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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	CALIFORNIA
COUNTY:	SAN DIEGO
	FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE	SEP 6 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: "INITIAL POINT" ^{of Boundary between U.S. and Mexico} AND/OR MONUMENT NO. 258 ^(see continuation sheet)

AND/OR HISTORIC: WESTERN LAND BOUNDARY MARKER NO. 258, U.S. AND MEXICO

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~See Continuation Sheet, attached.~~ S of Imperial Beach Ln off Monument Rd

CITY OR TOWN: San Diego CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 41st of California

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: San Diego CODE: 073

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. AGENCY

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, U.S. SECTION

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) N/A STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. BOX 1859

CITY OR TOWN: El Paso STATE: Texas CODE: 48

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: REGISTRY OF DEEDS - SAN DIEGO COUNTY

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: San Diego STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

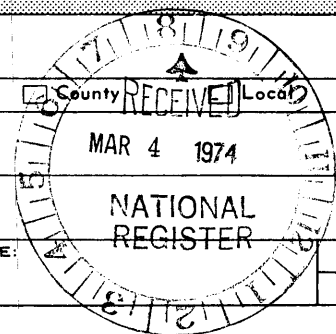
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE KNOWN OF.

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

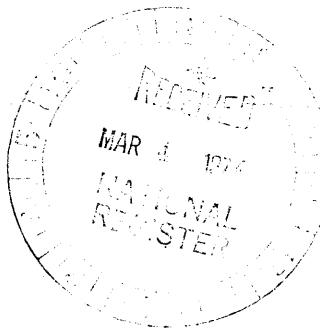
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Monument No. 258 was first established as a cairn of rocks in 1849 following the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. A white marble shaft was manufactured in New York, transported around the Horn on the USS Supply to San Diego, and erected and dedicated at the site in June, 1851. The marble monument was an obelisk about 20 feet in height, resting on a marble pedestal. On its top was an inverted acorn to symbolize the strength and stature of the California live oak tree.

In 1894 it was found that the initial monument had become so mutilated by visitors that its outlines were nearly destroyed, and its inscriptions partly obliterated. The ~~Barlow-Blanco~~ Commission had the monument renovated in San Diego, reconstructed at the site, and protected it with an enclosure in 1894. Excepting for normal wear and tear and some slight vandalism, the marble monument as reconstructed in 1894 still stands today at its original site.

A recent photograph of Monument No. 258 is furnished with this nomination.

NOTE: Monument No. 258 being the marker of the international boundary is situated on the international boundary with the south half of the monument in Mexico and the north half in the United States, the monument being under the jurisdiction of this International Commission.



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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Historic</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

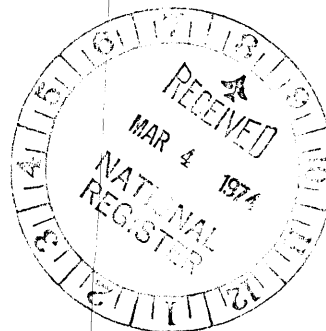
The significance of Monument No. 258 cannot be better stated than in the inscription on the west side of the original marble shaft which remains there today, as follows:

"Initial point of Boundary between the United States and Mexico, established by the Joint Commission, 10 October, A.D. 1849, Agreeably to the Treaty dated at the City of Guadalupe, Hidalgo, February 2, A.D. 1848. John B. Weller, U.S. Commissioner. Andrew B. Gray, U.S. Surveyor."

It should also be noted that Monument No. 258 is the westernmost boundary marker on the international boundary between the United States and Mexico and, as such, has since its erection and will throughout the future mark the southwestern corner of the Continental United States.

Pursuant to President Nixon's "Legacy of Parks," Mrs. Nixon, in August of 1971, turned over 372 acres of surplus Navy land, formerly known as "Border Field," to the people of California as a beach park. The area is now commonly known as "Border State Park." The park land is separated from the international boundary and the site of Monument No. 258, only by a 60-foot strip adjacent and parallel to the international boundary reserved for the United States Department of Justice.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Report of the Barlow-Blanco Commission, 1898. (Senate Document No. 247), Pages 197 and 198.
2. "1,000-Acre Park Urged at Border Monument." (San Diego Tribune - March 16, 1964)
3. "Initial Point of Boundary Began Era of Peace for U.S.-Mexico." Rita Larkin Wolin, San Diego Union, September 19, 1971.

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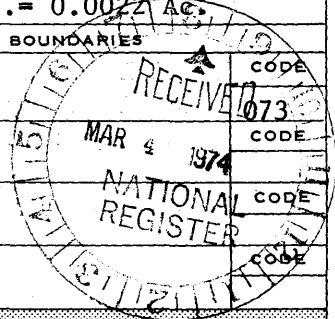
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	32	32	03.817
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	117	07	18.844
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7'x14' Plot= 98 sq.ft.= 0.0022 AC.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: CALIFORNIA	CODE: 06	COUNTY: SAN DIEGO	CODE: 073
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: MORRIS H. RANEY		DATE:
BUSINESS ADDRESS: INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY & WATER COMMISSION, U.S. SECTION		
STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1859		PHONE: 543-7364
CITY OR TOWN: El Paso	STATE: Texas	CODE: 48

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

[Signature]
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

[Signature] **Aug 26, 1974**
Federal Representative Signature Date

[Signature]
Chief, Planning and Reports
Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 6 1974

Date _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date **9/6/74**

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ITEM NO. 2 -- LOCATION.

From San Diego, south on Interstate 5 about 15 miles to Dairy Mart Road; south on Dairy Mart Road about 1 mile to Monument Road; thence west on Monument Road about 4 miles to Border State Park; through Park Gate, turn left on Park Road about 1.5 miles to its termination at Monument No. 258.

