

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

SIMON H. SCHEUER
and
WALTER SCHEUER

Claim No. CU-7880

Decision No. CU 5888

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Represented by Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimants, SIMON H. SCHEUER and WALTER SCHEUER, who owned a stock interest in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo, assert a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the Claim of Helen M. Dye (Claim No. CU-0307 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 these claimants come within the terms of the Dye decision and that they were American nationals 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 claimants acquired stock of Atlantica del Golfo by purchase on various dates for consideration as shown below:

	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Date of Purchase</u>	<u>Consideration Paid</u>
<u>SIMON H. SCHEUER</u>	2,500	June 5, 1962	\$2,137.50
	200	February 19, 1963	145.00
	2,500	February 17, 1966	<u>806.25</u>
			\$3,138.75
<u>SIMON H. SCHEUER</u> and <u>WALTER SCHEUER</u>	300	January 8, 1963	\$ 238.50
	200	January 18, 1963	185.50
	2,900	January 21, 1963	2,305.50
	600	January 25, 1963	<u>477.00</u>
			\$3,206.50

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 August 6, 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 claimant, and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, has concluded that the securities were continuously so owned. (See Claim of Samuel J. Wikler, et al., Claim No. CU-2571, 1968 ECSC Ann. Rep. 47.)

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

(b) The amount determined to be due on any claim of an assignee 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 assignee, or in case of successive assignments of a claim by any assignee.

The Commission finds that claimants, as assignees by purchase, acquired the claim for the losses sustained by the assignors of the claimed securities, but under the limitations provided in Section 507 of the Act (supra), are limited to the actual consideration paid for these shares, \$3,138.75 for SIMON H. SCHEUER; and \$3,206.50 for SIMON H. SCHEUER and WALTER SCHEUER.

The Commission has decided that in certifications of loss 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 Claim of Lisle Corporation, Claim No. CU-0644.)

The Commission concludes, however, that the amount of loss sustained by claimants herein shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from the dates on which claimants acquired this claim, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof, as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>ON</u>
SIMON H. SCHEUER	June 5, 1962	\$2,187.50
	February 19, 1963	145.00
	February 17, 1966	806.25
		<u>\$3,138.75</u>
SIMON H. SCHEUER and WALTER SCHEUER	January 8, 1963	\$ 238.50
	January 18, 1963	185.50
	January 21, 1963	2,305.50
	January 25, 1963	477.00
		<u>\$3,206.50</u>


CERTIFICATIONS OF LOSS

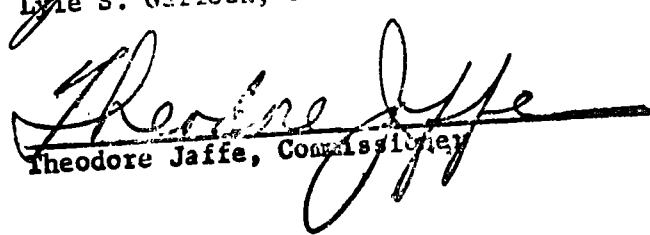
The Commission certifies that SIMON H. SCHEUER suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$3,138.75) with interest at 6% per annum from the aforesaid dates to the date of settlement; and

The Commission certifies that SIMON H. SCHEUER and WALLER SCHEUER 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 Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3,206.50) with interest at 6% per annum from the aforesaid dates to the date of settlement.

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

JAN 20 1971


Lyle S. Garlock, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, 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 claimants establish retention of the securities or the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims 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 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).)