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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

JOSEPH P. RUTILY

Claim No.CU-3382

Decision No.CU

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Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, JOSEPH P. RUTILY, who owned a stock interest in the Cia.

Azucarera Vertientes-Camaguey de Cuba, asserts a claim under Title V of the

International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Ruth Anna Haskew</u> (Claim No. CU-0849 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned by the Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on August 6, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per share of \$46.3946.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the <u>Haskew</u> decision; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of 181 shares of stock in the Cia. Azucarera Vertientes-Camaguey de Cuba since prior to August 6, 1960; and that he suffered a loss in the amount of \$8,397.42 within the meaning of Title V of the Act.

Claim is also based on 26 shares of West Indies Sugar Corporation. Section 502(1)(B) of the Act defines a "national of the United States" as 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 West Indies Sugar Corporation reflects that it qualifies 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 item of 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 item of claim. (See Claim of Mary F. Sonnenberg, Claim No. CU-0014, 25 FCSC Semiann. Rep. 48 [July-Dec. 1966].) Accordingly, so much of the claim as is based on stock issued by West Indies Sugar Corporation is hereby denied.

The Commission has decided that in certifications of loss on claims determined pursuant to Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, interest should be included at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of loss to the date of settlement (see Claim of Lisle Corporation, Claim No. CU-0644), and it is so ordered in this case.

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that JOSEPH P. RUTILY suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars and Forty-two Cents (\$8,397.42) with interest at 6% per annum from August 6, 1960 to the date of settlement.

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

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NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes retention of the securities for the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

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. (FGSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)