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Mr. Edward Drusina  
Commissioner, United States Section  
International Boundary and Water Commission  
The Commons, Building C, Suite 310  
4171 N. Mesa Street  
El Paso, Texas 79902

Dear Commissioner Drusina,

As Chairman of the Rio Grande Watermaster Advisory Committee, I would like to express my support for the efforts of clearing up the issue of ownership of waters that reach Fort Quitman. We have followed the research done by Glenn Jarvis, Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein and staff members at the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, as well as the articles written by other researchers. We believe the compilation of all of this research gives good evidence that Mexico relinquished all claims to the waters that reached Fort Quitman and thus should be accounted as US waters.

We respectfully request that you revisit the accounting practices of IBWC in this regard and pursue a change that would aline the accounting procedures with the intent of the two treaties and compact agreements.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to visiting with you in Austin (Horseshoe Bay) this next month. I still have plans for a visit to El Paso later this year. We are planning a visit with Chuy Reyes to see some of the work he is doing in his district there. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Wayne Halbert