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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LESLIE GORDON MAYER
Lake Forest Academy
Lake Forest, Illinois

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

apo 16-72126-1

Claim No. SOV-42,086

Decision No. SOV- 2654

## FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision on this claim on
June 12, 1958 , a copy of which was duly served upon the
claimant. No objections or request for a hearing having been filed
within twenty days after such service 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.

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## PROPOSED DECISION

This claim for \$6,655.00 under the provisions of Section 305(a)(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, by Leslie Gordon Mayer, a national of the United States since his birth on December 9, 1905, is based upon the confiscation by the Soviet Government of certain personal property in Odessa, Russia.

The Commission finds it established that in 1918, claimant's parents, Carl Jacob Mayer and Maude Barclay Mayer, nationals of the United States, owned in their apartment at No. 11 Preobrazhenskaya Street, in Odessa, Russia, home furnishings, household equipment, jewelry and clothing valued at \$6,655.00; that in the autumn of 1918, claimant and claimant's parents left Russia and their property was packed in five cases and moved to the warehouse of the International Harvester Company in Odessa; that the aforesaid property was confiscated by the Soviet Government, by virtue of a decree published on March 28, 1921, ordering the confiscation of property of absent private persons in territories freed from the enemies of the Soviet Government, which territory included Odessa; that on or before December 31, 1923, Carl Jacob Mayer received from the International Harvester Company, 100 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois, an amount of \$19,430.89 for the settlement of losses incurred by the said Carl Jacob Mayer in Soviet Russia as a result of the Bolshevik revolution; that in the amount of \$19,430.89 was included \$12,500 for the loss

of furniture and household equipment; and that claimant's father, in consideration of the amount of \$19,430.89, assigned all of his rights against the Soviet Government to the International Harvester Company.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that claimant's father was fully compensated for the losses upon which the present claim is predicated and that claimant's mother and claimant, after the death of Carl Jacob Mayer, did not acquire a valid claim against the Soviet Government.

In view of the foregoing the claim must be, and is hereby, denied.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

JUN 12 1958

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Joseph Stein, Director Soviet Claims Division

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