FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MAE M. SEELIG

Claim No.CU- 3098

Decision No.CU - 868

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Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

Counsel for claimant:

Marvin Weinstein, Esq.

Appeal and objections from a Proposed Decision entered December 20, 1967; oral hearing requested.

FINAL DECISION.

An oral hearing was scheduled on the above-entitled matter for July 22, 1969 at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of the Commission, 1111 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., with due notice given to the claimant. No request for a continuance was made and claimant indicated through counsel that she did not intend to appear at the scheduled time.

Full consideration having been given to the objections of the claimant and the record, and general notice of the Proposed Decision having been posted for 30 days, it is

ORDERED that the Proposed Decision be and the same is hereby entered as the Final Decision on this claim.

Dated at Washington, D.C., and entered as the Final Decision of the Commission

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Counsel for Claimant:

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PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of \$41,950.00, was presented by MAE M. SEELIG based upon the asserted loss of a business, household furnishings, insurance policy, bank deposit, cash and other personal property. Claimant has been a national of the United States since her birth in the United States.

Under Fitle V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 /78 Stat. 1110 (1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)/7, the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims of nationals of the United States against the Covernment of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

> losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

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Section 504 of the Act provides, as to ownership of claims, that

(a) A claim shall not be considered under section 503(a) of this title unless the property on which the claim was based was owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly by a national of the United States on the date of the loss and if considered shall be considered only to the extent the claim has been held by one or _ more nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

By Commission letter of August 8, 1967, claimant, through counsel, was advised as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish her claim under the Act.

On October 20, 1967, claimant, through counsel, was invited to submit any evidence she might have within 45 days from that date, and she was informed, that, absent such evidence it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the present record. Counsel was introber advised that if no reply was received from him within 10 days of the letter, a copy thereof would be sent to the claimant. No reply having been received from counsel within the 10 day period, a copy of October 20, 1967 letter was forward to the claimant under covering letter of November 15, 1967. Claimant was reminded that if the suggested evidence was not received within 45 days of the October 20, 1967 letter that it might be necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the present record. Claimant has not responded to the correspondence of the Commission

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and no evidence has been submitted in support of this claim.

The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof, in that she has failed to establish ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba. Accordingly, this claim is hereby denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to determine other elements of this claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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NONICH: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g) as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)

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