

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

FIRBETH COMPANY

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU -8777

Decision No. CU 6267

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, FIRBETH COMPANY, a charitable organization, is the owner of a stock interest in Compania Minera Lehigh, S.A., and asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of the nationalization of said Cuban Company's properties.

In our decision entitled Nolan P. Benner et al., Trustees, (Claim No. CU-8773 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned by the Cuban Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on November 23, 1959, 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 \$110.76.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Benner decision; that the FIRBETH COMPANY qualifies as an American national at all requisite times; that claimant has been the owner of 477 shares of stock in Compania Minera Lehigh, S.A. since before November 23, 1959, and that it suffered a loss in the amount of \$52,832.52 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 November 23, 1959 the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof.


(See Benner, supra.)

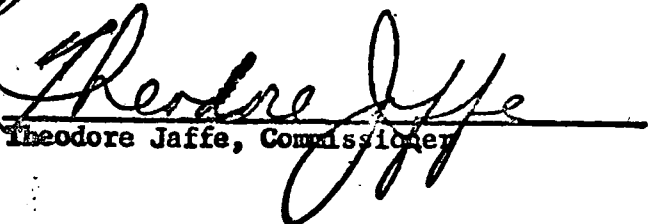
CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that FIREBETH COMPANY 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 Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$52,832.52) with interest at 6% per annum from November 23, 1959 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. 31.5(e) and (g), as amended, (1970).)

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