

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF**

LEONIE M. AIKENHEAD, EXECUTRIX,  
of the  
ESTATE OF MATHILDA R. KUNZ, DECEASED

Claim No. CU -2757

Decision No. CU-0649

**Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended**

AMENDED PROPOSED DECISION

By Proposed Decision issued November 15, 1967, the Commission denied this claim for failure of proof. Since then, claimant has submitted additional evidence and the Proposed Decision is hereby amended.

Claimant, LEONIE M. AIKENHEAD filed this claim in her representative capacity for loss of bonds issued by the Cuban Railroad Company, known as Improvement and Equipment bonds, and a bond of the Caribbean Sugar Company, owned by the aforesaid decedent; and this claim was asserted under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said companies.

In our decision entitled the Claim of Edgar F. Corliss, Claim No. CU-0785, and in the Claim of Bangor Punta Corporation, et al, Claim No. CU-2156, which we incorporate herein by reference, we held that the properties of the aforesaid railroad and sugar company were nationalized or otherwise taken on October 13, 1960, and on August 6, 1960, respectively; and that claims of these types are compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value of a \$1000 Cuban Railroad Improvement and Equipment bond as being in the amount of \$684.68, including interest to October 13, 1960, and a \$1,000 Caribbean Sugar Company bond as being \$418.00 including interest to August 6, 1960.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Corliss and Bangor Punta decisions; that the decedent was an American national at the requisite times; that she has been the owner of six Improvement and Equipment bonds issued by Cuba Railroad since prior to October 13, 1960, and one Caribbean Sugar bond since prior to August 6, 1960; and that claimant herein succeeded to and suffered a loss in the amount of \$4,108.08 and \$418.00, respectively, within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from the aforesaid dates of loss to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Corliss and Bangor Punta, supra.)


Accordingly, the following Certification of Loss will be entered and in all other respects the Proposed Decision is affirmed.

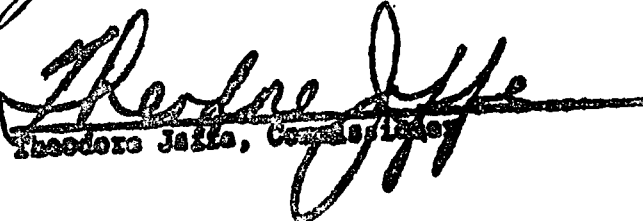
CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that LEONIE M. AIKENHEAD suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, with the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Eight Cents (\$4,526.08) with interest thereon at 6% per annum from respective dates of loss to the date of settlement.

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

**JUN 30 1971**

  
Kyle S. Garlock, Chairman

  
Theodore Jaffe, Counsel

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 does not provide for the payment of claims 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 Amended 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. 1.5(e) and (g), as amended, (1970).)

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Under the International Claims Settlement  
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Claim No. CU - 2757

Decision No. CU 649

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 \$6,917.69, was presented by LEONIE M. AIKENHEAD, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF MATHILDE R. KUNZ, DECEASED and is based upon the asserted loss of certain stated bonds of companies operating in Cuba.

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).)

Leonie M. Aikenhead states that she has been appointed the Executrix in the Estate of Mathilde R. Kunz, deceased. She states further that decedent was the owner of certain bonds in several companies operating in Cuba and that these companies were nationalized by the Government of Cuba. Other than a certificate of baptism for one of the alleged heirs, no evidence has been submitted in support of this claim.


By Commission letter of June 16, 1967, claimant was advised as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act. No response was received to this correspondence. On September 5, 1967, claimant was invited to submit any evidence available to her within forty-five (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 been submitted.

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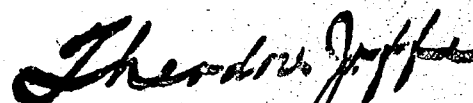
The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that she has failed to establish ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba. Thus, the Commission is constrained to deny this claim and it is hereby 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

NOV 15 1967



Edward D. Re, Chairman



Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner



LaVern R. Dilweg, Commissioner

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