

FINAL REPORT

ON

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of the

RIO GRANDE CANALIZATION PROJECT

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I. INTRODUCTION

The engineering investigations of the Rio Grande between Caballo Dam, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, the construction of the Canalization Project, the construction of the American Dam and Canal and the erection of the nine concrete river bridges were authorized by four Acts of Congress. These Acts were as follows:

(A) Public Resolution No. 4, First Session, 74th Congress, approved February 13, 1935<sup>(1)</sup>, authorizing the American Section of the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico, to conduct an engineering investigation and to make a report to the Secretary of State on the feasibility and best means for controlling and canalizing the Rio Grande from Caballo, N. M., to El Paso, Texas.

(B) Public Resolution No. 392, Act of August 29, 1935<sup>(2)</sup>, 74th Congress authorized the construction of the American Dam and Canal.

(C) Public Resolution No. 646, Act of June 4, 1936<sup>(3)</sup>, 74th Congress authorized the Canalizing of the Rio Grande from Caballo, New Mexico to El Paso, Texas.

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- (1) See Appendix - Exhibit A  
(2) See Appendix - Exhibit B  
(3) See Appendix - Exhibit C

(D) Public Resolution No. 472, Act of April 22, 1940(4), 76th Congress authorized the reconstruction of nine bridges over the Rio Grande in Dona Ana County, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas.

The canalizing of the Rio Grande from Caballo Dam, New Mexico to El Paso, Texas authorized by these four Acts of Congress has been finished in accordance with these laws and the best engineering practices.

Final reports have been written and submitted to the Commissioner of the International Boundary Commission, United States Section, on all phases of this project other than the canalization works. This report relates the progress and construction of the canalization works with references to the preliminary investigations, the construction of the American Dam and Canal and the erection of the nine bridges over the Rio Grande river.

The main purpose for building all of these various works along the Rio Grande in New Mexico, and Texas, was to facilitate the United States Government in complying with the provisions of the Treaty with Mexico concluded May 21, 1906, providing for the equitable division of the waters of the Rio Grande and to regulate and control to the fullest extent the water supply for the two countries. The Canalization Project, by vesting a strip of right of way along the Rio Grande from El Paso to the Caballo Dam in the United States Government, by protecting the Valley lands from overflow during floods and by straightening the river channel, has provided the Government with the means to carry out the Treaty of May 21, 1906.

2. DESCRIPTION

The Rio Grande Canalization Project (1) extends 112 miles along the river from Caballo Dam, New Mexico to El Paso, Texas. It is located in the southerly part of Sierra County, New Mexico, extends completely across Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and reaches to the westerly limits of the city of El Paso in El Paso County, Texas. In general the project consists of a long narrow flood channel confined by two, more or less, parallel levees approximately seven hundred feet apart. In the center of this flood channel, the normal low flow channel is situated. Its purpose is to carry the normal irrigation requirements of the Rio Grande Reclamation Project. The capacity of the flood channel varies from 22,000 cubic feet per second in the vicinity of the Hatch-Rincon Railroad Bridge to 12,000 cubic feet per second near El Paso. The capacity of the normal channel is approximately 2,500 second feet.

3. WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Construction work on the project commenced on February 23, 1938 in the vicinity of the Santo Tomas Bridge with a crew of laborers clearing right of way.

Excavation operations began on July 6, 1938 when Dragline No. 4 commenced building the West Levee, approximately two miles above the Country Club Bridge in El Paso County, Texas.

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(1) See Appendix - Exhibit G

During the five years since January 1938, project construction forces have cleared and grubbed 3,446.42 acres of land, moved 13,241,059 cubic yards of earthwork, installed 73.37 miles of fence revetment in the river channel, constructed 136 bridges, culverts and other small structures, leveled 3,296.28 acres of land on the floodways and built 125.92 miles of levees. This work was all performed by Government crews with Government owned equipment at unit prices comparable to large contract jobs. The cost of the canalization project, as of January 31, 1943, including the American Dam and Canal was \$3,890,744.12. The cost of the canalization feature was \$2,996,052.11.

A summary of the volume of work performed is shown in TABLE I. The overall cost of the project excluding the cost of the river bridges is as shown on page 6.

#### 4. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS

The preliminary investigations of the Rio Grande, from the Caballo Dam to El Paso, began April 13, 1935 and were completed on December 15, 1935. The engineering field and office work, the studies of flood conditions, the value to be gained by controlling the river and the preliminary plans and estimates of cost were summarized and compiled into the "Final Report - Control and Canalization of the Rio Grande, Caballo Dam site, New Mexico to Scourchesene Bridge at El Paso".

The report emphasizes the need for the control of the river by the United States Government in order to comply with and regulate the diversion of waters to Mexico as required by the convention of 1906. It outlines the investigation work accomplished, explains the plans for the control of the river by means of a flood channel, normal flow channel and levees and shows the estimated cost of the project.

The field engineering surveys consisted of a closed traverse along both banks of the river from El Paso to the Caballo Dam, a line of bench levels and numerous topographical surveys. The preliminary surveys were used during construction for checking elevations, the alignment of levees and property lines.

The capacities of the flood channel, the method of computing the flood water elevations and the aerial photographs of the valley, all of which were made during the preliminary investigations and summarized in the "Final Report", were used as a basis for planning and designing the finished project.

##### 5. CONSTRUCTION

**Headquarters:** Headquarters for construction and maintenance work in the Mesilla Valley were located on south Melendres Street in Las Cruces. They consisted of a 2.50 acre storage yard, engineering office, clerical office, warehouse, shop and car shed. The headquarters were built in the first six months of 1938 and cost \$13,224.93.

The Rincon Valley headquarters was located about two miles north of Hatch, New Mexico, on U.S. Highway 85, near the bridge across the river. It contains about 5.00 acres of land, and the layout there is similar in construction to the Las Cruces yards. The buildings are a combination shop and warehouse, a dwelling house for the Maintenance Foreman, a garage and several sheds. The clerical building was moved from the Las Cruces yard to the Hatch yard in July 1941. This layout cost \$26,972.46.

Plan and Method: The plan of construction work followed was to build generally upstream, beginning at the El Paso Electric Light Plant and working toward the Caballo Dam. This plan had several advantages. It provided early flood protection to the valley lands in the lower reaches of the project, gave more time to study and design the channel in the upper and more difficult reaches of the valley, and formulated construction methods.

The method of construction varied from the plan proposed in the original report in that suction dredges were not used. The difficulty in moving a suction dredge past the numerous river bridges and the variations in the low flow of the river throughout the year were the deciding factors against the dredge proposed. The principal method employed was to build the levees with draglines from borrow pits and then to fill the pits with bulldozers or carryalls securing the earth-work from higher ground on the floodway or the river channel. However

this method was not universally employed. In many sections the levees were built entirely with carryalls borrowing earthwork from the floodways, river channel or cut-offs. Some cut-offs were built entirely by tractors and carryalls.

Equipment: The principal items of equipment employed on the construction work were as follows:

	3 Cu. Yd. Bucket, 110' boom
1 - P. & H. Dragline	3 "
1 - Bucyrus-Erie Dragline, Model 111	3 " "
2 - P. & H. Draglines, Model 750 Special	2 " "
2 - P. & H. Draglines, Model 944	2 " "
1 - Convertable P. & H. Dragline and Shovel, Model 355	3/4 " "
4 - R.D. S and D. S Caterpillar Tractors	40 " "
2 - Model F-D Cletrac Tractors	
2 - L.D. Allis-Chalmers Tractors	
2 - S.O. Allis-Chalmers Tractors	
2 - T.O. 40, International Tractors	
3 - 12 Cubic yard capacity carryalls	
2 - 8 Cubic yard capacity carryalls	
2 - Caterpillar motor graders	
1 - Austin-Western Motor Grader	
1 - Electric Welder (Portable)	
1 - Complete Well point system- Jetting pump, pump & 60 well points	
1 - Air compressor (portable)	
4 - Tractor Mowers	
1 - 1/2 cubic yard concrete mixer	
3 - Small concrete mixers	
1 - 1000 Gal. capacity tank sprinkling truck	
1 - 1500 Gal. capacity tank sprinkling truck	
1 - I.H.C. 3 Ton Dump Truck	
1 - I.H.C. 3 Ton Stake Body Truck with winch	
1 - I.H.C. 2 Ton Stake Body Truck with winch	
11 - Passenger cars	
7 - Station wagons	
9 - 1/2 Ton Pick-up trucks	
2 - 1 Ton Light trucks	
2 - Jetting pumps (force pumps)	
6 - 100 Gallon per minute Centrifugal pumps	

The equipment cost about \$339,736.97 all of which has been depreciated into project construction costs.

Organization: The schedule of construction work mapped out proposed the completion of work in the Mesilla Valley before doing any work but surveying in the Rincon Valley. Therefore the crews, organization and equipment used in the Mesilla Valley were transferred to Hatch for work in the Rincon Valley after work was completed between Leasburg Dam and the El Paso Electric Light Plant. The construction and engineering organization throughout the construction period was approximately as shown on the attached Organization Chart for the first three years of construction work. It varied somewhat from this general chart due to the kind of work being performed and the equipment employed. When clearing operations were underway more laborers were employed and as excavation operations increased more men were employed in the shop and on the tractors and draglines.

The draglines, except machine No. 10, and tractors were operated two shifts each day with repair and service crews taking care of the machinery on the third shift. The mechanical shop also worked two shifts and for awhile an electric welder worked on the third shift. This method of operation kept the equipment in a better state of repair and produced a greater volume of earthwork each month. The carpenter, revetment and clearing crews worked only on the day shift.

Clearing and Grubbing Right of Way: As previously stated the clearing of right of way commenced near the Santo Tomas Bridge in the

RIO GRANDE CANALIZATION PROJECT  
ORGANIZATION CHART

September 30, 1940

PROJECT ENGINEER

FIELD ENGINEER
1 - Junior Engineer
1 - Engineering Aid
3 - Chiefs of Party
1 - Instrumentman
1 - Junior Engineer
1 - Engineering Aid
5 - Rodmen
1 - Chainman
1 - Apprentice Chainman
1 - Truck Driver
5 - Laborers
1 - Apprentice Rodman

OFFICE ENGINEER
4 - Junior Engineers
1 - Chief Draftsman
1 - Senior Draftsman
3 - Junior Draftsmen
1 - Right of way Clerk
1 - Stenographer
1 - Rodman
1 - Apprentice Rodman

CONSTRUCTION SUP'T.
7 - Chief Operating Engineers
3 - Construction Foremen
3 - Squad Foremen
5 - Truck Drivers
6 - Junior Guards
4 - Operator-Dragline
16 - Oper.-Tractor over 60 H.P.
3 - Oper.-Motor Grader
2 - Oper.-Tractor under 60 H.P.
14 - Oilers-Dragline
16 - Semi-skilled laborers
112 - Laborers

CHIEF CLERK
1 - Clerk
1 - Assistant Clerk
2 - Under Clerks
1 - Stenographer
1 - Ass't. Property & Supply Clerk
1 - Jr. Property & Supply Clerk
3 - Junior Guards
1 - Laborer

MECHANICAL SUP'T.
2 - Shop Foremen
1 - Truck Driver
6 - Mechanics
3 - Welders
10 - Handyman-Automotive
3 - Helpers-Mechanic
1 - Truck Helper
1 - Laborer

Total Number Project Employees 272  
Gross Payroll Earnings \$29,150.28

Mesilla Valley on February 23, 1938. This clearing was done by hand with axes and grub hoes. The crew was large, the foreman green at the job and the area cleared during the first few months small. A second crew employing about the same number of men and tools started work on the Zack White farm near the Country Club Bridge in March of 1938. As the cost of the work was high under this method and tractor equipment became available, each crew was supplemented with an International Harvester T.D. 40 Tractor. The tractor was used to pull or knock down the larger trees and the hand labor employed in cutting the smaller brush. A shop-made grubber was built and hooked on the T.D. 40 in place of the bulldozer blade. These worked well; however, the tractors were not powerful enough to root out the larger trees. To overcome this objection two large R.D. 8 Caterpillar tractors were purchased equipped with winches. The bulldozer was replaced with a revised shop-made grubber and the tractors put to work. The D-8 Caterpillar with the grubber attached was a highly successful piece of equipment for clearing and grubbing. They did all the heavy clearing.

TWO labor crews and these tractors were employed below the Mesilla Dam. Above the Mesilla Dam in the Mesilla Valley, also in the Rincon Valley, only one labor crew was employed. Right of way clearing and grubbing was finished on February 26, 1942.

The cost of clearing and grubbing in the four features is as follows:

Feature	Acres	Total Cost	Cost per acre
101	831.55	\$ 42,053.64	\$50.57
201	667.85	39,139.70	45.10
301	986.49	35,139.50	35.62
401	760.53	<u>30,005.66</u>	<u>39.45</u>
Total	3,446.62	\$146,338.50	\$42.46
Re-Clearing			
101	50.07	304.76	6.09
201	273.89	2,716.62	9.92
301	19.38	98.60	5.09
401	137.69	<u>667.96</u>	<u>4.85</u>
Total	481.93	\$3,787.94	\$7.67
Total Reclearing & Clearing			
	3927.45	\$150,126.44	\$38.22

Revetment Installations: In order to straighten the low flow channel of the river, protect sharp bends from erosion and to confine the river to a well defined channel varying in width from 150 feet to 300 feet, it was necessary to use some form of river training jetties or revetment. This revetment took the form of a woven wire fence with the front face located on the proposed low flow channel banks and cross-fences or back fences connecting this front line back to the established banks of the river. The purpose of the back or cross-fences was to slow down the velocity of the current and to protect the banks from erosion. The slower current caused silt to deposit and form additional floodway.

The fence was constructed of creosoted piling 5" to 8" in diameter from 16 feet to 22 feet long and spaced from 15 feet to 30 feet apart depending on the river condition at the site of installation. A heavy cable and woven wire fence was stretched along the line of piles. The piles were set usually about three to three and one half feet above the low water surface of the river. The piling were all jettied into place with powerful jetting pumps and work was usually done during the low water season. A typical installation and layout is pictured on the next page.

See Plan No. 3223-48.

The revetment construction was stronger, the piles spaced closer together and heavier cable used on all work in the Rincon Valley. The first installations in the upper valley, built according to Mesilla Valley standards, were not able to withstand the flood conditions occurring in that reach of the project. The heavier fence was built due to this situation.

The construction crews employed to install the revetment usually consisted of a foreman, one revetment placer, two or three revetment helpers, a pump operator and about twenty laborers. This crew under normal conditions could jet from forty to fifty piles in place and stretch the woven wire on about 1000 feet of piling in a day. They used a powerful pressure pump with two nozzles or jets to wash the holes out for the piles. As a rule the revetment program was carried on during the winter time; however, during other periods it was often necessary to work to prevent bank erosion.

The amount installed during the five years of construction was 387,376 linear feet, or 73.37 miles. The cost and location is summarized as follows:

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost per foot</u>
101	51,360	\$ 29,180.96	.5679
201	97,005	46,086.22	.4751
301	105,817	59,300.22	.5604
401	<u>133,174</u>	<u>89,501.51</u>	<u>.6721</u>
Total	387,376	224,068.61	.5784

Excavation and Embankment: The building of the levees, excavation of the river cut-offs and the grading of the floodways of the project were all performed by the tractors and carryalls. In many locations the material had to be rehandled by the draglines to place it in the desired levee location. A great deal of long distance hauling of earthwork was done with the tractors pulling a carryall. The material excavated from the river channel cut-offs was placed in the levees or moved upstream or downstream into lower ground. This hauling was done by the carryalls.

In many instances only sandy material was available for levee construction. In these cases clay had to be hauled for some distances to plat the slopes and crowns of the levees to prevent blowing and to make a serviceable embankment.

There were seven draglines, twelve tractors, five carryalls, three motor graders and a large number of 3-cubic-yard capacity dump trucks employed on the excavation operations. The volume of earthwork moved by this equipment is shown in all reports as 13,241,059

cubic yards. Many changes in plans and improvements to the finished job are always made where work is performed by force account which increases the quantities materially. Usually in order to get a true picture of the quantities moved, accurate surveys are required. On force account jobs, unless there is a very good reason for performing such surveys, the quantities are estimated and generally under estimated. On the canalization project it is, therefore, believed the equipment moved large volumes of earthwork without credit in quantities. The floodways were leveled and sloped from the levee toe to the river channel by the tractors. The tractors were given credit for this work by acres under floodway leveling. This sloping and leveling required the moving of a large volume of earthwork. In many instances considerable drifting of earthwork was done; that is moving the higher ground on the floodway to lower ground either upstream or downstream. The volume of such work was difficult to ascertain and in all probability a greater quantity was moved by the machines than they were allowed. A rough estimate is that 30% more earthwork was moved than shown in the reports.

