

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 277

El Paso, Texas
August 29, 1988

LOCATION, PERMANENCY AND VISIBILITY OF
INTERNATIONAL MONUMENT NO. 123-A

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section, at El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., on August 29, 1988, to consider the work carried out to reestablish the location, permanency and visibility of International Monument No. 123-A. International Monument No. 123-A was installed by the International Boundary Commission at a point west of the cities of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, in accordance with Article I of the Boundary Treaty of December 30, 1853.

On November 5, 1987, the Commission was informed that the location, permanency and visibility of International Monument No. 123-A was endangered. Upon arriving at the site, Commission personnel observed that International Monument No. 123-A was originally located on a hill, and that because of land leveling activities that changed the natural terrain, it was left on a semi-cylindrical shaped earthen mound some 16.4 feet (5 meters) in height. Also, they observed that some of the intermediate markers located between International Monuments Nos. 123 and 123-A had been affected and required restoration to their original condition.

The Commission considered that in exercise of the jurisdiction that was extended to it over the land boundary between the United States and Mexico by Article 2 of the Water Treaty of February 3, 1944, surveillance should be maintained over the monuments that mark the location of the international boundary, as stipulated in Minute No. 244, entitled "Maintenance of the International Land Boundary Monuments," dated December 4, 1973, to assure that they are maintained in a condition that will guarantee, at all times, their location and permanency at the corresponding position, as well as the visibility from one monument to the next, preventing in this manner, circumstances that could create uncertainty as to the precise location of the international land boundary.

The Commission reviewed the provisions in Minute No. 244 for a joint program of maintenance, and noted that the United States Section is charged with maintenance of Monuments Nos. 80 to 204-A and the Mexican Section is charged with maintenance of Monuments Nos. 1 to 79 and No. 206 to 258.

The Commission reviewed the joint report of Principal Engineers Jose S. Valdez of the United States Section and Arturo Herrera Solis of the Mexican Section, referring to the reestablishment of Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6, and concluded

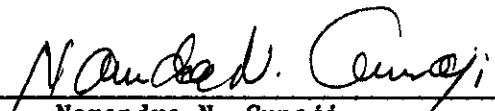
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that work described in this report conforms with the objective of maintaining the location, permanency and visibility of the monuments that mark the location of the international boundary, such that the international boundary at this point continues to be adequately marked in accordance with the provisions of Article I of the Boundary Treaty of December 30, 1853.

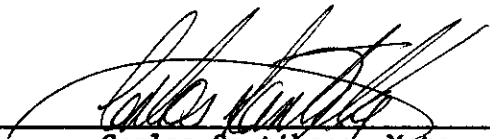
The Commission then adopted the following resolutions:

1. The "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on Reestablishment of Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6," dated August 18, 1988, attached hereto and forming part of this Minute, is approved.
2. The location, permanency and visibility of International Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6 have been restored, and consequently the international boundary at this point continues to be marked in an adequate manner to conform with the provisions of Article I of the Boundary Treaty of December 30, 1853.
3. The cost associated with the work that took place and described in the joint report of the Principal Engineers, has been covered by the United States Section in accordance with Minute No. 244, entitled "Maintenance of the Land Boundary Monuments," dated December 4, 1973.


The meeting was adjourned.




 Narendra N. Gunaji
 United States Commissioner



 Carlos Santibanez Mata
 Mexican Commissioner



 Manuel R. Xbarra
 United States Secretary



 Mario Bucio Cruz
 Mexican Secretary