

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MARY A. HOUGHER

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU-0336

Decision No. CU-974

Appeal and objections from a Proposed Decision issued January 17, 1968.
No oral hearing requested; hearing on the record.

Hearing on the record held on April 24, 1968.

FINAL DECISION

Under date of January 17, 1968, the Commission issued its Proposed Decision denying this claim for failure of proof, in that claimant had failed to establish her ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba. By letter of January 26, 1968, claimant filed objections to the Proposed Decision, but has not submitted additional evidence in support of this claim.

The Commission has reviewed and examined all of the evidence of record, and finds that the record does not contain evidence of probative value which would warrant a different determination from that made in the Proposed Decision.

Full consideration having been given to the objections of claimant, and the entire record, including claimant's objections, having been reviewed, it is

ORDERED that the Proposed Decision be, and the same is, affirmed as the Final Decision of the Commission in this claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.,
and entered as the Final
Decision of the Commission

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Leonard v. B. Sutton, Chairman

Theodore Jaffe

Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the decision
of the Commission which was entered as the final
decision of the Commission.

Theodore Jaffe
Theodore Jaffe
Commissioner

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PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, filed under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of \$52,114.00, was presented by MARY A. HOUGHER and is based upon the asserted loss of certain real property and personal property located on Isle of Pines, Cuba. Claimant stated that she has been a national of the United States since her birth in the United States.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 [78 Stat. 1110 (1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)], the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

Section 504 of the Act provides, as to ownership of claims, that

(a) A claim shall not be considered under section 503(a) of this title unless the property on which the claim was based was owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly by a national of the United States on the date of the loss and if considered shall be considered only to the extent the claim has been held by one or more nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

Claimant asserts the ownership of certain real estate and personal property located at Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, Cuba, which property was allegedly taken and lost to claimant's possession on August 28, 1960. Claimant has submitted only a description of the real estate and personal property. No documentary evidence has been submitted in support of this claim. By Commission letter of July 12, 1966, claimant was advised as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act. Thereafter, by letters of October 14, 1966 and January 20, 1967, the Commission made additional suggestions to claimant concerning the submission of supporting evidence in this matter. However, no evidence in response to this correspondence has been received to date.

On October 3, 1967, claimant was invited to submit any evidence available to her within 45 days from that date, and she was informed, that, absent such evidence, it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the existing record. No evidence has since been submitted.

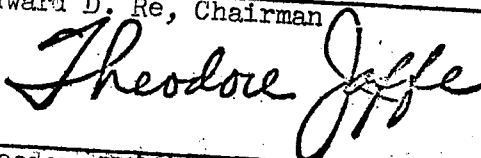
The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that she has failed to establish ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba. Accordingly, this claim is denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of the claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.,
and entered as the Proposed
Decision of the Commission

JAN 17 1968



Edward D. Re, Chairman



Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

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. 531.5(e) and (g) as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)

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