The equipment listed in previous pages of this report for moving earthwork were all employed on construction operations in the Mesilla Valley. Due to the lighter and more scattered work in the Rincon Valley and to the cost of moving, Draglines No. 5 and 6 were not used on that reach of the project. They are heavy slow machines and in order to

produce economically, require heavy concentrations of earthwork. No work of this nature was available in the Rineon Valley. The following items of work were constructed by all equipment:

Excavation and embankment	13,241,059 cu. yds.
Levee	125.92 miles
Floodway leveled	3296.28 acres
Channel cut-offs	10.00 miles

The periods of construction for the various features of the project are as follows:

Feature	Work Began	Work Completed
101	July 6, 1938	December 18, 1939
201	August 1, 1938	July 1, 1940
301	October 14, 1939	March 20, 1941
401	July 15, 1940	July 1, 1942
501	April 1, 1942	February 15, 1943

TABLES II and III are a summary of the dragline and tractor operations.

Levee Surfacing: The levees throughout the project were surfaced with selected pit run gravel. This material varied from pit to pit depending on the gravel, amount of clay binder and gradation of the gravel in each borrow area. The material was screened and tested by an inspector and if more binder was needed the shovel was moved to clay material, if the gravel was too coarse the shovel operator was again directed to move to a section of the pit where the material came nearer to complying with the specified sizes.

The gravel was loaded by shovel No. 10 into 3-cubic-yard capacity rented dump trucks. They delivered the material to the levee

where it was processed, sprinkled and spread. Two motor graders and three 1000-gallon to 1500-gallon capacity sprinkling trucks were employed in the spreading and wetting operations. Between twenty-five and thirty-five dump trucks were contracted by the Government at an hourly rate for hauling the material to the levees.

Gravel pits were located along the foot hills throughout the project at intervals of about 15 miles. These pits were accessible to the main highways and roads leading to the levees and very few haul distances were over fifteen miles. The quantity of gravel hauled, the cost and unit costs are as follows:

	FEATURE			
	101	201	301	401
Miles	27.16	36.62	30.19	31.95
Quantity Placed	48,389	80,631	59,726	90,442
Cu. Yds. per Station	33.7	41.7	37.5	53.0
Thickness	6"	6"	6"	6"
Cost per Cu. Yd.	.6132	.5711	.5267	.4972
Cost per mile	\$ 1,092.47	\$ 1,257.42	\$ 1,042.08	\$ 1,407.51
Total Cost	\$29,671.51	46,047.05	31,460.26	44,969.96

#### SUMMARY OF MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

Percent Retained	FEATURE			
	101	201	301	401
Oversize 2"	.76	0	0	2.2
Rock 1"	41.2	35.9	35.9	44.7
Fines No. 8	49.8	47.3	50.5	55.1
Clay-Sand No. 200	88.8	88.7	88.6	79.6
Binder Passing 200 mesh	11.2	11.3	11.4	20.4

Arroyo Diversions: Two large arroyos, the Jaralosa and the Crow draining a large area south of the Rio Grande empty into the river south of Garfield, New Mexico. They both, according to various estimates, discharge from 15,000 second feet to 20,000 second feet of water. In 1935 the Crow ran heavily, filled the river channel with silt, rock and debris and flooded several hundred acres of valuable farm lands on the north side of the river. As the canalization channel was menaced by the probability of frequent occurrences of similar floods, plans were developed diverting these arroyos into areas where they could do little damage to the channel and deposit silt for many years without harming project works.

The Jaralosa was diverted northeasterly into a low-lying bosque area of about 125 acres through a channel 50 feet on the bottom. This channel has a capacity of 2,300 second feet at a four foot depth of water. The grade of the channel is  $S = .0065$  and it was assumed it would wash larger during floods.

The Crow arroyo was diverted to the east into another large bosque area of about 200 acres through a channel 25 feet on the bottom with a grade of  $S = .003$ . It was again assumed the channel would cut itself out during floods. The floods in these arroyos during the summer of 1942 cut and scoured the channels considerably over the constructed size. The location of these diversions is shown on Alignment Maps No. 29 and 30.

Structures: The structures on the canalization project were all small. They consisted of 20-ton capacity treated-timber bridges, a few 4' x 4' concrete box culverts with gates to control the backwater, 48", 36", 30" and 24" diameter concrete pipe culverts with automatic drainage gates on the outlet ends, a few corrugated pipe culverts and a number of small timber irrigation structures built in relocated laterals.

The main structures were located in the levees at their intersection with the Reclamation wasteways and drain outlets. Generally bridges were built over the drains and main wasteways where larger water openings were required and the banks of the drain or wasteway built up to prevent flooding of adjacent farm lands by backwater during high floods in the river. The concrete pipe culverts were used on the smaller wasteways and provided with an automatic drainage gate to prevent flooding of lands by backwater.

As the structures were small and scattered up and down the valley they were all built by one small structure crew. Generally the dewatering system was required to build the culverts as the grade of all were below the level of the water table. The piles on the timber bridges were jetted into place rather than being driven. Most of the piling had a penetration of from eight to ten feet.

A summary of the structures built are as follows:

Treated Timber Bridges - all types	29
Concrete Pipe Culverts	49

Major Concrete Structures	)	
Drops - 4'x4' Box Culverts - Special	)	5
48" Diam. Concrete Pipes	)	
Corrugated Metal Culverts, 24", 30" and 42"	)	5
Timber and concrete checks and turnouts		46
Cattle guards		2

River Bridge Work: The specifications and contract with Kelliher Construction Company for the construction of the nine river bridges specified that the removal of the old bridges and the building of the approaches to the new bridges would be done by the Government.

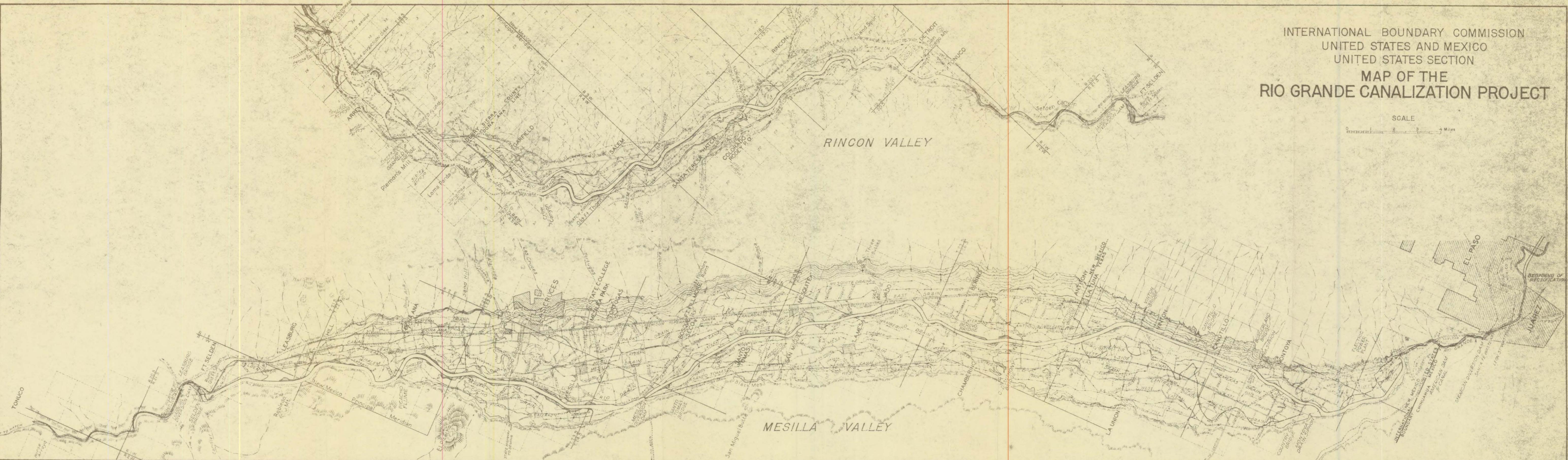
The demolition of the old bridges and the building of the new approaches was usually done at the same time. Generally the floor of the bridge and the superstructure were taken off with a winch truck and a group of laborers. The piling were broken off at the bed of the river, or a foot or so below by pulling with a D-8 Caterpillar tractor.

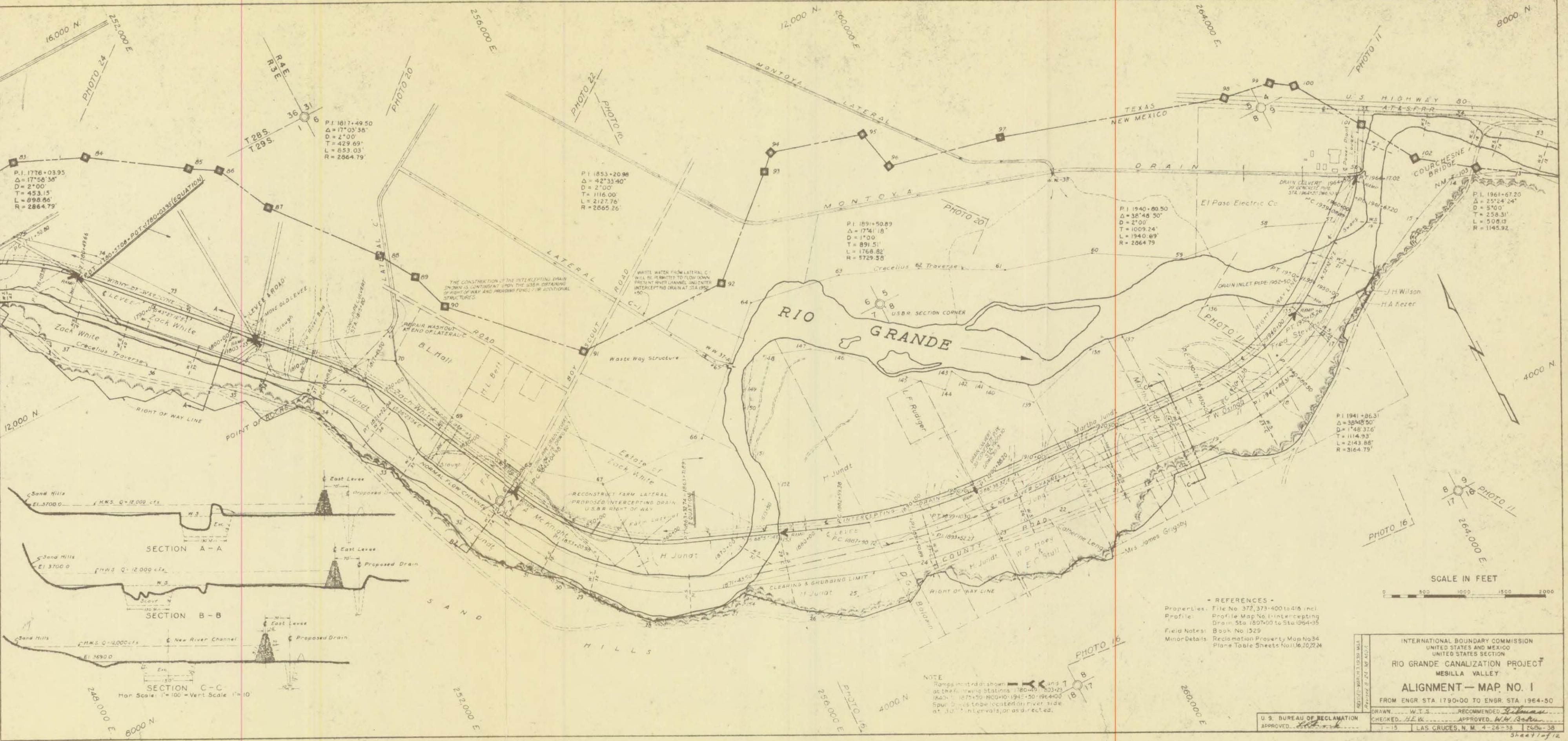
Care was taken to save as much of the good timber as possible, however, the bridges were old, rotten and not much good timber could be salvaged. In all cases the steel trusses were salvaged in reasonably good shape. The total cost of removing the nine old bridges was \$2,788.50, an average of \$309.60 per bridge. The earthwork cost \$3,724.17 for 22,600 cubic yards at 16½ cents per cubic yard. The cost to the Government for each bridge for removal and the building of the approaches was \$723.60.

