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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chih.,
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MINUTE NO. 228

DEMARICATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
IN THE EL PASO, TEXAS-CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA SECTOR
PURSUANT TO THE 1963 CONVENTION FOR SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE CHAMIZAL.

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 1967 in order to record in a Minute the demarcation of the new international boundary between El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua as provided for in Article 7 of the Convention of August 29, 1963 for solution of the problem of The Chamizal.

The Commission reviewed Article 2 of the 1963 Convention, which requires relocation of the Rio Grande channel between El Paso and Ciudad Juárez so as to transfer from the north to the south of the Rio Grande a tract of 823.50 acres (333.260 hectares) composed of 366.00 acres (148.115 hectares) in the Chamizal, 193.16 acres (78.170 hectares) in the southern part of Córdova Island and 264.34 acres (106.975 hectares) to the east of Córdova Island, leaving a tract of 193.16 acres (78.170 hectares) in the northern part of Córdova Island to the north of the river. It also reviewed Article 3 which establishes the centerline of the new river channel as the international boundary.

The two Commissioners confirmed that the careful, highly precise, topographic surveys conducted to comply with Articles 2 and 7 of the Convention disclosed an actual area for Córdova Island of 386.40 acres (156.370 hectares), an area exceeding by 0.08 acre (0.03 hectare) the sum of the areas of the two portions of this Island stated in Article 2 of the Convention. The Commission considered that this difference in areas is due to the degree of precision of the surveys made, and that it is technically admissible.

Adhering to the intent of Article 2 that the new channel of the Rio Grande divide the area of Córdova Island in half, the Commission agreed that the alignment of the new channel be so effected. Accordingly, the portion of Córdova Island to remain north of the new Rio Grande channel contains an additional 0.04 acre (0.015 hectare), which has been compensated by increasing by 0.04 acre (0.015 hectare) the area of the portion located to the east of Córdova Island to be transferred to the south of the new channel. The Commission confirmed that this modification does not alter the net area of lands transferred from the jurisdiction of one country to that of the other, as effected by Article 2 of the Convention.

The Commission thereupon reviewed the plan attached to this Minute and forming a part thereof, correctly showing the new international boundary, its reference points, and the monuments installed to demarcate it, as well as the computation tables of the areas to be transferred from the north to

the south of the Rio Grande, and the area which will remain north of the river at Córdova Island, and found that demarcation of the new international boundary adheres to the provisions of the 1963 Convention.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution, subject to the express approval of the two Governments:

The demarcation of the new international boundary in the El Paso, Texas-Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua sector shown on the plan which accompanies this Minute and forms a part thereof is approved.

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