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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LEONARD RLEIFROCK

Claim No.CU-2886

Decision No.CU-655

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

AMENDED PROPOSED DECISION

By Proposed Decision dated November 15, 1967, the Commission denied this claim for failure to sustain the burden of proof. The decision was entered as final on April 18, 1968. Additional evidence having been received and examined it is ordered that the Final Decision be and it is hereby set aside and the Proposed Decision is herewith amended.

Claimant, who owned a common stock interest in the Havana Lithographing Company, esserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cube Decause of its mationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Central West Cornary</u> (Claim No. CU-3440 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned by the Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on October 13, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not sgain detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per cornan stock share of 52.51.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the <u>Central West</u> decision and that he was an American national at the requisite times. 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.

On the basis of evidence of record, the Commission finds that claimant acquired 300 shares by purchase on December 13, 1966 for a consideration of \$3.45.

Under the provisions of Section 504(a) of the Act, a claimant is required to establish that the claim for any loss has been continuously owned by a national or nationals of the United States from the date of loss to the date of filing with the Commission. The loss occurred on October 13, 1960. In similar cases, claimants have been unable to obtain information or evidence to establish the nationality of the owner of the securities on the date of loss, and to establish continuous United States ownership of the securities until the date on which claimant acquired them.

Evidence of record before the Commission discloses that securities of the type subject of this claim were almost entirely owned and traded by persons or firms having addresses in the United States. The Commission has considered whether an inference may be justified that the claimed securities were continuously owned by a national or nationals of the United States from the date of loss to the date on which purchased by the claiment, and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, has concluded that the securities were continuously so owned. (See <u>Claim of Samuel</u> J. Wikler, et al., Claim No. CU-2571, 1963 FCSC Ann. Rep. 47.)

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Section 507 of the Act provides, as to assignment of claims, that

(5) The amount determined to be due on any claim of an assignce who acquires the same by purchase shall not exceed (or, in the case of any such acquisition subsequent to the date of the determination, shall not be deemed to have exceeded) the amount of the actual consideration paid by such assignce, or in case of successive assignments of a claim by any assignee.

The Cormission finds that claimant, as an assignee by purchase, acquired the claim for the loss sustained by the assignor of the claimed securities, but under the limitations provided in Section 507 of the Act (subra), is limited to \$3.45, the actual consideration paid for these shares.

The Counission has decided that in certification of losses on claims determined pursuant to Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, interest should be included at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of loss to the date of settlement (see <u>Claim of Lisle</u> <u>Corporation</u>, Claim No. CU-C644).

The Gormission concludes, however, that the amount of loss sustained by claimant herein shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from December 13, 1966, the date on which claimant acquired this claim, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof.

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

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CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

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The Commission certifies that LEONARD KLEINROCK 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 Three Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$ 3.45) with interest at 67 per annum from Torian to the

(\$ 3.45) with interest at 6% per annum from December 13, 1966 to the date of settlement.

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

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Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

Sidney Freidberg, Commissioner

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

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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 an unspecified amount, was presented by LEONARD KLEINROCK, and is based upon the asserted loss of stock interests. Claimant stated that he has been a national of the United States since his birth.

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.

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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).)

Other than his own statements as set forth in the claim form filed May 1, 1967, no evidence has been submitted in support of this claim. By Commission letter of July 18, 1967, claimant was advised as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act. However, no response was received to the Commission's letter.

Subsequently, by Commission letter of September 7, 1967, claimant was invited to submit any evidence available to him within 45 days from that date, and he was informed that, absent such evidence, it might become necessary to determine this claim on the basis of the existing record. No evidence has since been submitted.

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The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that he has failed to establish ownership of rights and interest 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

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