

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

HELEN S. CHAMBERS

Claim No. CU -7256

Decision No. CU 5521

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Represented by Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, HELEN S. CHAMBERS, who owned a stock interest in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo, 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 Claim of Helen M. Drye (Claim No. CU-0807 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 \$34.056.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant and her husband were the joint owners of 100 shares of stock in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo since prior to August 6, 1960, and that they suffered a loss in the amount of \$3,405.60. Claimant comes within the terms of the Drye decision, and was an American

national at the requisite times. Accordingly, her interest in the loss, within the meaning of Title V of the Act, was \$1,702.80.

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).)

Claimant acquired full ownership of the claim upon the death of her husband in 1962. However, she has not submitted evidence of his United States nationality as suggested by Commission letter of January 8, 1969.

On October 14, 1969, claimant was invited to submit the suggested evidence 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 existing record. No evidence has since been submitted.

The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that she has failed to establish that the one-half interest of her deceased husband was owned by a United States national. Thus, the Commission is constrained to deny this part of claim and it is hereby denied.


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. (Drye, supra.)

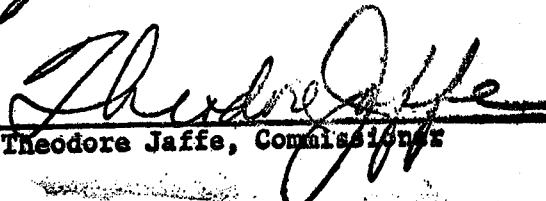
CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that HELEN S. CHAMBERS 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 Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$1,702.80) 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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Lyle S. Garlock, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, 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 or 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).)

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