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The American Ambassador to the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations

No. 291

Mexico City, August 24, 1966

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the recent request of the Mexican Commissioner on the International Boundary and Water Commission for additional waters of the Colorado River to relieve the critical shortage of water available for irrigation of lands in the Mexicali Valley. I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States of America is prepared to provide the needed waters to Mexico and for this purpose to conclude with the Government of the United Mexican States an Agreement on the following terms :

1. The United States shall, during the months of September and December 1966, release to Mexico, in accordance with a schedule to be agreed upon by the International Boundary and Water Commission, 40,535 acre-feet of Colorado River waters in addition to the waters of the Colorado River allocated to Mexico annually under Article 10 of the Water Treaty signed in Washington on February 3, 1944.²

2. The United States will retain 40,535 acre-feet of water from its annual scheduled deliveries to Mexico under the 1944 Water Treaty in calendar year 1967, in accordance with a schedule to be agreed upon by the International Boundary and Water Commission before January 1, 1967, unless it is determined by the United States in the May 1, 1967 forecast, to be issued about May 15, 1967, that the runoff of Colorado River waters in the United States from April through July, 1967 is expected to be 8.5 million acre-feet or more, in which event the 40,535 acre-feet will be retained over a period of three years including 1967, in accordance with a schedule to be agreed upon by the Commission before July 1, 1967. In the event that either of the aforesaid schedules cannot be agreed upon by the Commission, the United States must reserve the determination to itself.

3. The releases and retention of waters agreed to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be effected within the maximum and minimum schedules of delivery by months set forth in Article 15 of the 1944 Water Treaty.

¹ Came into force on 24 August 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 3, p. 313.