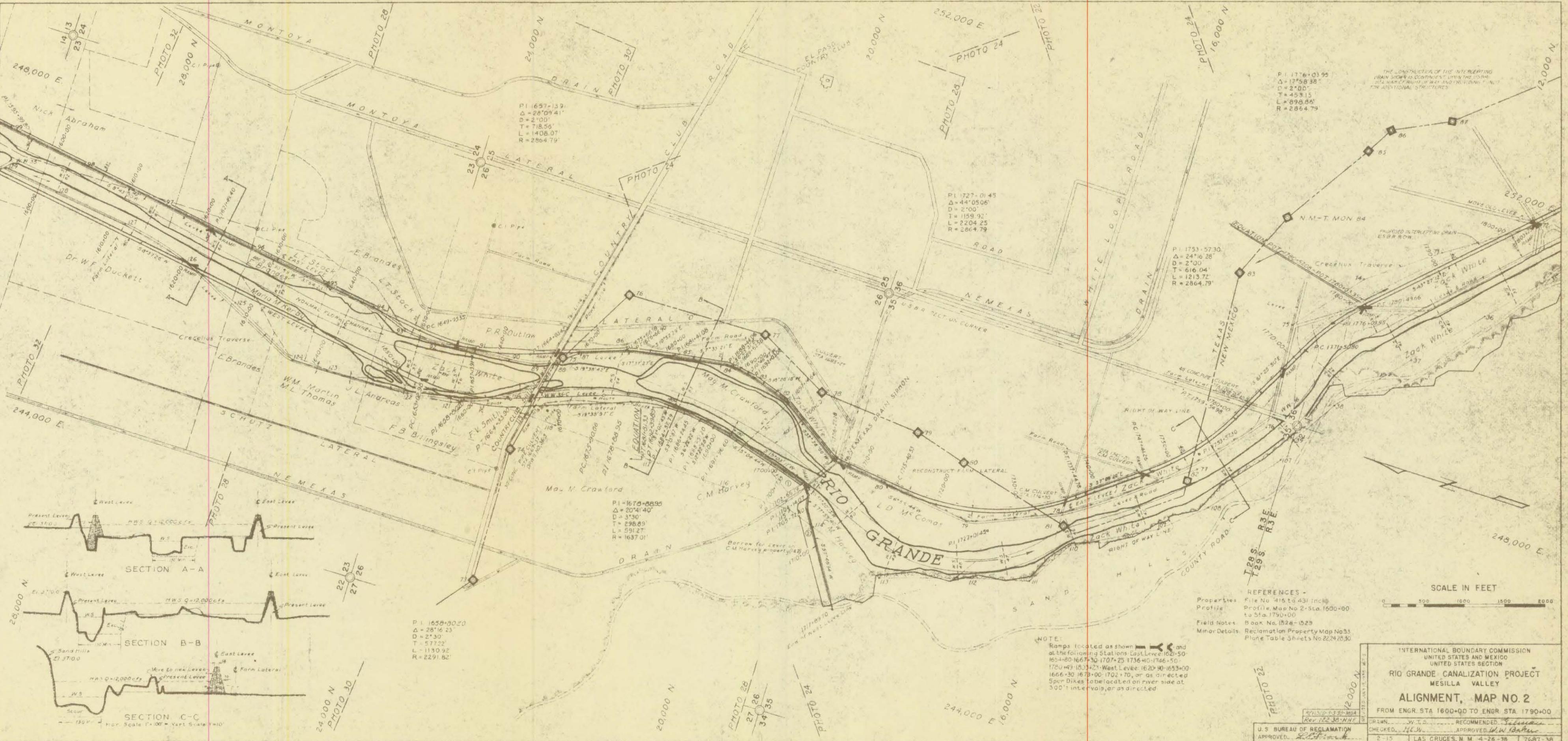
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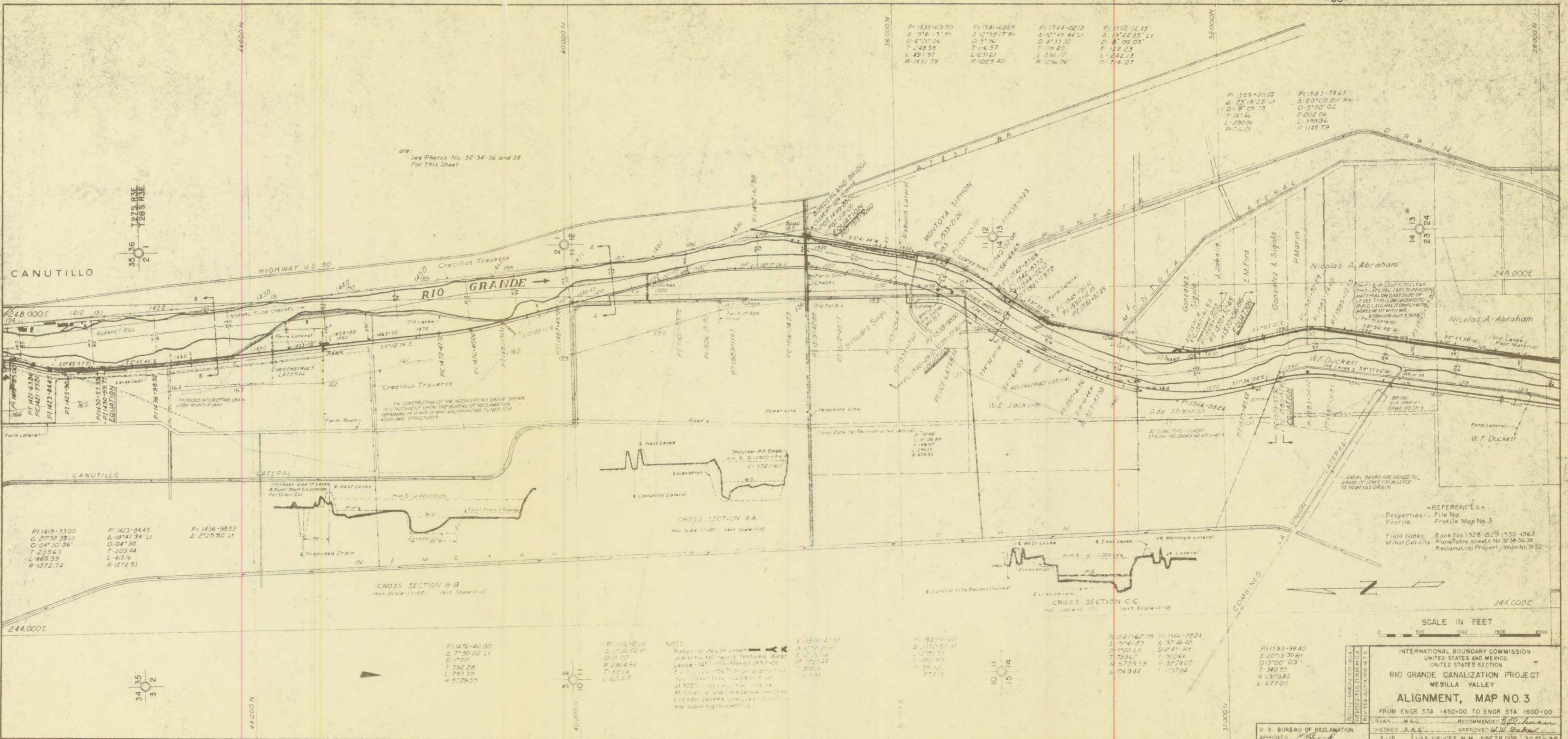
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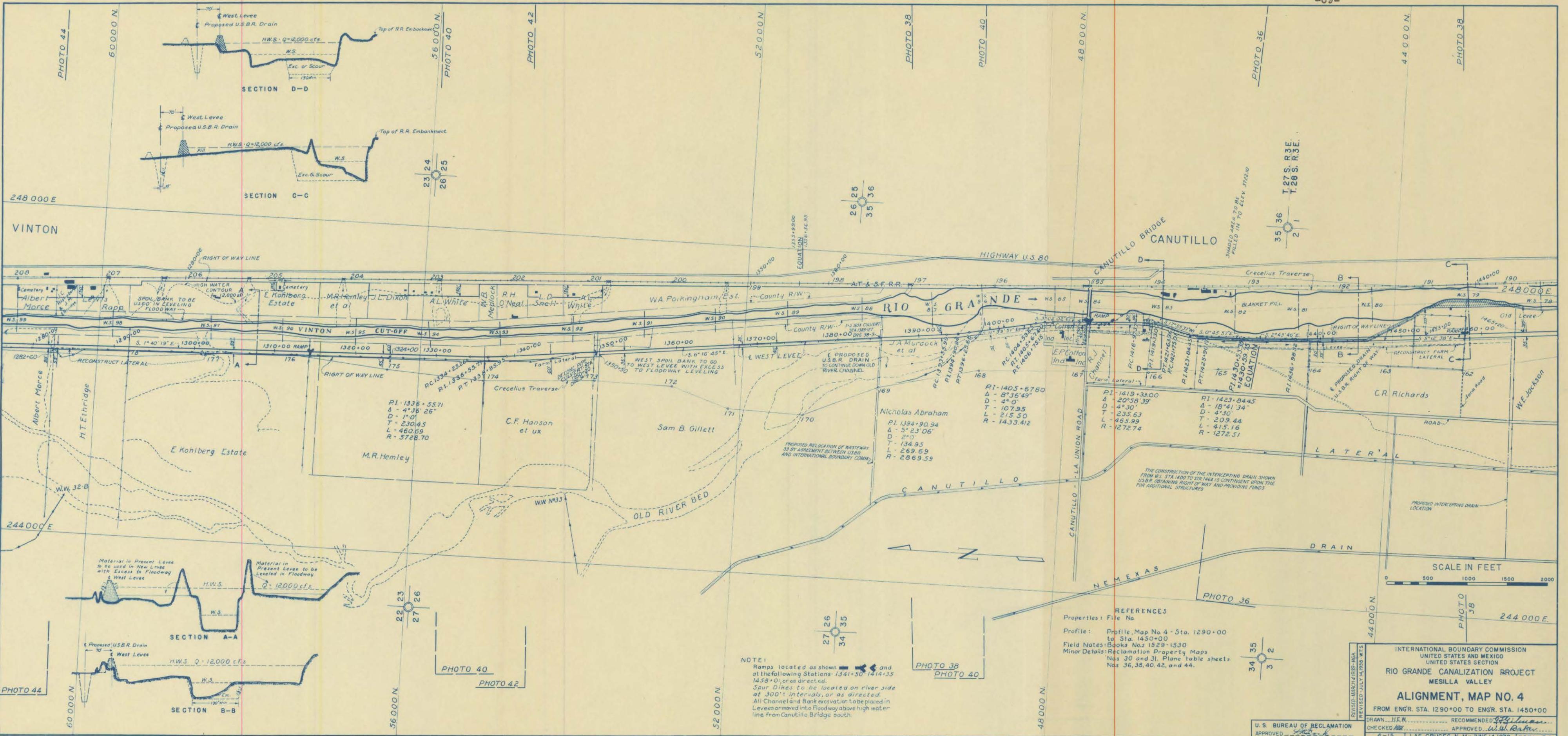
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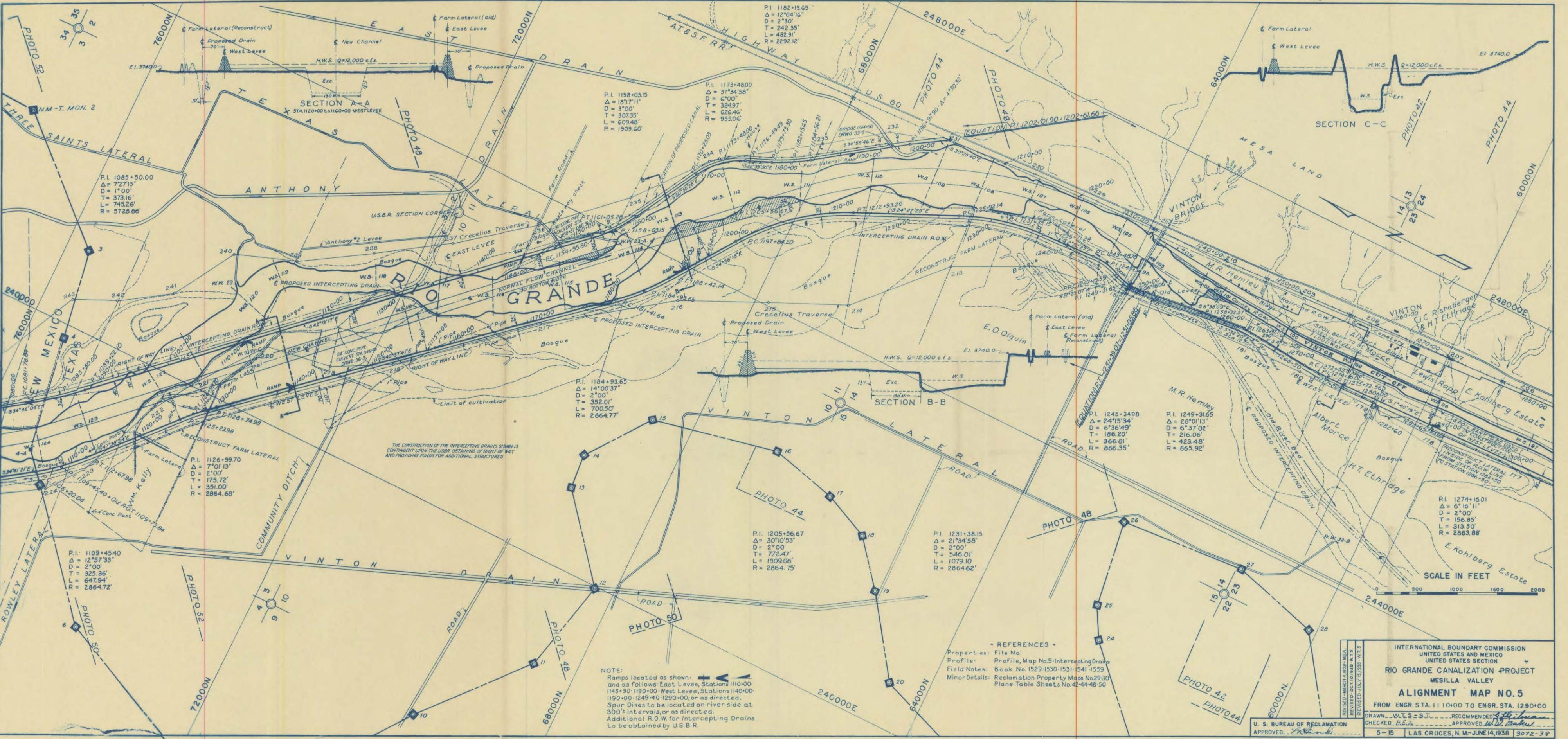


