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The Honorable Bob Armstrong
Commissioner, General Land Office
Austin, Texas. 78701.

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Dear Commissioner Armstrong:

I am submitting this written report as an addendum to my map dated August 15th, 1972, covering the various surveys located about 19.5 miles N 13° W of Del Rio, in Val Verde County, Texas. The authority of my survey is vested in a request by Mary Irene Mayfield Taylor, owner of 6642.90072 acres of land adjoining the West side of the Devils River and, since the creation of Amistad Lake, the Northern portion of the Devils River prong or arm of that Lake that is defined as a 1144.3 contour-line.

I followed the customary procedure of beginning the record search in the archives of your office and with the assistance of Mr. Ray Wisdom and Mr. Vic Sterzing, I obtained a copy of each of the original field notes of the various surveys, along with any corrected field notes that have been filed in your office. I was also supplied with the abstract of title to the land by the owner. Finally, I had a copy of a map, dated May 19, 1958, by Mr. J. Conklin, L.S.L.S., in roll sketch no. 70 and also a map dated July 21, 1960, by Mr. H. Conger Jones, L.S.L.S., as filed in roll sketch No. 73.

The monument placed by Mr. J. Conklin at the Southeast corner of Survey No. 85 was found on its common corner with Surveys 84, 80 and 79, where he had placed an iron pipe marked "87-79-80-84". This iron pipe is 192.00 varas West of Mrs. Taylor's Northwest property corner and, by traversing Eastward, I found it to be within 3.6 varas of the distance reported by Mr. Conklin between the Southeast corner of Survey No. 83 and the Northwest corner of Survey No. 80.

There were many witness trees cited in the patents to Survey No.'s 51 through 67, generally following the meanders of the Devils River. Since those surveys were made in 1881, Central Power and Light Company constructed Lake Walk in the area and has inundated many of them. Subsequent construction of Amistad Dam has increased the area of water coverage and there is no possible chance of finding any of the witness trees of the surveys last mentioned.

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The problem of exact construction of the Surveys from 80, 84, 73 and 64 Westward to include all those surveys in the Horseshoe Bend of the Devils River, is that the location by Mr. Conklin of the Northwest corner of Survey No. 80 is not in harmony with the Surveys 51 through 67. I would like to ask you to superimpose the translucent film over the aerial photography that I am supplying herewith and notice that the various meanders of the river fit very closely with the working sketch that I have also enclosed. The working sketch, when superimposed on the photography, reveal that the exact construction of the river surveys to adjoin the corner set by J. Conklin at the Northwest corner of Survey 80 would have a variance of one half mile. At this point, I am not disagreeing with the Conklin location of the Northwest corner of Survey 80, since I am sure he must have performed extensive work to the North as reflected by his map filed in roll sketch no. 70. It does not, because of its previous filing, allow me any latitude other than to re-construct the surveys to the East of Survey 80 so that they coincide and have some semblance of the original pattern as reflected in the field notes of record in your office.

I am pleased to report that the various meanders of the Devils River, as reflected in Mr. A. Wiehetsche's field notes of April 8th, 1881 for Survey No.'s 50 through 55 and Survey No. 67, very closely reveal the same connection of the Devils River as I find it today. We would have to assume that Mr. Wiehetsche was actually on the ground (at least along the Devils River) and made the necessary observations to complete the field notes for these river surveys. The fact that he did mark various corners along the river and he did report the correct meanders of the river, it seems only proper that I give greater weight to the river calls than to his call for a joiner on to Survey No.'s 66, 71 and 82. Therefore, I have tried to re-construct these river surveys, as close as possible, to the location of the corners laid down by Surveyor Wiehetsche.

I have also monumented as many corners as possible so that there is permanency on the ground, for future use, and in the interests of having a complete and permanent identity between the records of the General Land Office and monuments on the ground.

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I am also enclosing herewith corrected field notes, prepared by me, for Survey No.'s 54, 55, 67, 71, 81 and 82, in order that Deeds of Acquittance may be issued. I am also enclosing corrected field notes to Survey No.'s 50, 51, 52, 53 and 66, in order to correct the abstracts of each survey.

Respectfully submitted.

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I am also enclosing herewith collected field notes for Surs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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