



*Figure 19. Birdseye view of Ambos Nogales, circa 1965. This oblique view looks north from just above the main gate crossing. The boundary is traceable as an east-west diagonal that cuts across the north-south-trending street and railroad corridors. In 1964, the Mexican national government through the Programa Nacional Fronterizo (PRONAF) completely modified the main gate crossing with a dramatic double-winged gateway and surrounding new buildings thematically connected to the garita by their white color and arched roofs. Gone is the old Plaza Trece de Julio, replaced with several traffic islands and associated ornamental landscaping. On the U.S. side, a new U.S. Immigration and Port of Entry in boxy, modern architectural style is positioned immediately north of the new PRONAF gate and aligned to the border. Each structure is massive in contrast to previous gatehouses, and multiple lanes accommodate increased automobile traffic. Roads that cross under these new gates have been expanded and realigned for single-direction passage. Both Mexican and U.S. railroad depots have been removed and relocated away from the gate, although a railroad crossing gate persists. On the U.S. side the 1934 U.S. Customs and Immigration Station remains standing. To the left of this facility on a nearby city block is an open lot with docking facilities used for inspection of trucks importing Mexican produce. Trucks lined up and crossed at the main gate every winter from 1950 until 1974, when the new Mariposa gate was opened several miles west of this view.*