

(English text of Minute No. 205 dated May 21, 1956)

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas
May 21, 1956

MINUTE NO. 205

IMPROVEMENT OF GENERATION OF HYDROELECTRIC
ENERGY AT THE FALCON PLANT

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas on May 21, 1956, at 10:00 a.m., to agree upon methods of improving the generation of hydroelectric energy at the Falcon Plant.

The "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Relating to Generation of Hydroelectric Energy at the Falcon Plant", submitted by Principal Engineers J. F. Friedkin and J. C. Bustamante under date of May 11, 1956, was carefully reviewed. The English and Spanish texts of this report are attached hereto and form part hereof.

In expressing approval of the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers, the Mexican Commissioner confirmed that his Government is disposed to authorize use of Mexican Reservoirs in the Lower Rio Grande Valley for re-storage of Mexican waters released from Falcon Reservoir for the generation of primary energy, in the manner and under the conditions stated in the Joint Report, reserving the right to modify said authorization if these conditions are not met. He stated that if in order to conform with these conditions it should become necessary for the Government of Mexico to modify its authorization of use of the Mexican reservoirs in the manner stated, his Government would so inform the Commission as long as possible in advance. He reiterated that the additional releases of Mexican waters from Falcon Reservoir, as proposed in the Joint Report, will be made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (f) of Article 8 of the Water Treaty of 1944 and are not to be considered as releases provided for in paragraph (d) of that article.

The United States Commissioner expressed his approval of the Joint Report and of the above understandings stated by the Mexican Commissioner.

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

- "1. The 'Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Relating to Generation of Hydroelectric Energy at the Falcon Plant', submitted by Principal Engineers J. F. Friedkin and J. C. Bustamante under date of May 11, 1956 is hereby approved.

"2. The plan for improvement of the generation of hydroelectric energy at the Falcon Plant, proposed by the Principal Engineers in the above-mentioned Joint Report, is hereby adopted."

The meeting adjourned.

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

(signed) D. Herrera J.
Commissioner of Mexico

(signed) George H. Winters
Secretary of the United States
Section

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