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## **Guide to MS042 International Boundary and Water Commission records**

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## Biography or Historical Sketch

Established in 1889, the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) has responsibility for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that may arise in their application. The IBWC is an international body composed of the United States Section and the Mexican Section, each headed by an Engineer-Commissioner appointed by his/her respective president. Each Section is administered independently of the other. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is a federal government agency and is headquartered in El Paso, Texas. The IBWC operates under the foreign policy guidance of the Department of State. The Mexican Section is under the administrative supervision of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is headquartered in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The Convention of 1889 creating the International Boundary Commission (IBC), and the 1944 Treaty, which expanded its responsibilities and changed its name to the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), both provide that it shall consist of a United States Section and a Mexican Section. The 1944 Treaty further provides that the IBWC shall in all respects have the status of an international body, that the head of each Section must be an Engineer Commissioner and that wherever Treaty provisions call for joint action or joint agreement by the two Governments such matters shall be handled by or through the Department of State of the United States and the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of Mexico. The mission of the IBWC is to apply the rights and obligations which the Governments of the United States and Mexico assume under the numerous boundary and water treaties and related agreements, and to do so in a way that benefits the social and economic welfare of the peoples on the two sides of the boundary and improves relations between the two countries.

[Source: [http://www.ibwc.state.gov/About\\_Us/history.html](http://www.ibwc.state.gov/About_Us/history.html), accessed April 22, 2016]

## Series Description or Arrangement

The collection is housed in three boxes and has no discernable arrangement other than that division. Box 1 contains items 1-46. Box 2 contains items 47-62 and Box 3 contains items 63-68.

## Scope and Content Notes

Contains official documents and informational materials dating from about 1850 to 1997. International Boundary and Water Commission materials range from border

agreements, treaties, presidential documents that deal specifically with jurisdiction agreements, boundary laws, Commission laws, history of key developments, the IWBC and the Chamizal, IWBC holdings, reports (both rough drafts and final drafts) from the commissions of the United States and Mexico. The collection also contains maps and brochures from the United States and Mexico that deal with proposed plans for dam construction. Published articles refer to international water and boundary issues relating to IBWC actions. The collection includes some books and congressional reports on topics relating to the U.S.-Mexico border and water resources.

## **Provenance Statement**

The accession log records the first accession as number 581 in 1969. The catalog record shows Joseph Friedkin, IBWC Commissioner, as the donor. Raymond Daguerre later told Special Collections staff about the history of the collection and said that it was his idea; he created the lists and chronologies in the collection. Raymond P. Daguerre (9 Sept. 1912 – 25 Sept. 2005) worked at the IWBC from 1940 – 1942, after his military and civil service in Europe was completed, he went back to work at the IBWC from about 1949 to 1974. He later worked at the UTEP Library's Special Collections Department, 1975-1977. An oral history interview (#189) done in 1975 recounts some details of his life and career. Evidently, the collection consisted at first of a small amount of material including seven reels of microfilm. It was added to on several occasions, so was treated as an artificial collection. One donation was a report on the Franklin Canal, received in 1997.

## **Restrictions**

None.

## **Literary Rights Statement**

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

These are selected materials and are not the complete official records of the

International Boundary and Water Commission.

See also:

Joseph Friedkin papers, MS555.

Building the American Dam photograph album, PH090.

## Container List

Box #	Item #	Title	Date
1	1	<i>List of the Joint Journals and Minutes of the Commission(s)</i> (A listing of the executive agreements reached within the Commission)	1894 - 1997
1	2	<i>Outline of Jurisdiction and Functions of IBWC</i>	No date
1	3	<i>Laws Applicable to the IBWC</i>	No date
1	4	Unilateral publications by the U.S. Section of the various Boundary Commissions, U.S. and Mexico	1854-1930
1	5	<i>Agreements with Department of the Interior clarifying the jurisdictions and functions of the IBWC and those of; the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey under the Water Treaty of 1944</i>	No date
1	6	<i>Bibliography of principal published papers on the Colorado River Salinity Problem</i>	1974
1	7	<i>Bibliography of Principal U.S. Section IBWC Literary Holdings</i>	No date
1	8	<i>Memorandum: Origin of the term "Chamizal"; Botanical notes on the Chamizo bush. RPD</i>	1964-1968
1	9	<i>Treaty between U.S. and Mexico: Utilization of waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande (The Water Treaty). Signed at</i>	February 3, 1944

		<i>Washington. Treaty Series 994.</i>	
1	10	<i>Convention between the U.S. and Mexico for the Solution of the Problem of the Chamizal TIAS 5515. August 29, 1963.</i>	August 29, 1963
1	11	<i>Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorador River as the International Boundary. TIAS 7313. Signed at Mexico</i>	November 23, 1970
1	12	<i>Preliminary Examination and Survey Report: Feasibility of Channel Control Dams, Lower Rio Grande. 85<sup>th</sup> Congress</i>	August 23, 1967
1	13	<i>Proposed Amistad Dam and Reservoir (Formerly known as Diablo Dam) Senate Document No. 65, 86<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session</i>	September 9, 1959
1	14	<i>Treaties – Joint Rules Governing the Commission – Personnel</i>	1929
1	15	<i>Falcon Dam and Power Plant (Foldout Map)</i>	No date
1	16	<i>Amistad Dam and Reservoir Project (Foldout Map)</i>	No date
1	17	<i>Amistad Dam and Reservoir Project. (Brochure)</i>	No date
1	18	<i>Presa de la Amistad (Brochure in Spanish)</i>	No date
1	19	<i>The Chamizal Settlement: Chronology of Key Developments.</i>	1962-1968
1	20	<i>“Herrera and Friedkin engineer Mexico – U.S. brand of WATER FOR PEACE” (Article in ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD)</i>	July 1967
1	21	<i>“The International Boundary and Water Commission U.S. and Mexico” (Paper presented at WATER FOR PEACE Conference, Washington)</i>	May 1967
1	22	<i>Hands Across the Border: The Story of the Chamizal.</i>	December 13, 1968
1	23	<i>White House Press Release</i>	December 2, 1968