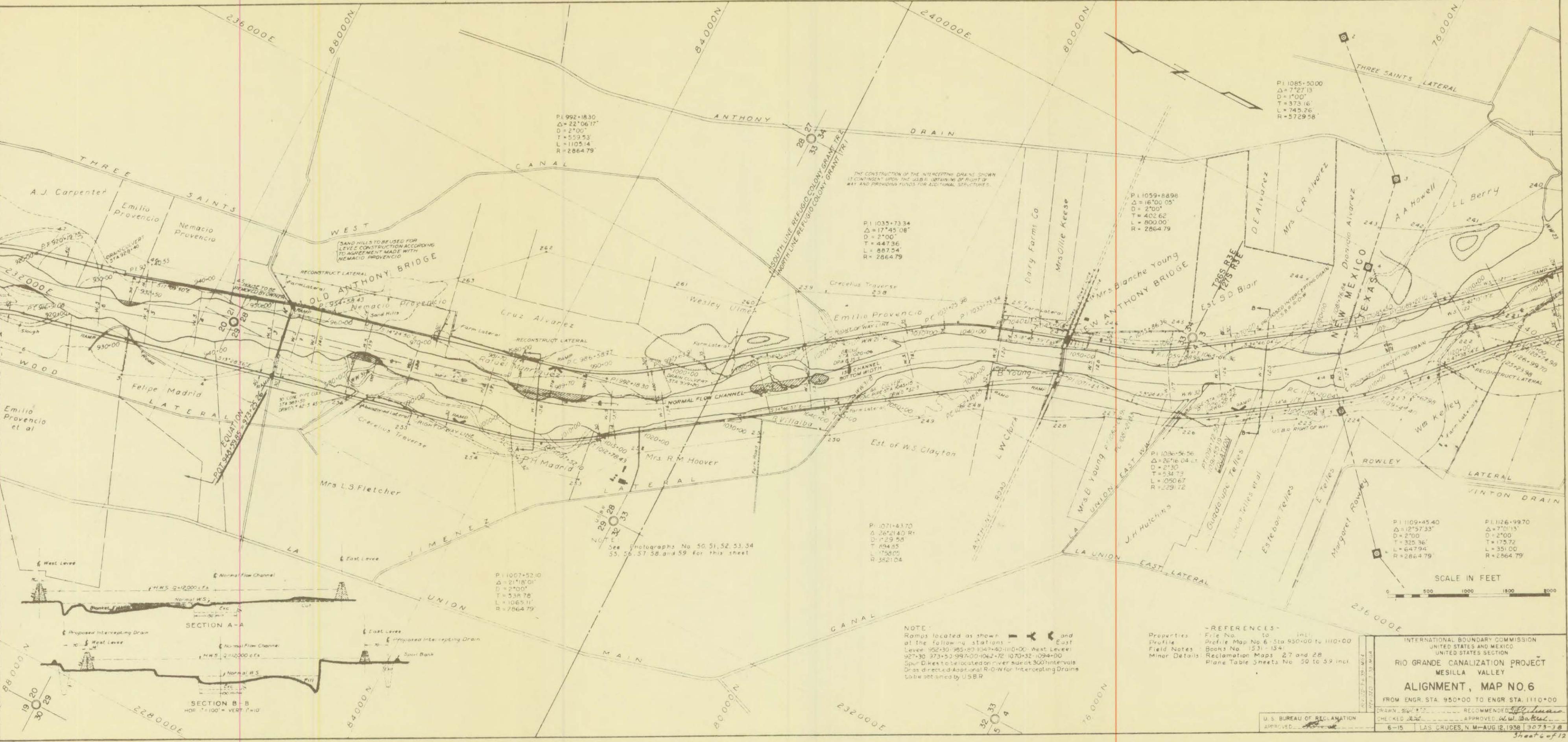


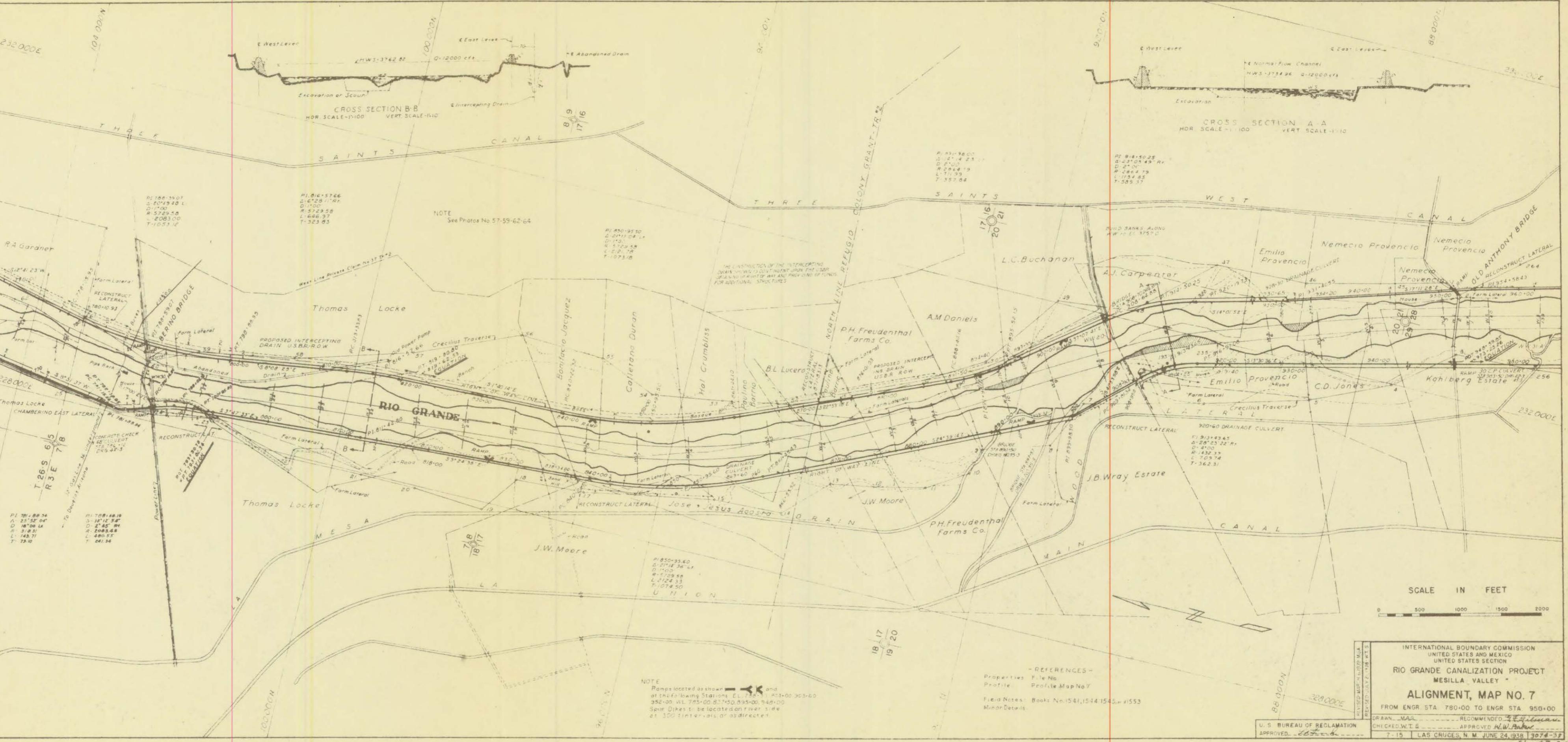


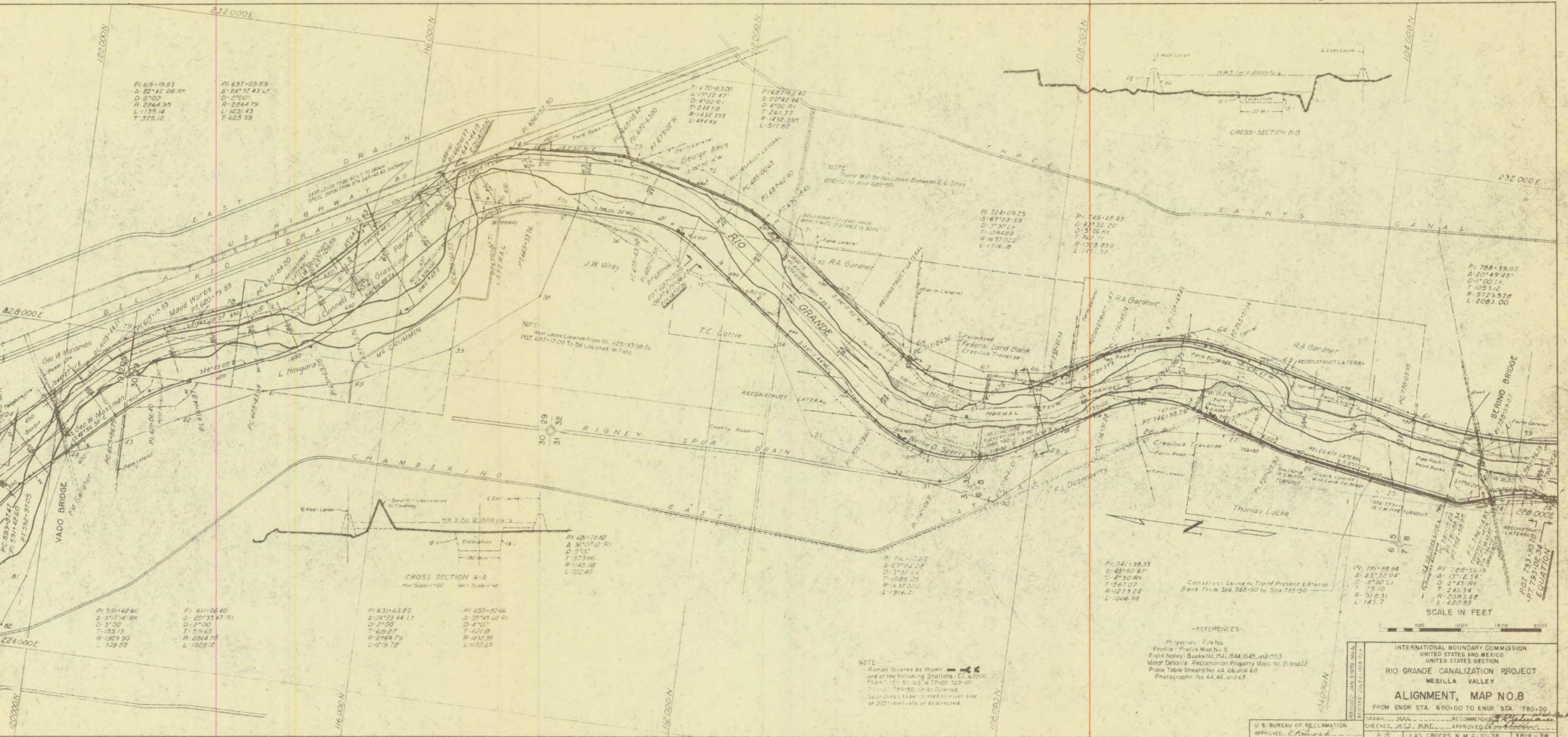


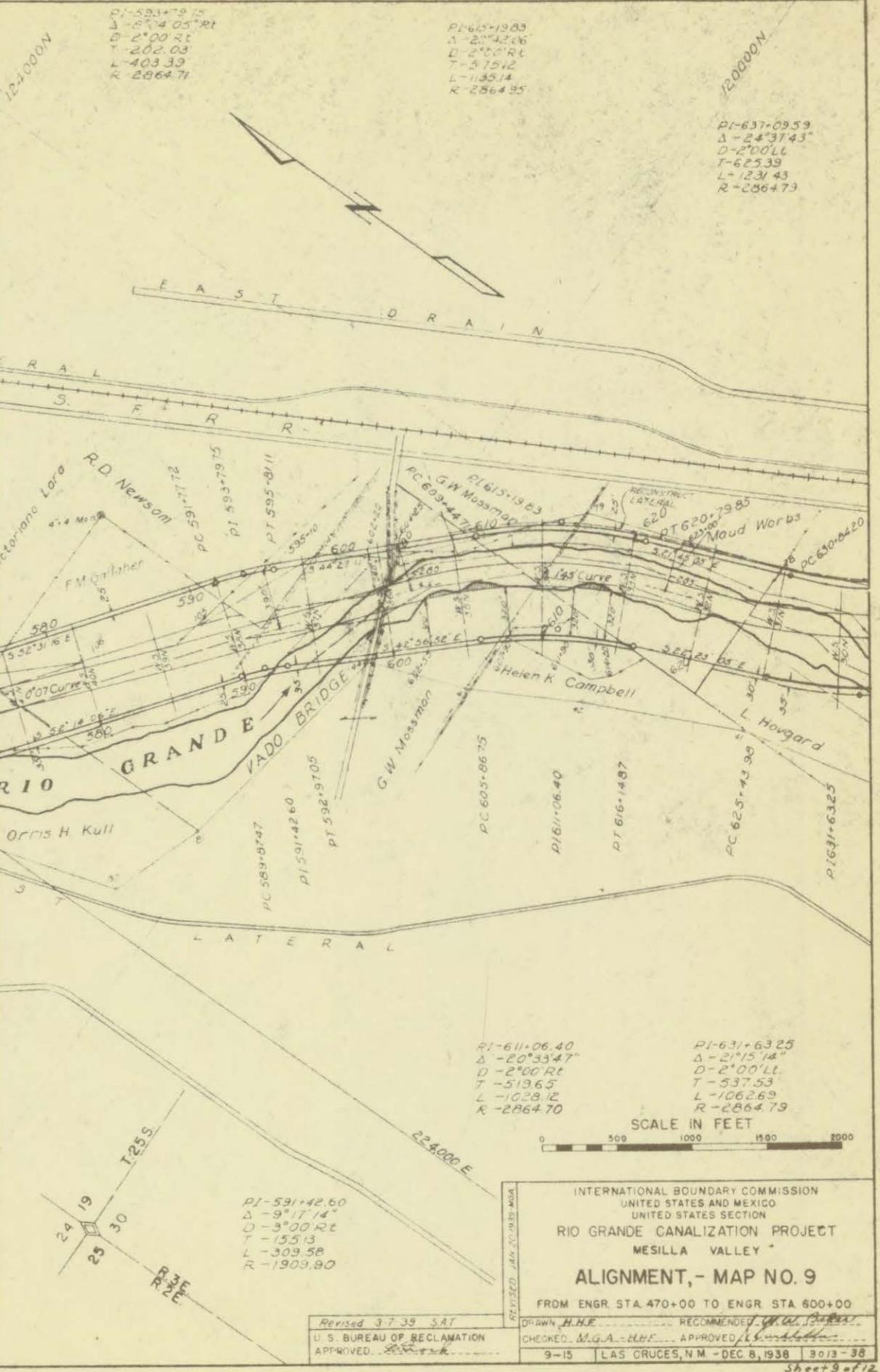
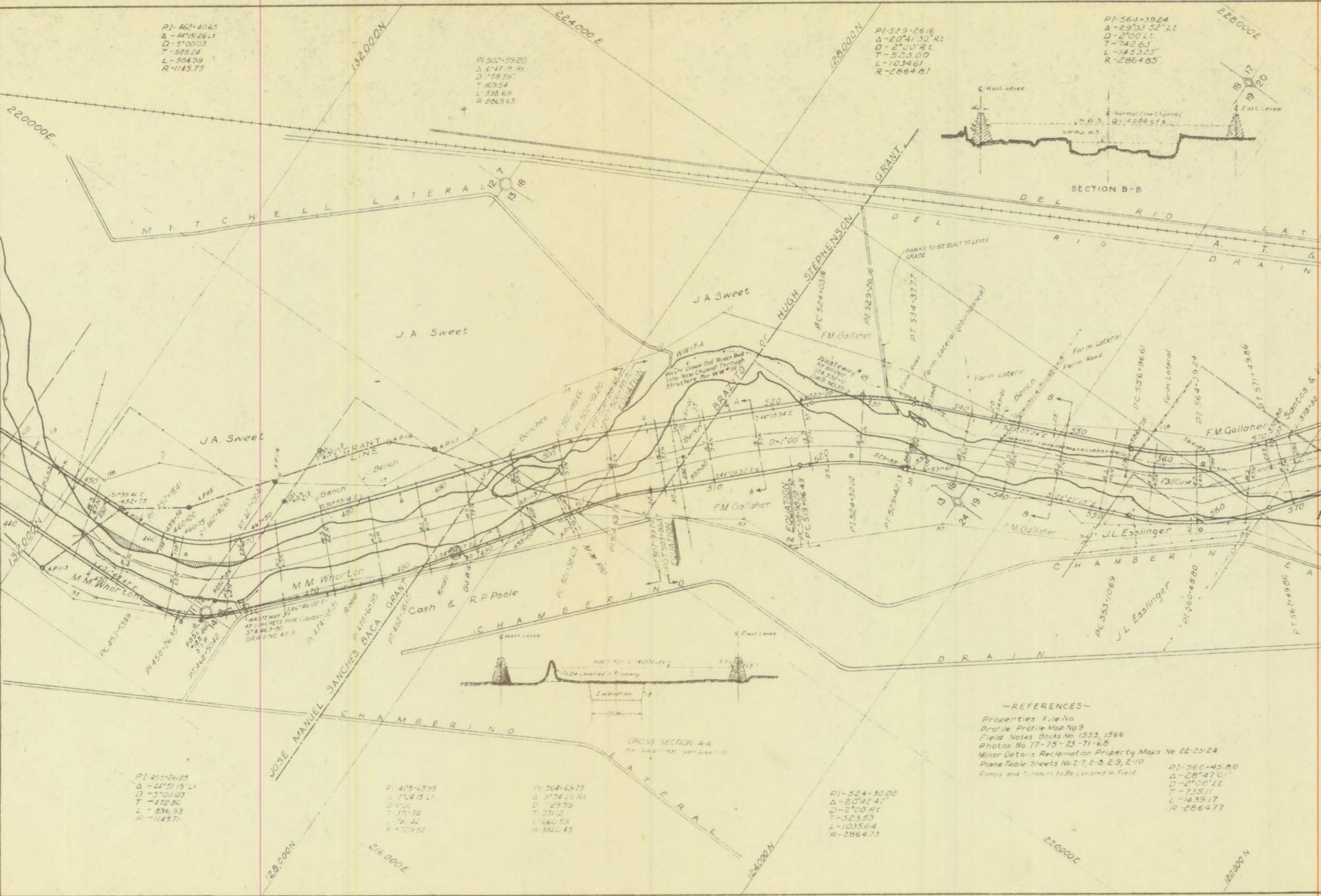


