

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua  
December 22, 1961

MINUTE NO. 212

IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHANNEL OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 11:00 a.m. on December 22, 1961, to consider the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Recommending Improvement of the Channel of the Lower Rio Grande". The English and Spanish texts of this report, submitted by Principal Engineers Joseph F. Friedkin and Joaquin C. Bustamante under date of December 1, 1961, are attached hereto and form part hereof.

The Commission reviewed the aforementioned Joint Report and found it to be in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Water Treaty of 1944.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution:

- "1. The 'Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Recommending Improvement of the Channel of the Lower Rio Grande', submitted by Principal Engineers Joseph F. Friedkin and Joaquin C. Bustamante under date of December 1, 1961, is approved, subject to approval of this Minute by the two Governments.
- "2. The carrying out of the periodic clearing of the Rio Grande channel in the manner proposed in the aforementioned report of the Principal Engineers, with each country performing the work in its own territory under the supervision of the Commission, is approved.
- "3. The work will be undertaken as soon as practicable and will be carried out as rapidly as possible in the priority sections mentioned in paragraph 4 of the said Report, with the object of reducing damages in the event of river floods in the future."

The meeting then adjourned.

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

(signed) D. Herrera J.  
Commissioner of Mexico

(signed) J. D. Walstrom  
Secretary of the United States  
Section

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