

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chih.
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MINUTE NO. 190

ALLOCATION TO THE TWO SECTIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF REMAINING
ITEMS OF WORK PREPARATORY TO CONSTRUCTION OF FALCON DAM.

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, on August 13, 1948, at 10:00 a.m., to formalize, subject to the approval of the two Governments, an agreement with respect to allocation to the two Sections for performance of the remaining items of work preparatory to construction of the Falcón Dam, the lowest of the international storage dams to be constructed on the Rio Grande (Bravo) pursuant to the Water Treaty of February 3, 1944.

The Commission reviewed the work accomplished to date in the development of the Falcón Dam Project, the work remaining for accomplishment preparatory to construction on that project, and previous informal discussions regarding means of accomplishment of such remaining work as expeditiously as possible, and adopted the following resolution:

"(1) It is hereby agreed, subject to the approval of the two governments, that the remaining items of work preparatory to construction of Falcón Dam will be allocated by the Commission to the two Sections thereof for performance by the respective Section or by such agency or agencies as may be designated by said Section and under the joint supervision and control of the two Sections, pursuant to the following understandings:

(a) To the extent practicable and consistent with accomplishment of the remaining work at the earliest possible time, items of work shall be allocated equitably between the two Sections and in such manner that there will be no balance due by either Section for work preparatory to construction of the dam. The items of work allocated to the Mexican Section shall be of such nature that they can be performed without expenditure of dollars.

(b) Joint engineering conferences of representatives of the two Sections and of such technical advisers of either country as may be deemed appropriate by the Commissioner thereof shall be held at such times and places as the Commission may determine for the purpose of reviewing the work accomplished, determining the work remaining for accomplishment and of allocating or reallocating the remaining items of work to one or the other Section for performance.

(c) In each case the Commission shall specify the means of exercising the necessary joint supervision by the two Sections over the performance of work allocated to one Section.

"(2) Technical design work including the preparation of plans and specifications for the Falcón Dam is hereby allocated to the United States Section with the understanding that said work will be performed in the Offices of the Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States, at Denver, Colorado, and subject to the following additional understandings:

(a) The performance of said work by the Bureau of Reclamation shall be subject to the full control and supervision of the Commission.

(b) Either or both Sections may assign to the Offices of the Chief Engineer in Denver, Colorado, such representatives as the respective Commissioner or both Commissioners may deem necessary.

(c) In the performance of design work the Bureau of Reclamation will use the English language and the United States system of weights and measures. As items of design work are completed the necessary copies will be furnished promptly to the Commission in order that the Mexican Section or such agency as it may designate may review them and make translations to Spanish and conversions to the metric system, which will be considered as part of the work preparatory to the construction of Falcón Dam and allocated to the Mexican Section.

(d) As the various stages of design work are performed by the Bureau of Reclamation, joint conferences of engineering representatives of the two Sections of the Commission and of such technical advisers of either country as may be deemed appropriate by the respective Commissioner shall be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Commissioners to review and approve or require modifications of the work accomplished and to agree upon and prescribe principles and procedures for accomplishment of remaining stages of work.

"(3) It is further agreed, subject to the approval of the two Governments, that the provisions of article 5 of the Water Treaty relating to proration between the two Governments of costs of construction of the international storage dams in proportion to the conservation storage capacity allotted to each can best be given effect, and that construction can best be expedited, by allocating items of construction work to the two Sections on the basis of estimated costs and in the proportion stated, the items of work to be performed either by the Section to which they are allotted or by such public or private agency of its respective country as may be designated by that Section, under the joint supervision of the two Sections."

The meeting then adjourned.

/s/ L. M. Lawson
Commissioner of the United States

/s/ D. Herrera J.
Commissioner of Mexico

/s/ George H. Winters
Secretary of the United States Section

/s/ Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section