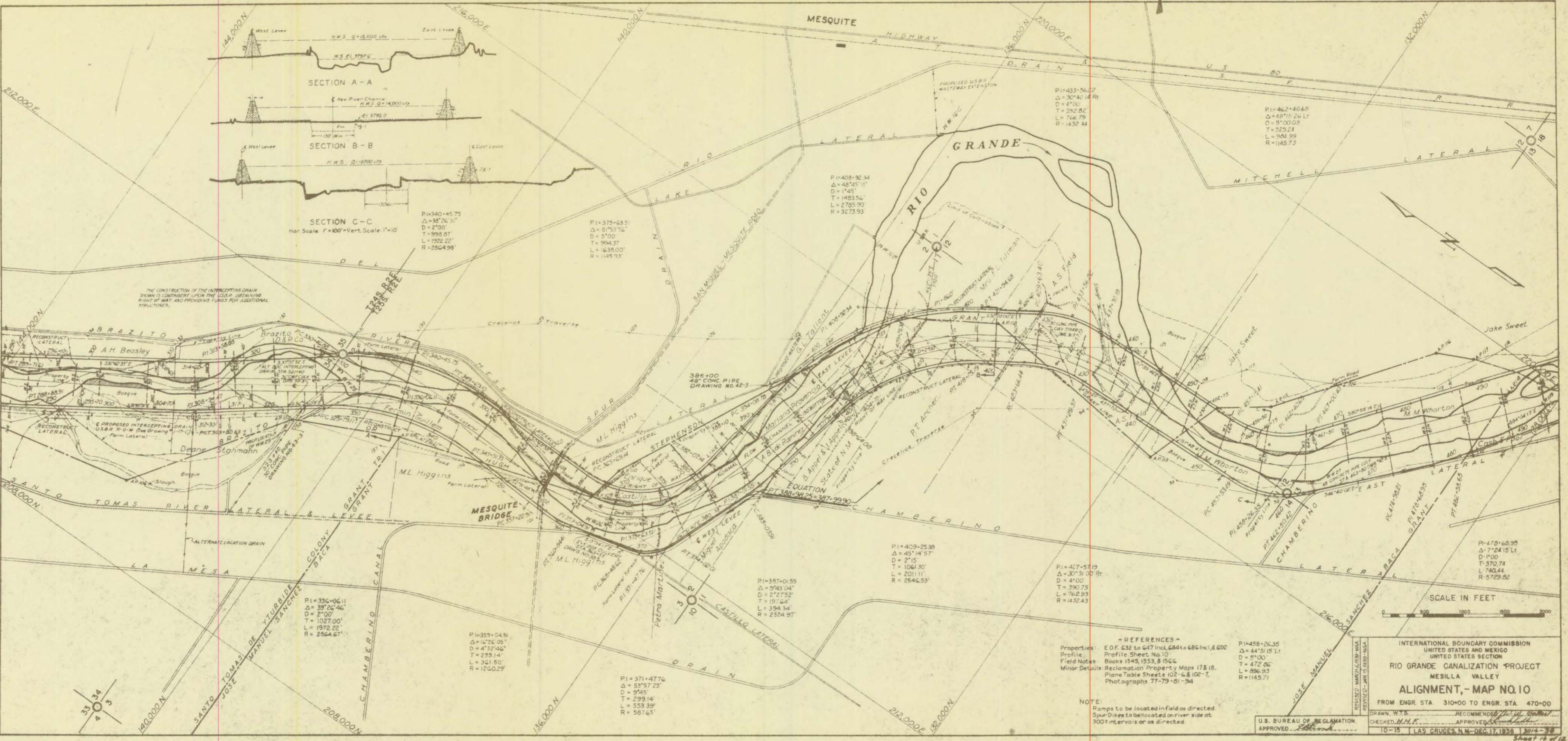


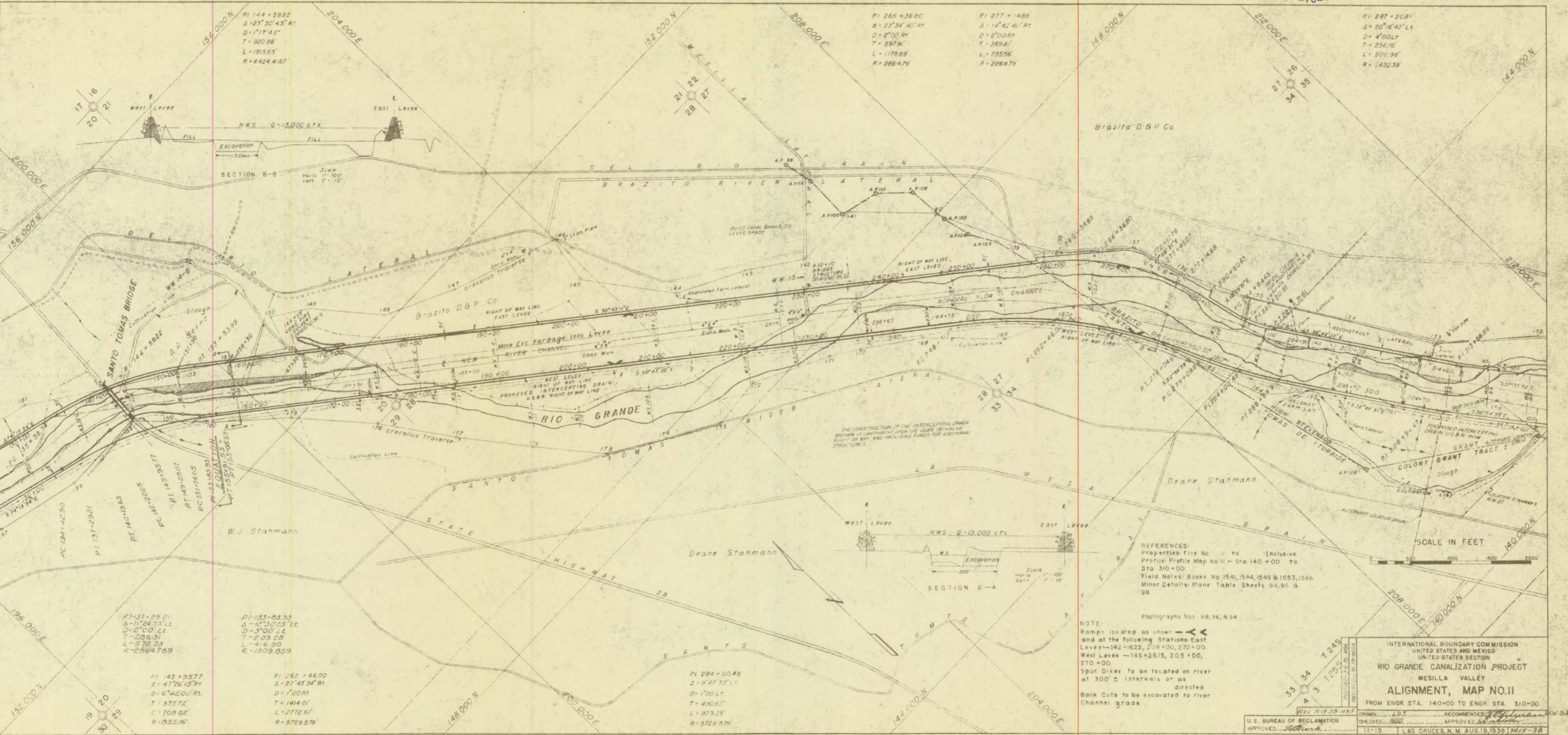


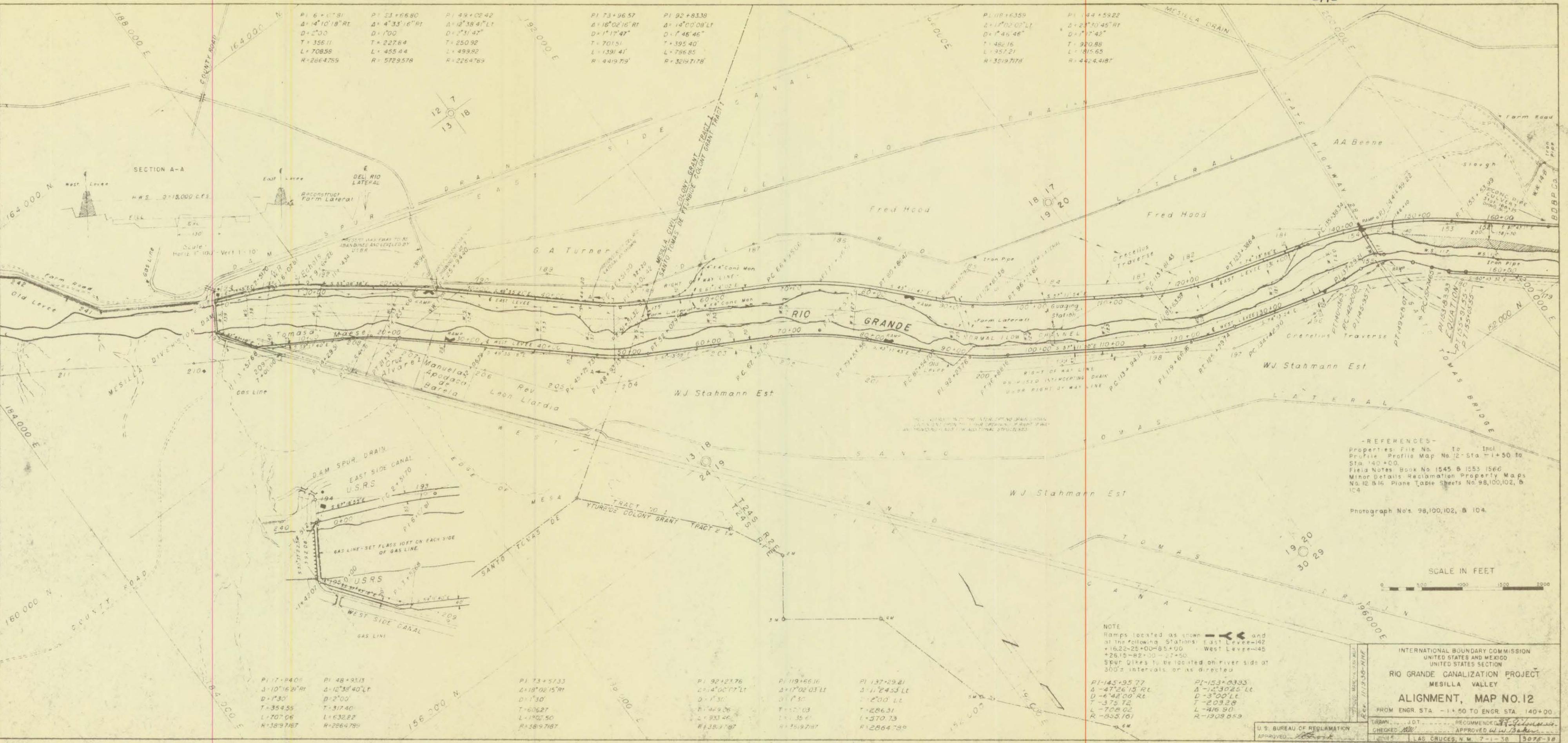


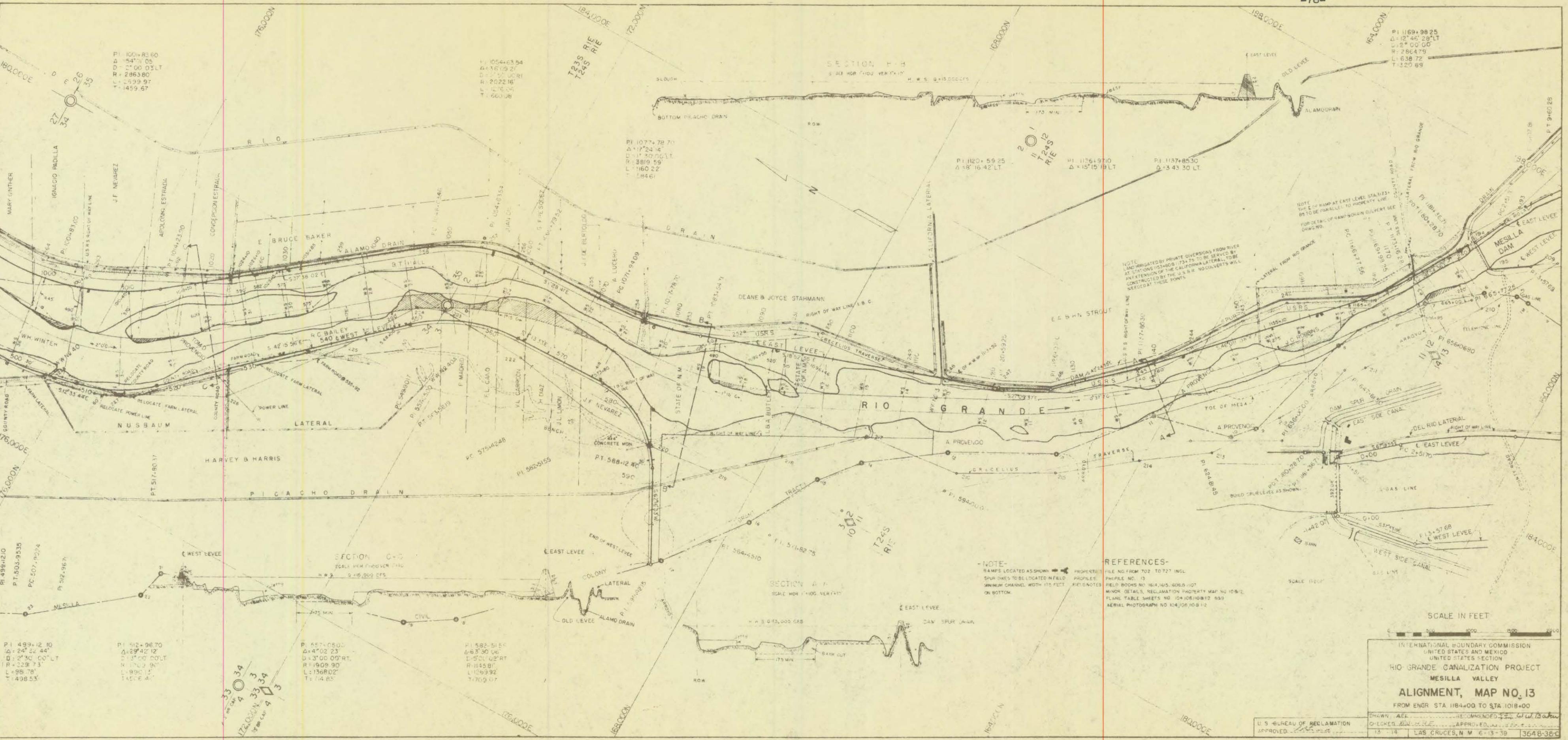


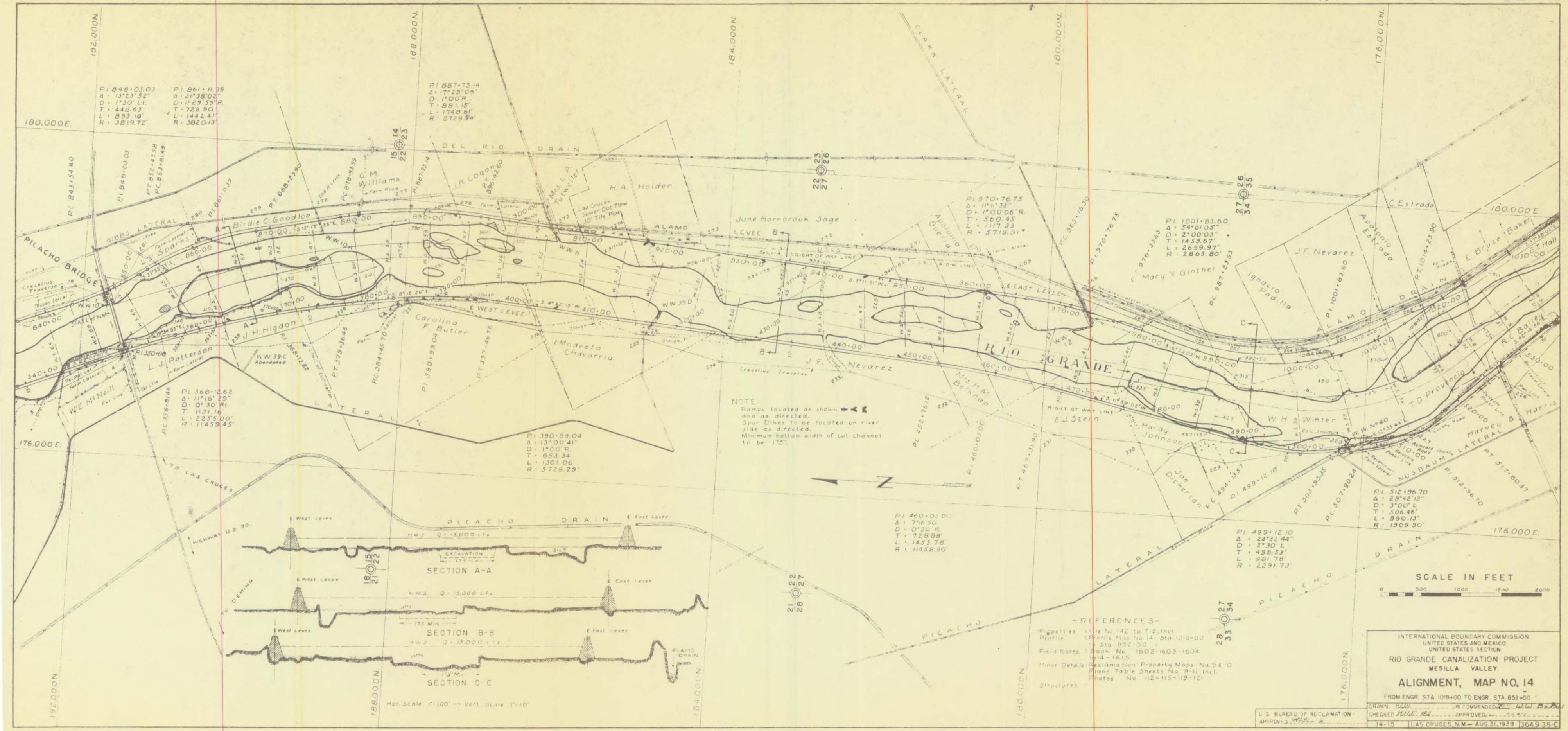


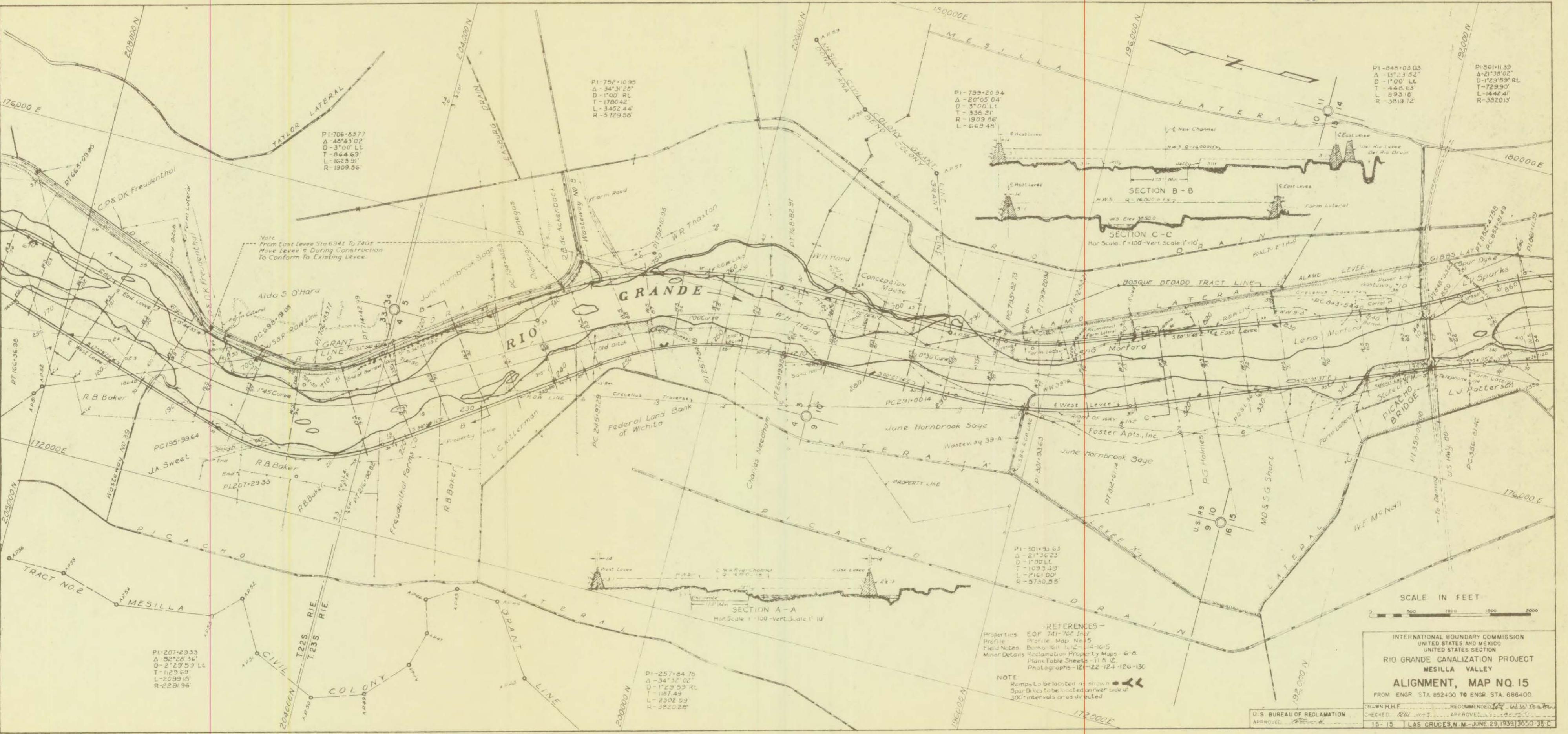


