

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

WILLIAM RECHT COMPANY, INC.

Claim No. CU-3463

Decision No. CU

636

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

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 \$90,836.66, was presented by WILLIAM RECHT COMPANY, INC. based upon the asserted loss of debts and personal property located in Cuba. Claimant has asserted that it is a national of the United States within the meaning of Section 502(1)(B) of the Act.

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 of 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.

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 Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

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 in all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

Claimant asserts the ownership of certain debts and personal property located in Cuba; however, no documentary evidence in support of this claim has been submitted. By Commission letter of July 20, 1967, claimant was advised as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act.

On September 8, 1967, claimant was invited to submit any evidence it might have within 45 days from that date, and claimant was informed that, absent such evidence, it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the present record. Although an officer of claimant corporation has since corresponded with the Commission, no evidence has been submitted in support of this claim.

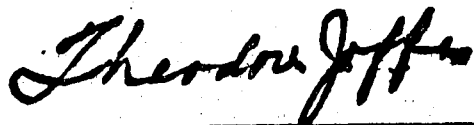
The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that it has failed to establish ownership by a national or nationals of the United States, of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba.

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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Edward D. Re, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner


LaVern R. Dilweg, Commissioner

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of the Commission which was entered as the Proposed
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Chairman of the Commission

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are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Pro-
posed 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).)