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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MARIA BUSTAMANTE BARTOLOME

Claim No.CU - 3977

Order No. CU-97

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This claim 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 MARIA BUSTAMANTE BARTOLOME, based upon certain losses which may have been sustained as a result of the actions of 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 filed by the Commission on behalf of MARIA BUSTAMANTE BARTOLOME on the basis of information received by the Commission to the effect that claimant was a resident of Cuba and had been unable to return to the United States. After being informed that claimant had returned to the United States on December 6, 1967, the Commission, by letter of January 18, 1968, made suggestions to claimant regarding the type of evidence proper for submission in order to establish a claim under the provisions of the Act. When no reply to the letter of the Commission was received, the claimant was advised, by Commission letter of March 4, 1968, that unless the suggested evidence was received within forty-five days, the claim may be determined on the basis of the record existing at that time.

Claimant was again advised by Commission letter of April 29, 1968, that no supporting evidence had been received and it was suggested that claimant inform the Commission whether she intended to submit information or evidence in development of the claim. However, claimant has submitted no supporting material or corresponded with the Commission regarding this claim.

Accordingly, since claimant has neither asserted nor proven her ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba, as contemplated by Title V of the Act, it is

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ORDERED that this claim be, and it is hereby dismissed.

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

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By Order of the Commission

Francis T. Masterson

Clerk

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