1	24	<i>Background Paper: The Chamizal Settlement.</i> Department of State.	July 1963.
1	25	<i>"28 de Octubre de 1967 – El Chamizal"</i> (Mexico's Chamizal Dedication Issuance)	October 28, 1967
1	26	<i>"AMIGOS"</i> (Excellent coverage of Chamizal ceremony – October 27, 1967)	November 1967
1	27	<i>The Morillo Drain Diversion Canal.</i>	July 1969.
1	28	<i>Nogales International Clean Water Project.</i>	No date
1	29 thru 36	Before and after photos of the Chamizal relocation.	No date
1	37	<i>The Chamizal Settlement: A Source Book of Executive and Congressional Documents</i>	1963 – 1964
1	38	<i>Chronological Outline of the Organization of the Various International Boundary and/or Water Commissions, United States and Mexico</i> (A valuable history and source book on the various successive commissions)	No date
1	39	Issuances and press releases on various IBWC projects and activities	1963 – 1974
1	40	<i>Treaties and Conventions Applicable to the IBWC</i> (text of governing treaties and conventions under which the Commission operates)	1973
1	41	<i>History and Development of the IBWC</i>	1954
1	42	<i>Recommended Plan for Repairs and Improvements – U.S. Part of International Flood Control Project, Lower Rio Grande</i>	April 1968
1	43	<i>Report: Proposed Flood Control Project Rio Grande, Presidio Valley, Texas, as a Part of an International Coordinated Flood Control Plan with Mexico for the Presidio-Ojinaga Valley. U.S. Section, IBWC</i>	June 1971
1	44	Book of hand-copied correspondence	1850-1852

		of Lt. Col. J. D. Graham, U.S. Boundary Commission	
1	45	Briefing folder on the IBWC	1974
2	47	Presidential Documents: Statements, Joint Communiques, Messages, Addresses, White House Press Releases, relating to activities or projects of the IBWC	1963-1974
2	48	Draft Environmental Statement INT DES 74-39: Colorado River International Salinity Control Project, U.S. Department of Interior/Department of State	April 1, 1974
2	49	<i>U.S. Department of State Environmental Impact Statement: Possible Options for Reducing the Salinity of the Colorado River Waters Flowing to Mexico</i>	October 5, 1973
2	50	<i>(Final): Improvements Needed for Rio Grande Canalization Project, New Mexico and Texas.</i>	August 1974.
2	51	<i>(Draft): Improvements needed for Rio Grande Canalization Project, New Mexico and Texas</i>	December 1974
2	52	<i>(Final): Increasing Height of Levees along Rio Grande Upstream from Retamal Dam and Along Main and North Floodways, Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, Texas</i>	October 1973
2	53	<i>(Final): Emergency Delivery of Colorado River Water to Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, Via Facilities in California</i>	June 1972
2	54	<i>(Final): Restoration of Historic Low Flow Diversion to Arroyo Colorado, Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, San Diego County, California</i>	January 1974
2	55	<i>(Draft): Tijuana River Flood Control Project, San Diego County, California. January 1974. Executive Summary of Special Report:</i>	September 1973



		<i>Colorado River International Salinity Control Project. Department of the Interior.</i>	
2	56	<i>Special Report: Colorado River International Salinity Control Project. Department of the Interior.</i>	September 1973
2	57	<i>Falcon Dam and Power Plant Construction Report: vol. I and II</i>	January 1958
2	58	<i>Report: Recommended Plan for Joint Solution by the United States and Mexico of the International Salinity Problem of the Lower Rio Grande</i>	April 1966
2	59	<i>Flood Control at Nogales Arizona-Mexico: Senate Document No. 44 77d. Congress 1<sup>st</sup> session</i>	January 7, 1992
2	60	<i>Minutes of the IBWC United States and Mexico</i>	1946-1977
2	61	<i>Biographical sketches of formers commissioners</i>	1979
2	62	<i>Texas Clean Rivers Program: Rio Grande Basin (Calendar)</i>	2011
3	63	<i>Blue Mesa Dam and Powerplant: Technical Record of Design and Construction</i>	March 1975
3	64	<i>Trinity River Division Features of the Central Valley Project: Vol. I Design</i>	October 1965
3	65	<i>Trinity River Division Features of the Central Valley Project: Vol. II Construction</i>	April 1966
3	66	<i>Ruedi Dam and Reservoir: Technical Record of Design and Construction</i>	June 1975
3	67	<i>Compliance with Convention on the Chamizal: Hearing before the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate/Eighty Eighth Congress. Second Session. S. 2394</i>	January 21, 1963
3	68	<i>Convention with Mexico for Solution of the Problem of the Chamizal, Hearing</i>	December 12 – 13, 1963

		<i>before the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate/Eighty Eighth Congress. 1<sup>st</sup> Session</i>	
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