

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LAZAR GEORGE
Rural Route # 4
Waterloo, Illinois

Against the Government of Bulgaria

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. BUL-1,006

Decision No. BUL-138

GPO 16-72126-1

PROPOSED DECISION

This is a claim for five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,800.00) under the provisions of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Bulgaria by LAZAR GEORGE, a citizen of the United States since June 6, 1930, the date of his naturalization.

Section 303 of the Act provides, inter alia, that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the validity and amount of claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Bulgaria for failure (1) to restore or pay compensation for property of nationals of the United States as required by Article 23 of the treaty of peace with Bulgaria; (2) to pay effective compensation for the nationalization, compulsory liquidation, or other taking, prior to August 9, 1955 of property of nationals of the United States in Bulgaria, and (3) to meet certain obligations expressed in currency of the United States.

Claimant states that pursuant to an agreement made in 1927 with his father and brother he advanced to them the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a lot in Sofia, Bulgaria,

and building a dwelling thereon. Claimant also states that in 1929 when he went to Bulgaria, he satisfied a mortgage against the property and received "a letter of release and purchase" from his brother and father. Subsequently, according to the claimant, he learned that the property was sold without his knowledge or permission and without receipt by him of the proceeds of the sale.

The Commission finds that this claim is based on a private transaction between claimant and certain relatives in Bulgaria which does not involve any of the acts or failures to act for which Bulgaria is responsible under the above-mentioned statute.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, this claim is denied.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

MAY 15 1957

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Donald G. Benn, Director
Balkan Claims Division



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FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision on this claim on May 15, 1957, a certified copy of which was duly served upon the claimant(s). Full consideration having been given to the objections of the claimant(s), filed within the twenty-day period after such service which has now expired, and general notice of the Proposed Decision having been given by posting for thirty days, it is

ORDERED that such Proposed Decision be and the same is hereby entered as the Final Decision on this claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

JUL 11 1957

Whitney Gilliland
Henry S. Clay
COMMISSIONERS

This is certified to be a true and correct copy of the original.

By _____
Administrative Officer of the Commission