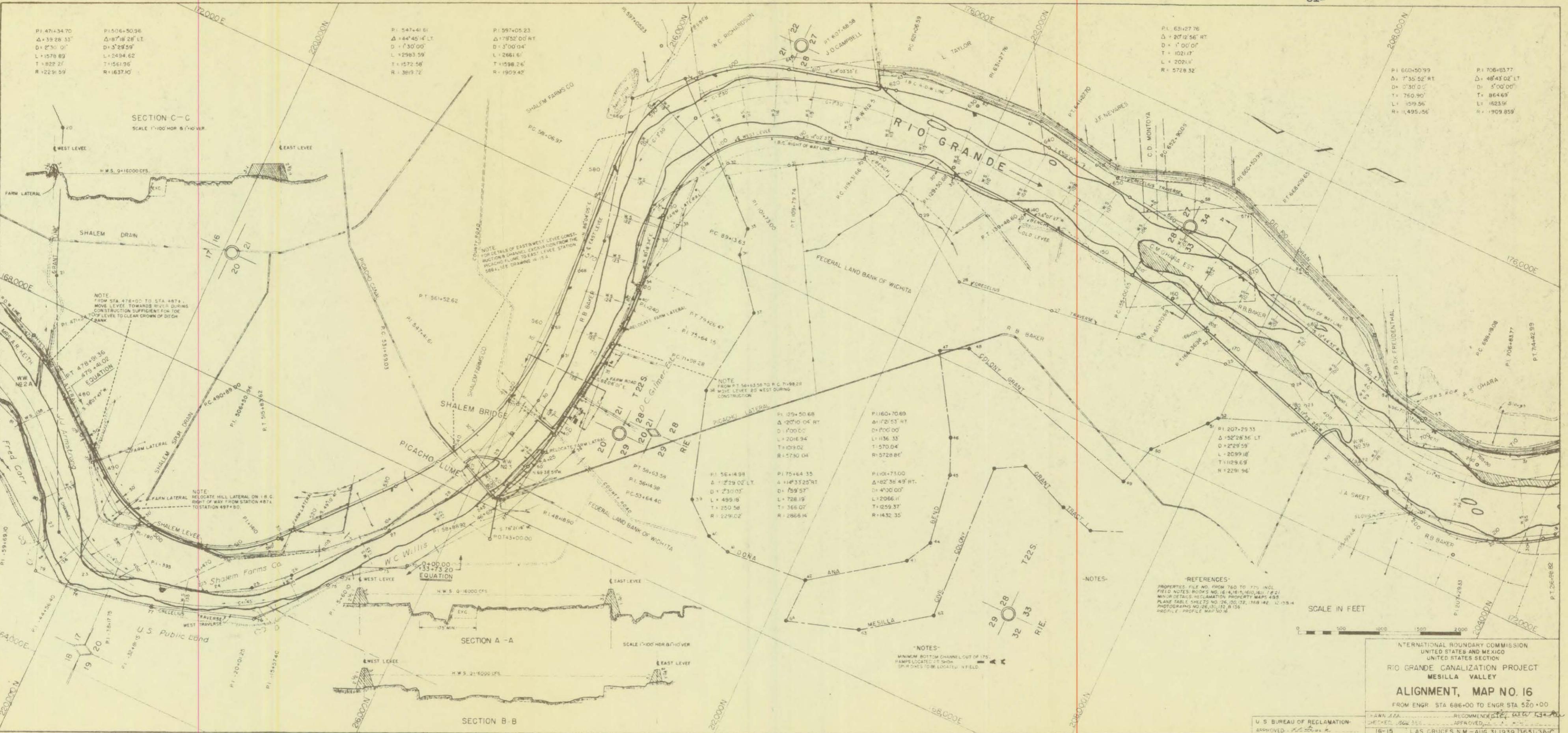


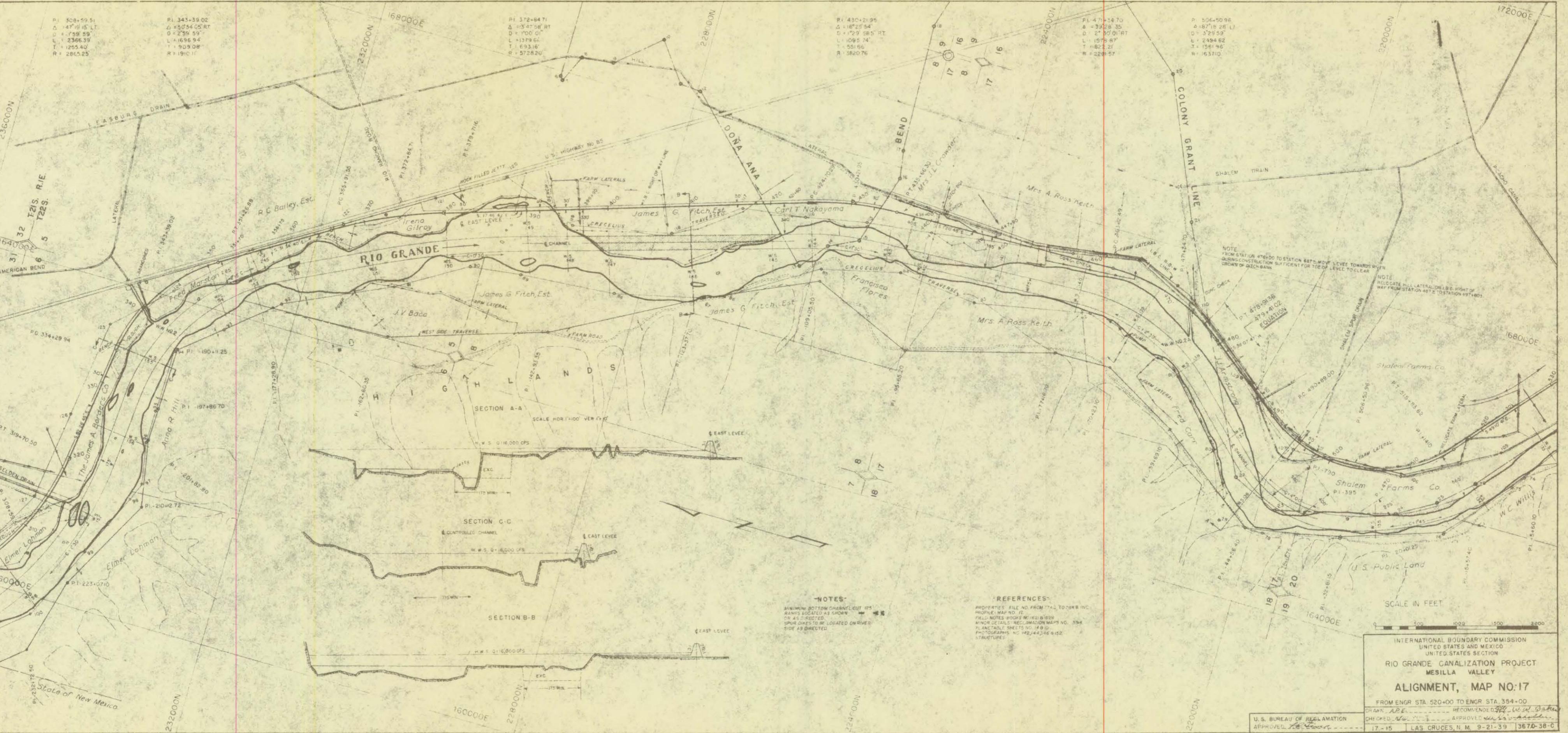


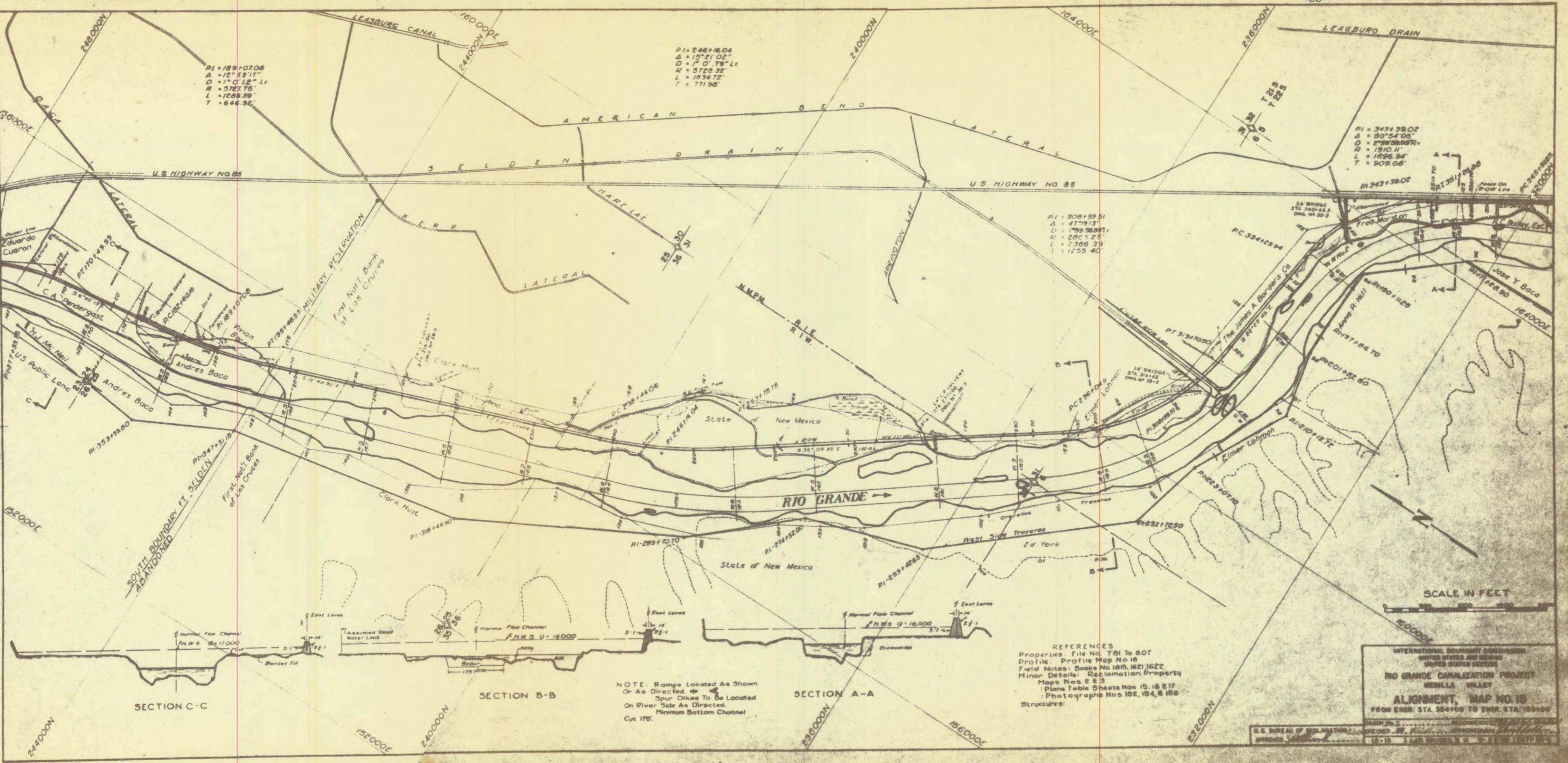


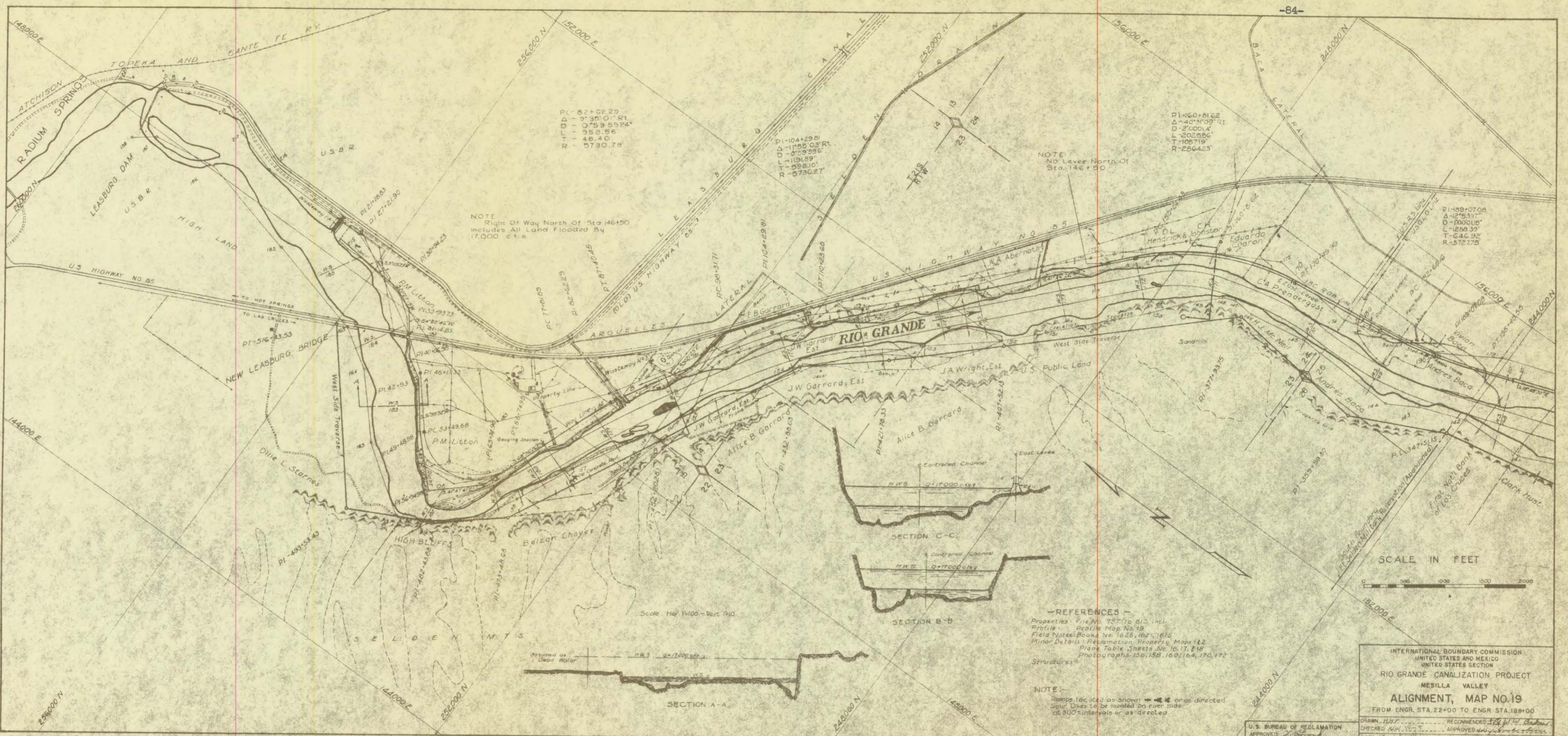


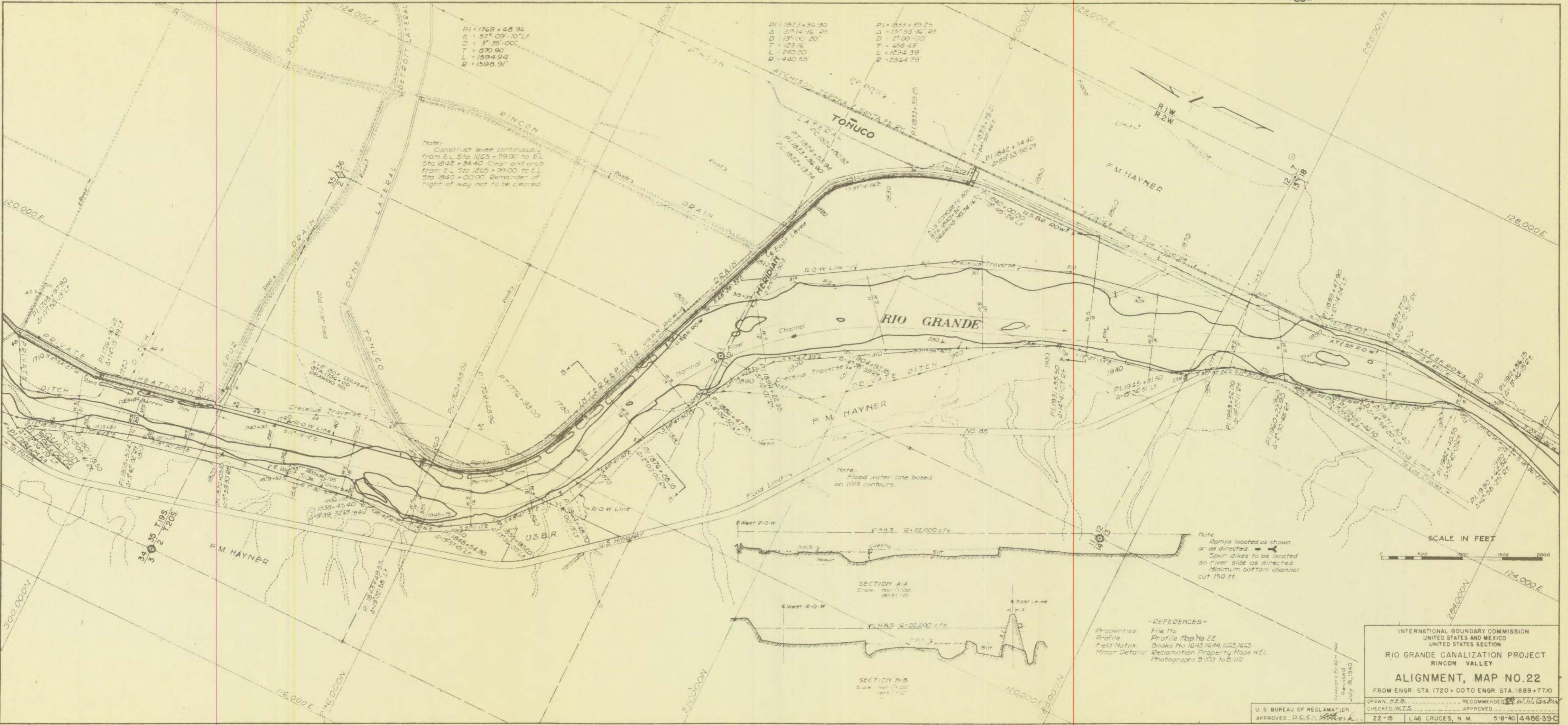


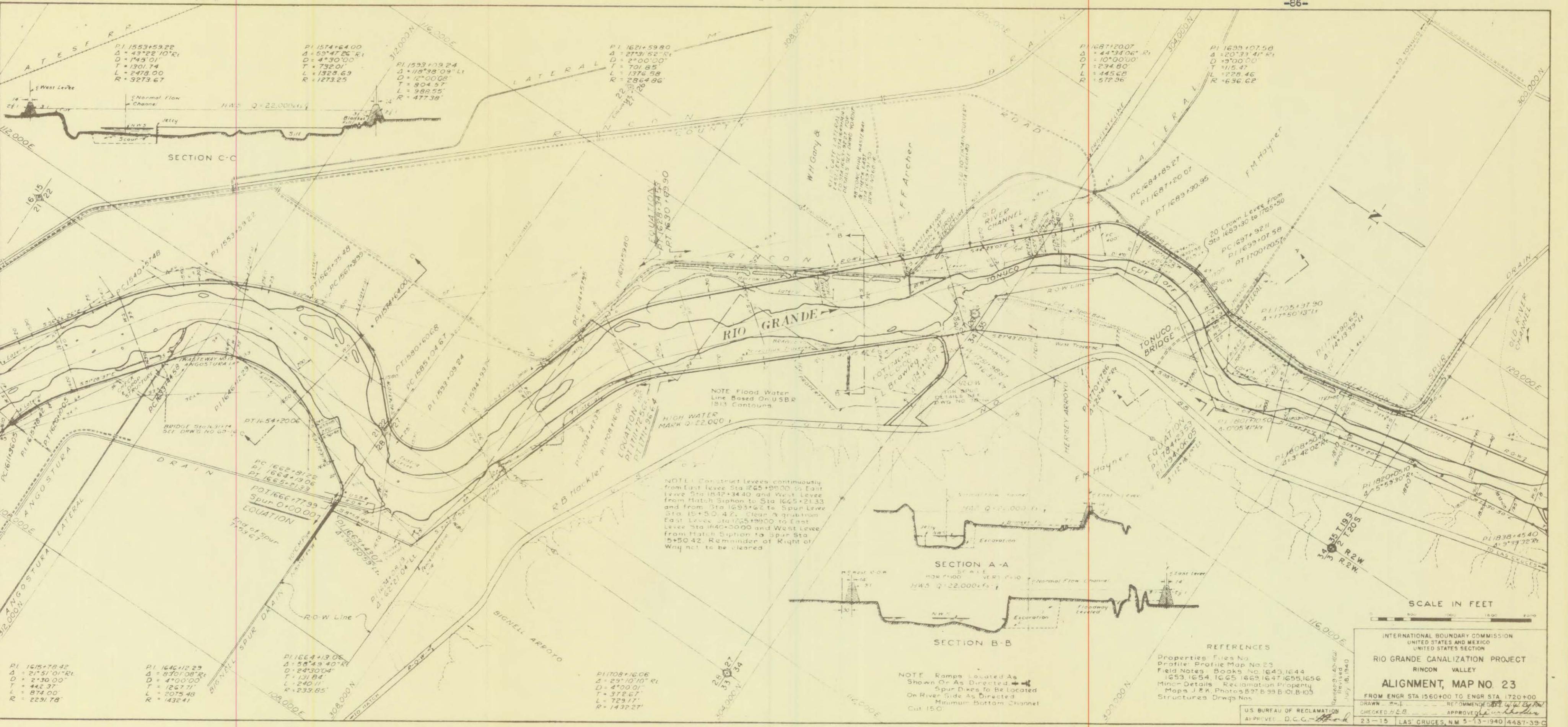


