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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We are indeed gratified to learn from your letter of October 26 that Dr. Tello takes the position that no statement regarding the treaty of May 21, 1906 should be made either at the time of the exchange of ratifications of the water treaty or shortly thereafter. You made it very clear to him, and he quickly saw, that such a statement would be undesirable from the point of view of the interests of each country.

So far as any possible future discussion of the treaty of 1906 is concerned, we cannot, of course, give any assurance except in respect of the conventionalization of the variations in the monthly schedules of deliveries. There was, of course, no adequate reason for including the El Paso-Juarez Valley in the new treaty in view of the fact that the treaty of 1906 covers this part of the river.

In view of the difficult questions that might arise if and when the treaty of 1906, in any of its aspects, becomes the subject of discussion between the two Governments, the Department will undoubtedly wish to give very careful thought to the approach that should be adopted.

You have performed a fine service in respect of this question, and I need hardly assure you that your successful disposition of it has relieved our minds of considerable concern.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Willard Carrigan

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