

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20579

In the Matter of the Claim of	}	Claim No. ALB-251
EVELYN PARTALIS		
Against the Government of Albania		

ORDER

This claim against the Government of Albania is based upon the alleged confiscation of real and personal property located in an unspecified area of Albania.

Under section 4(a) of Title I of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 ("ICSA"), as amended, the Commission has jurisdiction to

receive, examine, adjudicate, and render final decisions with respect to claims of . . . nationals of the United States included within the terms of . . . any claims agreement on and after March 10, 1954, concluded between the Government of the United States and a foreign government (exclusive of governments against which the United States declared the existence of a state of war during World War II) . . . providing for the settlement and discharge of claims of . . . nationals of the United States against a foreign government, arising out of the nationalization or other taking of property, by the agreement of the Government of the United States to accept from that government a sum in en bloc settlement thereof.

22 U.S.C. 1623(a) (1994).

The Governments of the United States and Albania concluded an agreement for en bloc settlement of claims of United States nationals against Albania on March 10, 1995. *Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Albania on the Settlement of Certain Outstanding Claims*, March 10, 1995 (entered into force April 18, 1995) ("Settlement Agreement"). Claims covered by the Settlement Agreement are

the claims of United States nationals (including natural and juridical persons) against Albania arising from any nationalization, expropriation, intervention, or other taking of, or measures affecting, property of nationals of the United States prior to the date of this agreement[.]

Settlement Agreement, Article 1(a).

The claimant in this case averred in her Statement of Claim, which was dated December 26, 1995, that the property which is the subject of the claim was confiscated by the Albanian government in 1945, and that it was owned at that time by her father. However, the claimant also stated that she was unable to provide any evidence of ownership regarding the claimed property.

By letter dated September 4, 1996, claimant has now notified the Commission that she wishes to withdraw her claim from further consideration by the Commission, because she has learned that the property for which she is claiming remains under the ownership of the Partalis family.

The Commission accepts the claimant's request to withdraw her claim. In doing so, the Commission makes no determination on the merits of the claim.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the present claim be and it is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at Washington, DC and  
entered as the Order of the  
Commission.

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Delissa A. Ridgway, Chair

  
Richard T. White, Commissioner