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Dear Sir:

This is in response to your telephone request to Engineer Lowry for information regarding one of this Commission's Monuments in the Presidio Valley. It is understood that certain of your surveys have been tied to the monument in question, which you state is located on the Chinati Plantation about 15 miles north-west of Presidio. The information which we understand is desired is the position of the monument, both as regards its coordinates and with respect to the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

The monument which you describe is probably one of the reference points for controlling surveys which were established by this Commission in 1907 and 1908. These monuments are generally concrete cylinders extending about one foot above the ground and with an iron plate embedded in the top, marked on one edge I.B.C. and on the opposite edge C. de L., with a cross between.

An index map is enclosed which gives the geographic and plane coordinates of these reference points on the local coordinate system established by the Commission for the Presidio Valley. These points have not been tied in to the current surveys of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and the geographic coordinate values given for the stations are subject to revision when this is done.

The reference point monuments do not affect the boundary which is defined by Treaty as being the center of the deepest channel of the river. From time to time, however, small tracts of land have been cut from the United States to Mexico and from Mexico to the United States by avulsive river changes, creating what are termed bancos. The titles to these bancos remains in the original owners although the sovereignty passes to the country to which they are cut. The new river becomes the boundary line but the bancos cannot be considered as being accretions to surrounding land.

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In the event the foregoing does not completely answer your questions, please do not hesitate to write for any more specific information desired.

Very truly yours,

L. M. Lawson.

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Commissioner

Enclosures:

One index map.

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