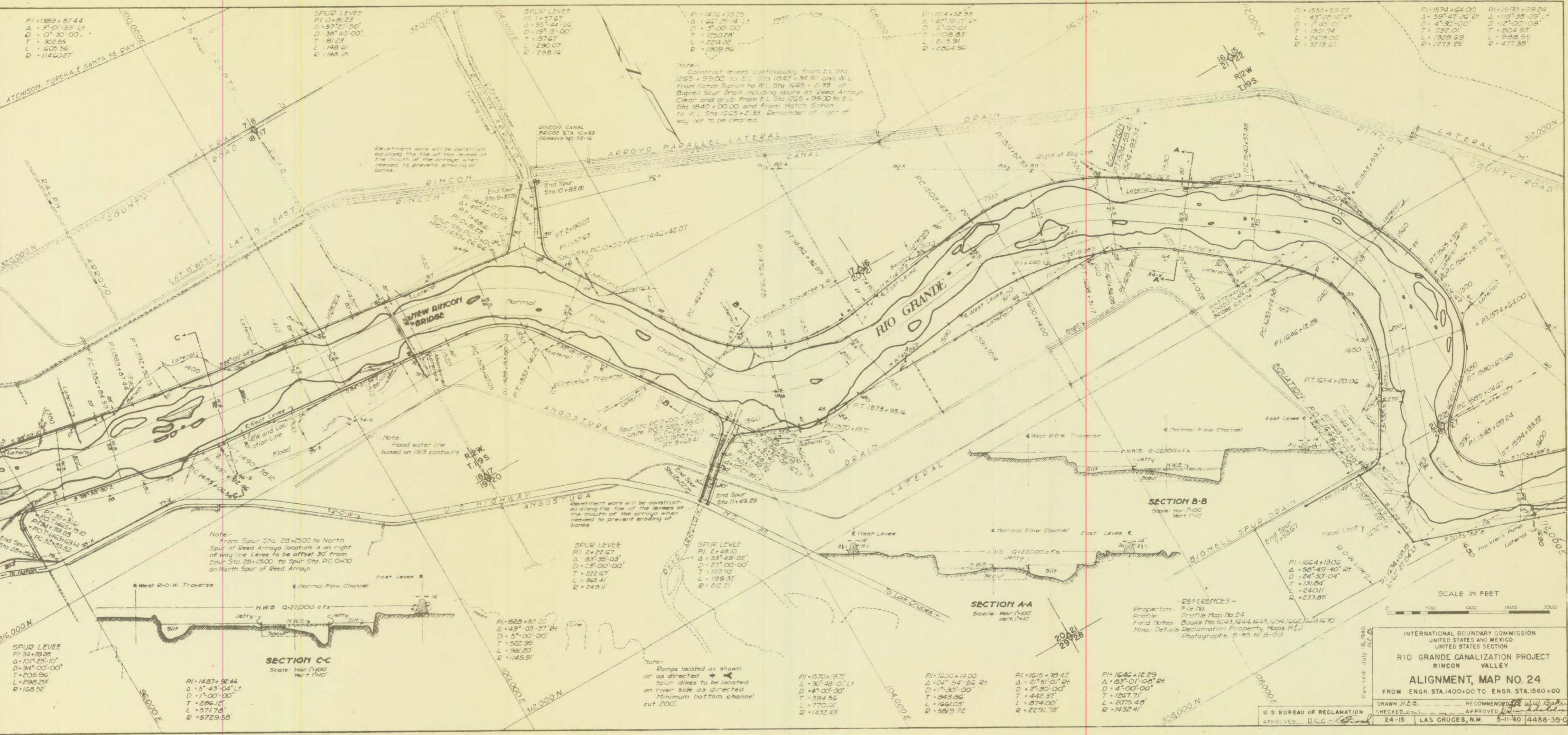


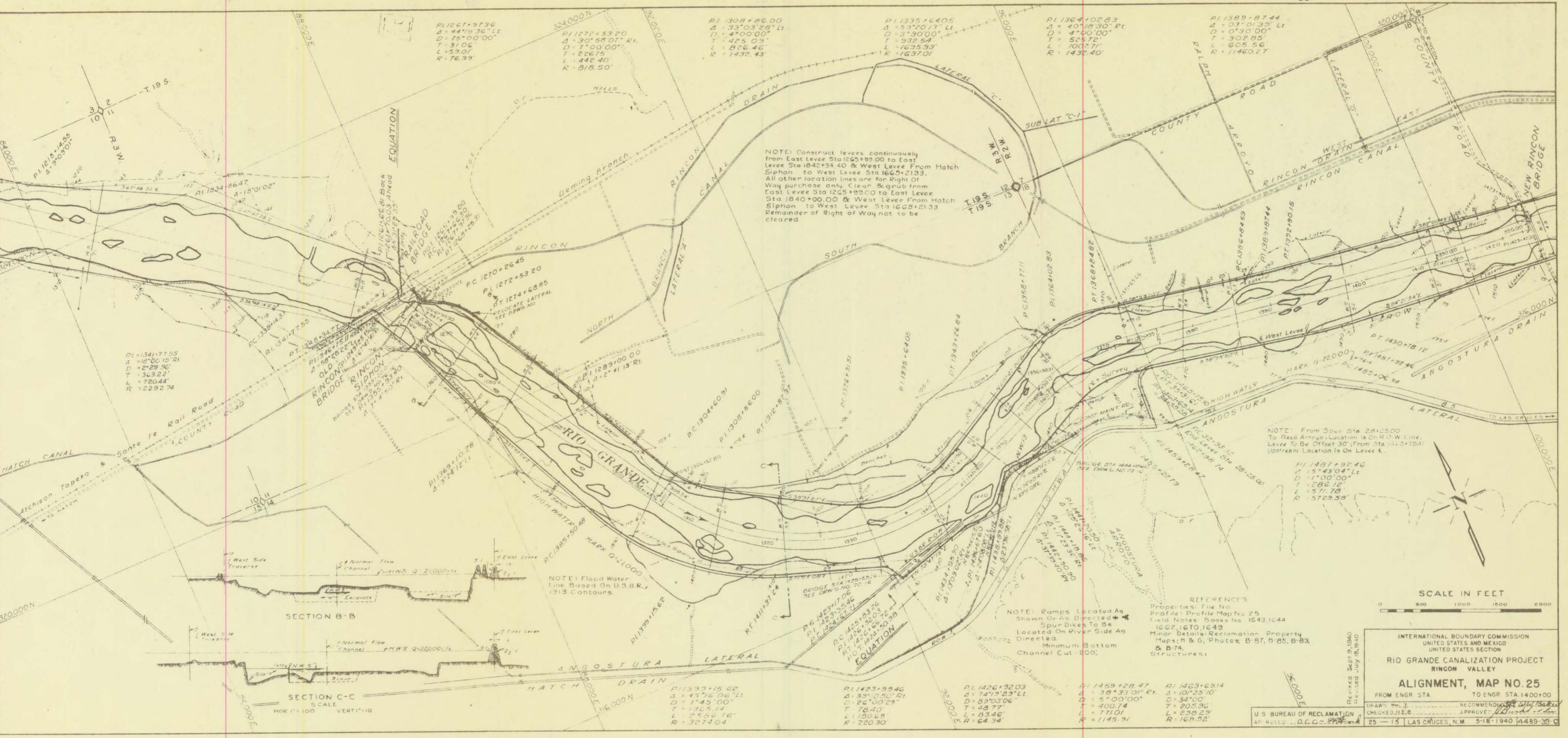


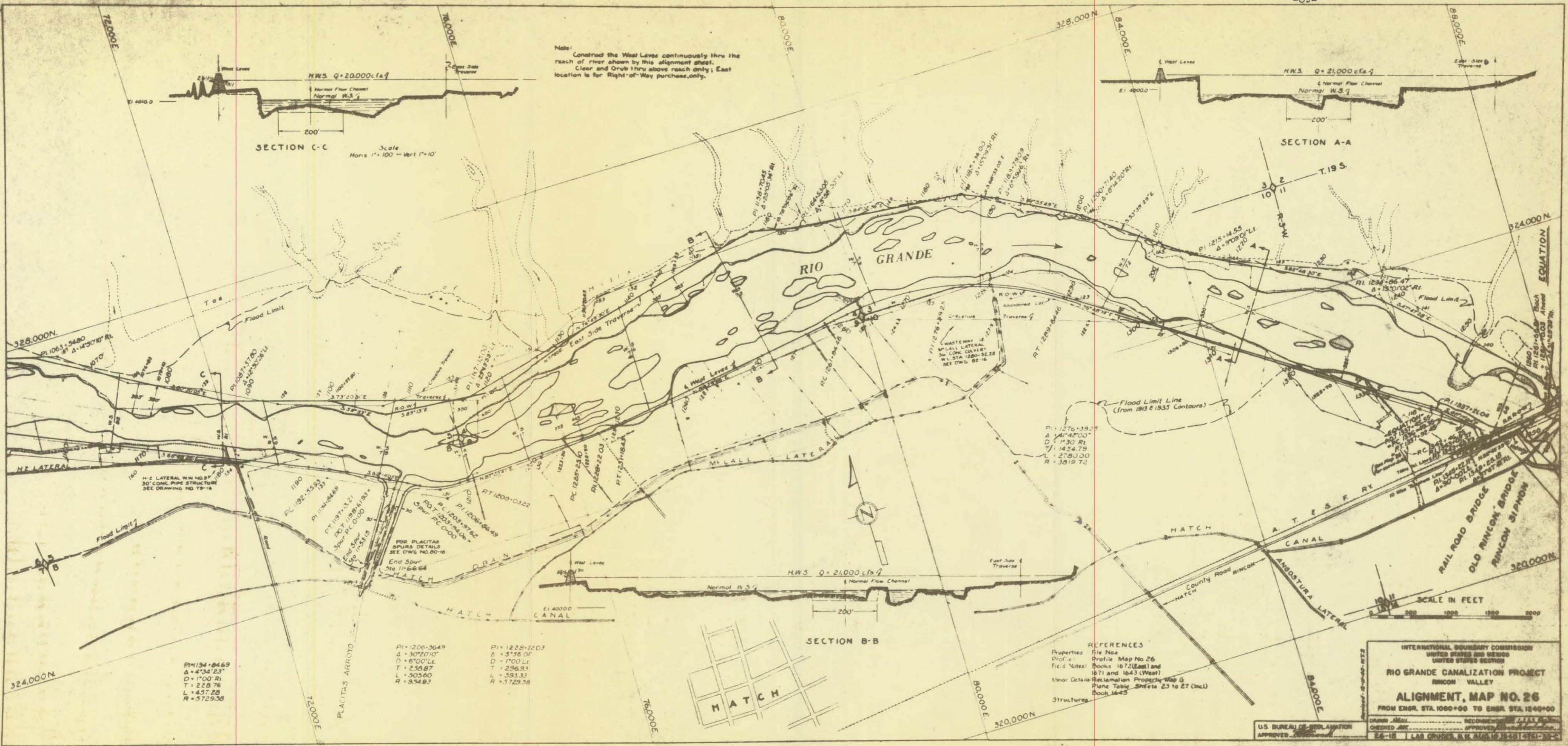














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Channel Lower End ~ Rincon Valley



