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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

RAFAELA CASTILLO VAZQUEZ

Claim No.CU-4689

Order No. CU-22

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 RAFAEIA CASTILLO VAZQUEZ, for an unstated amount, 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 filed on June 30, 1967, by the Commission on behalf of RAFAELA CASTILLO VAZQUEZ on the basis of information received by the Commission that claimant had been unable to return to the United States. By letter of September 28, 1967, the Commission directed an inquiry to the associates and relatives of the claimant, requesting information as to the nature of any property interests claimant might have had in Cuba. In a letter dated October 10, 1967, the claimant's sister-in-law, Angelina Del Castillo, responded to the Commission's inquiry, advising the Commission that the claimant was presently living in the United States, and that she " . . . had no propertytinterests in Cuba."

Accordingly, since the 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, it is

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