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FOREWORD

In the foreword to volume IV, which contains the awards of the United States-Mexican General and Special Claims Commissions, it was stated that the awards of other Mexican Claims Commissions would be published in later volumes. It has not, however, proved possible to publish all the awards of these Commissions. Every award of the British-Mexican Claims Commission is reproduced here, but out of a total of 143 awards made by the French-Mexican Claims Commission, the texts of only forty-nine were available, ten of which have not been mentioned in this collection because they do not present questions of legal interest. Out of seventy-two awards of the German-Mexican Claims Commission, the text of only one could be obtained. None of the texts of the awards of the Italian-Mexican or Spanish-Mexican Claims Commission was available.

The mode of presentation followed in this volume is the same as that used in volume IV. Each award is captioned under the name of the individual claimant, together with identification of the espousing and the respondent governments. Notation is made of the date of the award, any separate concurring or dissenting opinions rendered by the commissioners, and the original report from which the decision was drawn. A head note or digest is offered in each case to facilitate its use in research by practitioners and students of international law. The index found at the end of this volume is based upon such head notes.

In some instances, the texts of decisions dealing with technical procedural points or non-substantive questions or opinions of a cumulative nature applying rules previously laid down have not been published here. In each such case, however, the head note and index reference will enable scholars to ascertain the points involved in the decision and to determine whether it would be of interest for their particular purpose. If so, they may study the case further in the original publication, of which citation is made in each instance, or, as far as the hitherto unpublished awards of the French-Mexican Claims Commission are concerned, in the Library of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

It will be observed that historical notes of the establishment and work of each tribunal, bibliographies relating to each tribunal, and, finally, bibliographical references to discussions of particular cases are included. In addition, if any case has been published in any source other than that from which the instant publication is made, reference has been given to such source or sources.

Since the appreciation of each decision depends not only upon its contents but also upon the terms of the particular *compromis* and the law laid down by it to be applied by the tribunal, the texts of the treaty or treaties under which each tribunal functioned are included.

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