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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas
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MINUTE NO. 211

MANNER OF PAYMENT OF MEXICO'S SHARE OF
COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF GROUP II COLORADO RIVER LEVEES,
UPSTREAM FROM MORELOS DIVERSION DAM.

The Commission met at the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas, on May 12, 1961, at 10:00 a.m. to consider the manner of payment by Mexico of its share of the cost of construction of Group II Colorado River levees (North Gila and South Gila) upstream from the Morelos Diversion Dam, for protection of lands within the United States against damages which could be caused by floods in the Colorado River due to construction, operation and maintenance of said dam, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12(a) of the Water Treaty of 1944.

The United States Commissioner explained that it has been decided to proceed with construction of the Group II levees, the improvement and construction of which have been deferred as stated in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers attached to Minute No. 208, the work to be performed by the Bureau of Reclamation as in the case of the Group I levees, subject to the supervision and control of the United States Section so far as related to the portion of the work attributable to the Morelos Diversion Dam. He suggested that provisions of Minute No. 195 adopted May 6, 1950, be modified to provide a manner more convenient for both countries of effecting payment by Mexico of its share of construction cost of the Group II levees.

In light of this suggestion the Commission reviewed the provisions of Minute No. 195 and adopted the following resolution:

"It is recommended that the two Governments approve the following modification of the manner provided in Minute No. 195, of payment of the share attributable to Mexico of the cost of construction of the Group II Colorado River levees (North Gila and South Gila):

- (a) Mexico's share of construction cost of said levees shall be determined upon completion of construction and in the manner provided in paragraph 4 of the Resolution set forth in Minute No. 195 adopted May 6, 1950.

- (b) Payment of Mexico's share of construction cost of each of the Group II levees shall be made as soon as practicable after such share is determined pursuant to subparagraph (a), and in the form of a dollar draft payable to the Treasurer of the United States of America which shall be transmitted to the United States Commissioner.
- (c) The United States Section will inform the Mexican Section as far in advance as feasible of the date on which construction of Group II levees will be initiated and of the design characteristics of such levees, in order that the Government of Mexico may make the necessary arrangements for the payments referred to in subparagraph (b)."

The meeting then adjourned.

(signed) L. H. Hewitt
Commissioner of the United States

(signed) D. Herrera J.
Commissioner of Mexico

(signed) George H. Winters
Secretary of the United States
Section

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