

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

JOSEPH A. BATEH

Claim No. CU -3306

Decision No. CU -165

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Appeal and objections from a Proposed Decision entered July 26, 1967.
Hearing on the Record requested.

Hearing on the record held on

FINAL DECISION

Under the date of July 26, 1967, the Commission entered its Proposed Decision denying this claim on the grounds that it was based upon a stock interest in a corporation qualifying as a national of the United States under Section 502(1) of the Act and that under Section 505(a) of the Act the Commission was precluded from considering such claims.

Claimant objected to the Proposed Decision of the Commission contending that he made a reasonably safe investment and wishes to recover the purchase price of the stock.

Full consideration having been given to the entire record, including claimant's objections, it is

ORDERED that the Proposed Decision be and it is hereby affirmed as the Final Decision of the Commission in this claim.

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

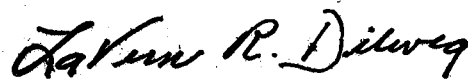
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Edward D. Re, Chairman



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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 \$1,630.00 was presented by JOSEPH A. BATEH based upon the asserted ownership and loss of a stock interest. Claimant, JOSEPH A. BATEH, has been a national of the United States since his naturalization on May 31, 1927.

Under Title 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)], 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 by nationals of the United States against the Government 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.

Claimant has based his claim on 200 shares of Francisco Sugar Company said to have been purchased on June 3, 1959.

Section 502(1) of the Act defines the term "national of the United States" as "(B) a corporation or other legal entity which is organized under the laws of the United States, or of any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, if natural persons who are citizens of the United States own, directly or indirectly, 50 per centum or more of the outstanding capital stock or other beneficial interest of such corporation or entity."

Documentation submitted to the Commission by the Francisco Sugar Company reflects that Francisco Sugar Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The Vice-President of the Francisco Sugar Company has informed the Commission that over 50 per centum of the capital stock of said corporation is owned by United States citizens, which would qualify it as a United States national within the purview of Section 502(1)(B) of the Act.

Section 505(a) of the Act provides that

A claim under section 503(a) of this title based upon an ownership interest in any corporation, association, or other entity which is a national of the United States shall not be considered.

The Commission concludes that since this claim is based on a stock interest in a corporation which qualifies as a United States national, the Commission is precluded, under Section 505(a) of the Act from considering this claim. Accordingly, it is hereby denied.

The Commission deems it unnecessary to make specific findings with respect to other elements of this claim.

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

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NOTICE: 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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