
tions of United States territory to Mexico as stipulated
in Article I F (2) of the Treaty of 1970, the United
States does not have to acquire from or compensate the
residents and occupants of Morcon Tract and Beaver Island,
nor any other person, for any right, title or interest
which is based upon or originates from the occupation or
adverse possession of the lands and improvements of these
two tracts. Further, the Commission noted that, in accord-
ce with the Resolutions of Minutes Numbers 251 and 255,
the residents and occupants of those two tracts were not
evacuated as Article I D (2) of the referenced Treaty sti-
pulates.

The Commission confirmed that, in accordance with
Article I E of the Treaty of 1970, the cost of the changes
in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande was di-
vided equally between the two Governments by means of an
appropriate division of work, recommended by the Commission
in Minute No. 246 and approved by the two Governments.

The Commission then adopted the following Resolution:

1. Completion of the changes in the location of the
   channel of the Rio Grande stipulated in paragraphs A, B
   and C of Article I of the Treaty of November 23, 1970, is
   confirmed.

2. That on the date on which the two Governments
   approve this Minute and effect the changes in the location
   of the international boundary in accordance with Article
   I F of the Treaty of 1970, the new locations of the inter-
   national boundary are adopted as are shown on the five maps
   that are attached to and form part of the present Minute,
   as follows:


Annex 5: New Location of the International Boundary to the North of Beaver Island.

3. That the new locations of the international boundary referred to in Point 2 of this Resolution and the reaches of the Rio Grande in which they are located, are subject to all of the applicable stipulations of the Treaty of 1970.

The meeting adjourned.

[Signatures]
Commissioner of the United States
Commissioner of Mexico

[Signatures]
Secretary of the United States
Secretary of the Mexican Section