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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

WILLIAM BARTELT

Claim No.CU-8477

Decision No.CU -6305

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

## FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision in this matter on August 4, 1971, denying the claim for failure of evidence and a copy of the Proposed Decision was mailed to claimant on August 4, 1971, and August 18, 1971. In each case the decision was returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. The Commission has attempted to obtain claimant's present address without success.

General notice of the Proposed Decision having been given by posting for 30 days and no objections having been filed, the Proposed Decision is hereby affirmed.

Copy of this Final Decision will be mailed to claimant at his last known address and such mailing shall constitute service thereof in accordance with Section 501 of the Commission's Regulations.

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

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## PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, filed under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was presented by WILLIAM BARTELT and is based upon the loss of an interest in the Guantanamo Sugar Company. Claimant stated that he has been a national of the United States since birth.

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.

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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.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (1970).)

The record includes a photocopy of a stock certificate for 100 shares of Guantanamo Sugar Company issued to him on September 30, 1959. He has asserted that he was born in the United States but has not submitted evidence thereof, although suggestions that he do so were made to claimant on several occasions.

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The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that he has failed to establish his United States nationality as required by the Act. Thus, the Commission is constrained to deny this claim and it is hereby denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of the claim.

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

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Chairman Garlock.

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 (1970).)

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