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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LOUIS S. HOODWIN

Claim No.CU - 7497

Decision No.CU 5284

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

Represented by Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, LOUIS S. HOODWIN, who owned a stock interest in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo, asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Evernment of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Helen M. Drye</u> (Claim No. CU-0807 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 August 6, 1960, and that this type of claim is 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 per share of \$34.056.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant and his predecessors in interest come within the terms of the <u>Drye</u> decision; that they were American nationals at the requisite times; that they were the owners of 400 shares of stock in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo since prior to August 6, 1960; and that nis father suffered a loss in the amount of \$13,622.40 within the meaning of Title V of the Act to which his widow succeeded, who in turn gave the claim to her son, claimant herein. Further, the Commission finds that the mount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of % per annum from August 6, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which proviions are made for the settlement thereof. (See <u>Drye</u>, <u>supra</u>.)

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CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that LOUIS S. HOODWIN succeeded to and suffered a oss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of 'itle V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the mount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$13,622.40) with interest at 6% per annum from August 6, 1960 to the date of :ettlement.

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

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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 rnment of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the ission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the ute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for ent of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its ings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations the Government of Cuba.

CE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this osed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt otice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)

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