

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MARGUERITE D. PETRUSKA

Claim No. CU-5559

Decision No. CU 3859

Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

Represented by Cia. Azucarera Vertientes-Camaguey de Cuba

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PROPOSED DECISION

MARGUERITE D. PETRUSKA as Executrix of the Estate of Neil F. Hatch, deceased, who owned a stock interest in the Cia. Azucarera Vertientes-Camaguey de Cuba, asserted 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. As the record shows that MARGUERITE D. PETRUSKA became the owner of the stock in question, she is substituted as claimant herein.

In our decision entitled the Claim of Ruth Anna Haskew (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 Neil F. Hatch came within the terms of the Haskew decision; that he was an American national at all requisite times; that he was the owner of 37 shares of stock in the Cia. Azucarera Vertientes-Camaguey de Cuba from prior to August 6, 1960 until his death on December 29, 1965; that claimant, an American national since birth, inherited the shares at that time; and

that she succeeded to a loss in the amount of \$1,716.60 suffered with respect to such shares within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from August 6, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Haskew, supra.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that MARGUERITE D. PETRUSKA 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 One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$1,716.60) 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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*Leonard v. B. Sutton*

Leonard v. B. Sutton, Chairman

*Theodore Jaffe*

Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

*Sidney Freidberg*

Sidney Freidberg, Commissioner

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