Downstream View of Jundt Cut-off

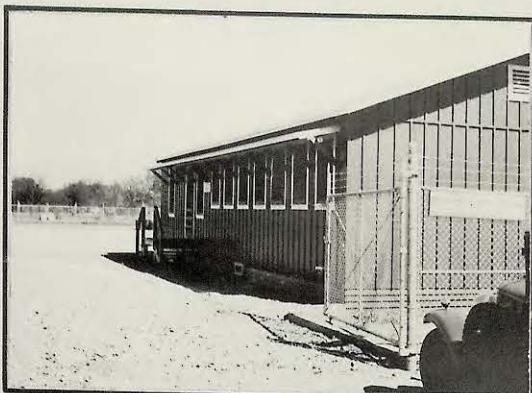


Shalem Bend ~ Looking Upstream



Greewood Cut-off ~ Looking Upstream

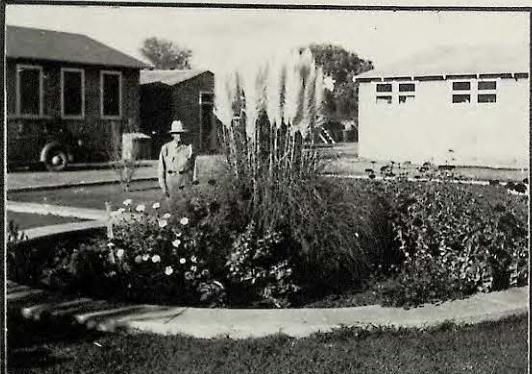
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Clerical office - Las Cruces



Engineering office - Las Cruces



Flower garden - Las Cruces



Warehouse - Las Cruces



Headquarters - Hatch



Warehouse and yard - Hatch



Foreman's residence - Hatch



View of Hatch yard

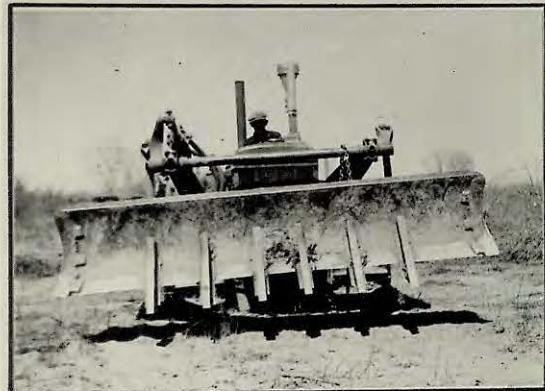
CLEARING AND GRUBBING RIGHT OF WAY



Clearing right of way with tractor



Clearing right of way by hand



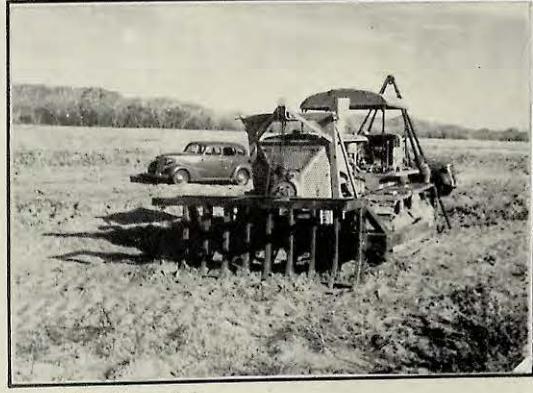
Original tractor grubber idea



Second model grubber



Second model at work



Final model

EXCAVATION - DRAGLINES

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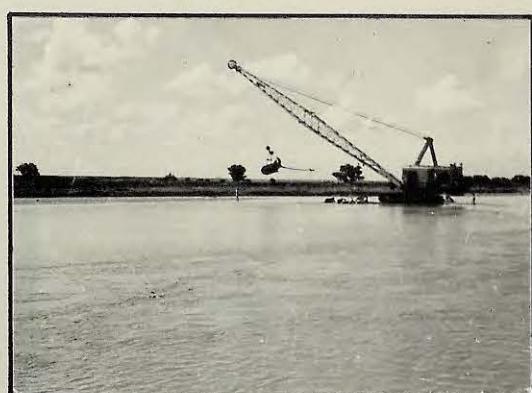
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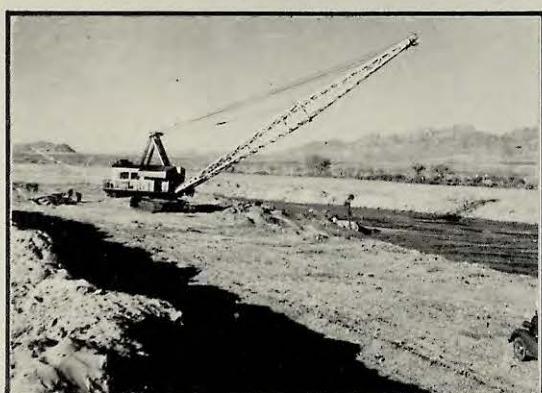
DRAGLINE No. 6 - Opening Jundt Cut-off



DRAGLINE No. 6 - Excavating Channel Cut-off



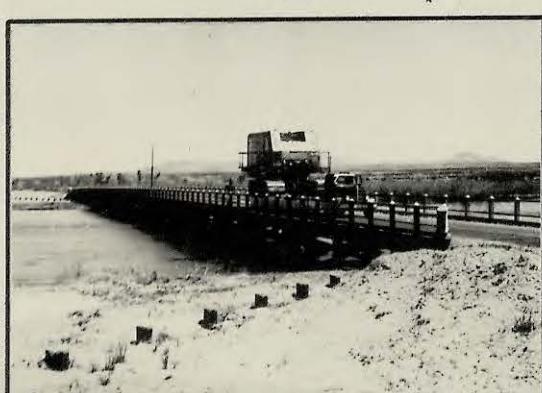
DRAGLINE No. 5 - Crossing river north of Berino Bridge



DRAGLINE No. 5 - Excavating Mesquite Cut-off



DRAGLINE No. 9 - Building levee



DRAGLINE No. 8 - Being moved across Hatch Highway Bridge

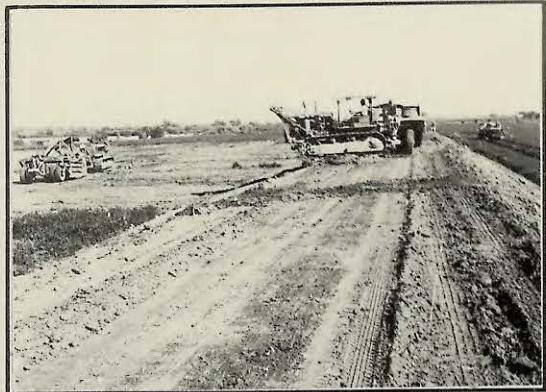


DRAGLINE No. 8 - Being hauled from Hatch to Las Cruces

EXCAVATION - TRACTORS



Carryall excavating low flow channel - Rincon Valley



Tractors building levee - Rincon Valley



View of excavation equipment working - Mesilla Valley



Carryalls plating levee - Mesilla Valley



Tractors filling borrow pits - Mesilla Valley

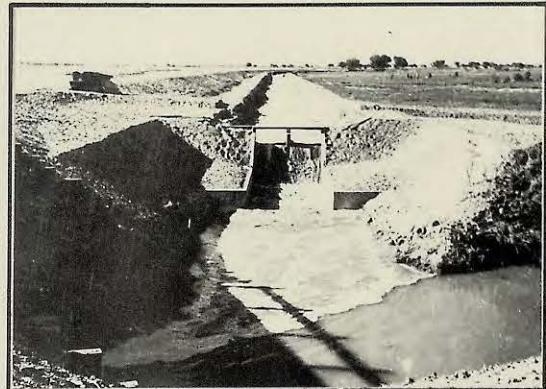


Tractor filling pit near Santo Tomas Bridge - Mesilla Valley

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Culvert Wasteway



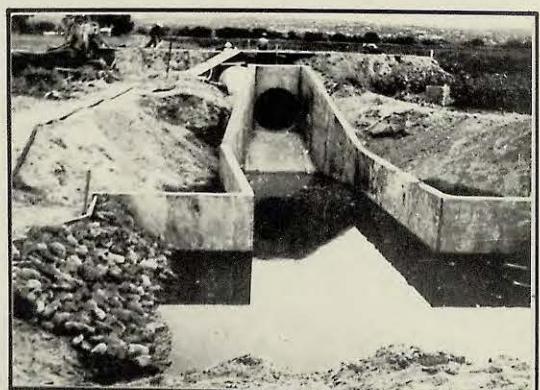
Texas Lateral Drop Wasteway



20 Ton Treated Timber Bridge



Brazito Lateral Wasteway



Rincon Canal Wasteway

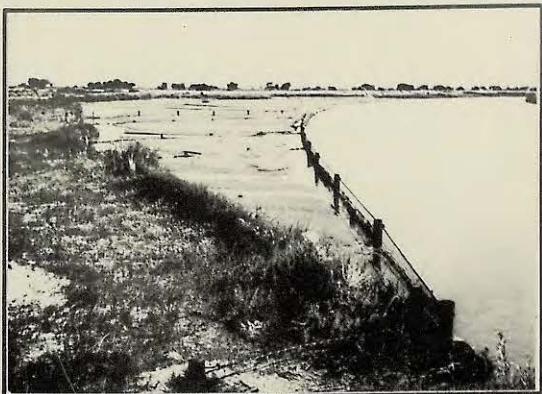


Moving Clerical Building to Hatch

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Revetment on East Levee near  
Vinton Bridge



Revetment on East Levee near  
Berino Bridge



Revetment on East Levee Station  
850 - Feature 401



Crew jetting piling



Revetment West Levee - Rincon  
Valley

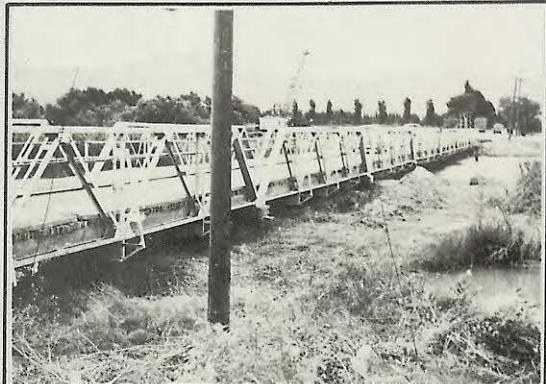


Special type of revetment -  
Rincon Valley

RIO GRANDE BRIDGES



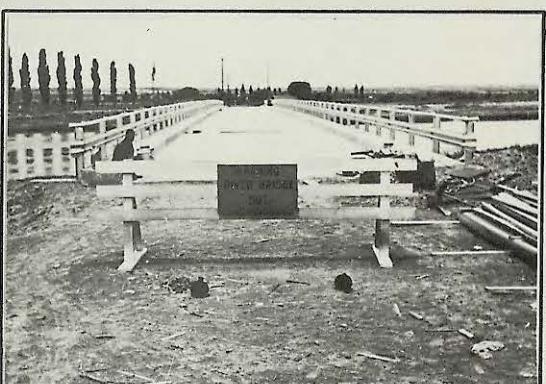
COURCHESNE BRIDGE - Heavily loaded truck breaks through bridge



COUNTRY CLUB BRIDGE - Original



COURCHESNE BRIDGE - Construction of new concrete bridge



COUNTRY CLUB BRIDGE - Finished bridge



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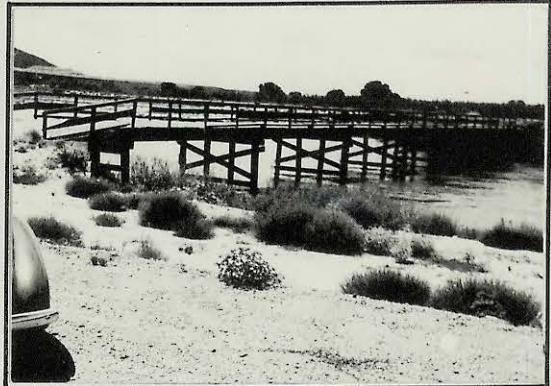


OLD ANTHONY BRIDGE - Constructed by Dona Ana County crew

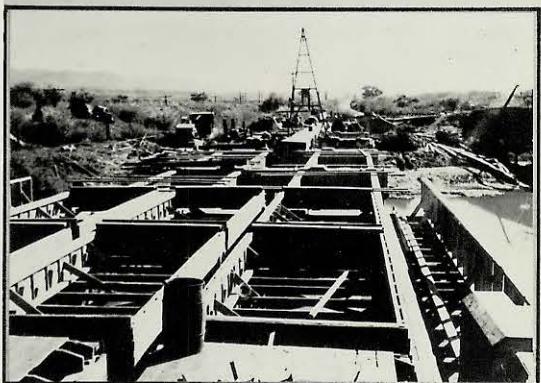
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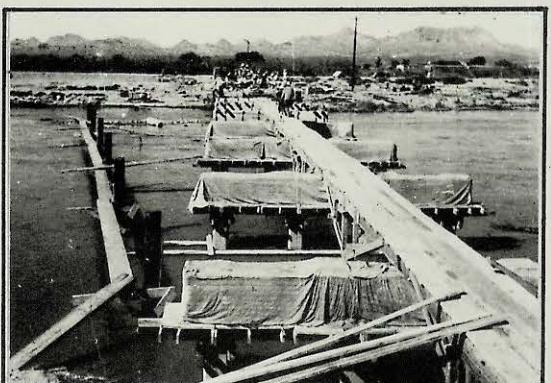
Testing concrete piles



OLD SHALEM BRIDGE - Original



HATCH-RINCON - Bridge construction



SHALEM BRIDGE - Construction  
of new concrete bridge



SALEM BRIDGE - Dona Ana County  
crew at work



SHALEM BRIDGE - Finished bridge

C O M P L E T E D J O B



Completed levee and channel  
near El Paso



Mesquite Cut-off Bend



Looking downstream from Station  
1090 - Feature 301



Looking downstream from Station  
650 - Feature 301



Channel Cut-off near Hill, N. M.



Looking downstream at Santo  
Tomas Bridge