

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LENA PARELLA

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU -8670

Decision No. CU 6680

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim was submitted by LENA PARELLA under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, for the loss based on the ownership of shares of stock of the Guantanamo Sugar Company.

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 owned 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.

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).)

Claimant has failed to submit evidence to show that she is a national of the United States. She stated that she became an American citizen through her stepfather in 1911, but no documentation was submitted in support of this statement, even though claimant was advised what evidence may be presented.

Section 504 of the Act provides, 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.

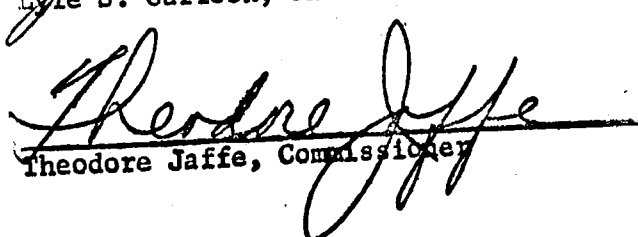
The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that she has failed to establish her United States nationality for the period of time from the date she acquired the stock to the date of filing.

Accordingly, the claim must be and it is hereby denied.

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

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Lyle S. Garlock, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

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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