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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

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ROSE A. BYRNE STONE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP J. BYRNE, DECEASED

Claim No.CU-8786

Decision No.CU 6276

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

Represented by Cia. Minera Lehigh, S.A.

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, ROSE A. BYRNE STONE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP J. BYRNE, DECEASED, who died in 1940 and who owned a stock interest in Compania Minera Lehigh, S.A., asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government Cuba because of the nationalization of said Company's properties.

In our decision entitled <u>Nolan P. Benner et al., Trustees</u> (Claim No. CU-8773 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 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 <u>Benner</u> decision; that the beneficiaries of the Estate of Philip J. Byrne, Deceased, have been American nationals at the requisite times; that said beneficiaries of the Estate have been the owners of 162 shares of stock in Compania Minera Lehigh . since prior to November 23, 1959 and suffered a loss in the amount of \$17,943.12 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 mettlement thereof. (See <u>Benner</u>, <u>supra</u>.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that ROSE A. BYRNE STONE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP J. BYRNE, DECEASED, 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 Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-three Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$17,943.12) 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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Garlock, Chairman

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 <u>does not provide for the payment of claims</u> 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: Fursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this "roposed 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, (1970).)

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