FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

NICK J. LOBIANCO

Claim No.CU-0463

Decision No.CU

2884

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was presented by NICK J. LOBIANCO and is based upon the asserted loss sustained in connection with the ownership of a participation interest in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust. Claimant has been a national of the United States since his birth in the United States.

As is fully set forth in the original decision involving the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust (See <u>Claim of Felix Heyman</u>, Claim No. CU-O412 which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference), this type of claim for loss of a stock ownership is compensable under the conditions and facts set forth in <u>Heyman</u>. There is no need to again detail herein the reasons for such a determination or the method arrived at in determining the value per units participation which comes to \$0.11971 per units. On the basis of evidence of record, in the instant case the Commission finds that this claimant is, and since prior to November 23, 1959, has been the owner of 1000 units of participation in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust and has suffered a loss in the amount of \$119.71 within the meaning of Title V of the Act, when the properties owned or controlled by the Trust were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on November 23, 1959.

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The Commission also concludes 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 settlement thereof. (See Heyman, supra).

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that NICK J. LoBIANCO 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 One Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$ 119.71) 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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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: 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).)