INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 265

El Paso, Texas December 13, 1980

INSTALLATION OF STOPLOGS AT ANZALDUAS DIVERSION DAM

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on December 13, 1980, to consider the requirement for installation of stoplogs at Ansalduas Diversion Dam, built, operated, and maintained in the boundary section of the Rio Grande by the United States and Mexico through the Commission, pursuant to Minutes No. 196 dated December 18, 1950 and No. 203 dated December 23, 1955, approved by the two Governments.

The Commission reviewed the "Joint Engineering Report on Installation of Stoplogs at Anzalduas Dam" dated December 27, 1979 submitted by Principal Engineer Delbert D. McNealy and Engineer Alfredo Cervantes Garcia, pursuant to the instructions of the Commission. This report is attached and forms part of this Minute.

The Commission concurred in the Engineers' findings set forth in the Joint Report, that because conditions relating to the operation of the gates at Anzalduas Dam have so changed since completion of the Dam in 1959, and because of their having been in service for 20 years, the installation of stoplogs is essential to assure proper operation and maintenance of the gates to serve the prime function of diverting floodwaters from the Rio Grande to the United States floodway in accordance with the international plan for control of floods of the river. The Commission confirmed the Engineers' findings that the installation as needed of removable stoplogs located in the Dam downstream of the gates, as described in the Joint Report, will provide the best means for insuring adequate maintenance and repair of six drum gates at Anzalduas Dam.

The Commission further expressed accord with the Engineers' recommendations that the costs of the stoplogs required be divided equally between the two Governments, as were the costs of construction of the dam pursuant to Minute No. 203 of December 23, 1955, approved by the two Governments, and that the work of constructing and installing the stoplogs should be performed under the supervision of the Commission.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution:

- The aforementioned Joint Report, which forms part of this Minute, is approved.
- 2. The construction and installation as required of removable stoplogs downstream of the gates at Anzalduas Dam as described in the Joint Report are approved, and should be undertaken, subject to modifications as may be approved in the future by the Commission to assure their proper functioning.

- 3. The equal division of costs by allocation of work items to the two Sections as recommended in the Joint Report is approved, subject to such modifications, including such exchanges between the two Sections of work items or portions thereof as may in the opinion of the Commission be necessary for sound and expeditious construction.
- 4. The work of construction and installation described in the Joint Report should be undertaken under the supervision of the Commission as soon as practical.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Commissioner of the United States

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