

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

JAMES W. BACKUES GONZALEZ

Claim No. CU 3975

Order No. CU- 237

Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This claim, for an unstated amount, against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was opened by the Commission, on behalf of JAMES W. BACKUES GONZALEZ based upon certain losses which may have been sustained as a result of actions by the Government of Cuba since January 1, 1959.

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.

This claim was opened on the basis of information received by the Commission that claimant had been unable to return to the United States. The Commission, however, has been informed that said claimant returned to the United States in September, 1968, and was given information concerning the filing of claims for any property which might have been taken by the Government of Cuba.

The claimant has not contacted the Commission. Accordingly, since no claim has been asserted for interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba, it is

ORDERED that this claim be and it is hereby dismissed.

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

JAN 8 1969

By Order of the Commission



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Francis T. Masterson  
Clerk