

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

HELEN LEGIS

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU-8815

Decision No. CU-6829

FINAL DECISION

Claimant, HELEN LEGIS, who owned a participation interest in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust, asserts 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 Trust.

The Commission's Regulations provide that claims under Title V of the Act (Cuban claim) shall be filed with the Commission on or before May 1, 1967 (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. Sec. 531.1(d)(1969); and further that any initial written indication of an intention to file a claim received within 30 days prior to the expiration of the filing period thereof shall be considered as a timely filing of a claim if formalized within 30 days after the expiration of the filing period (Reg., Sec. 531.1(g)).

No claim was filed with this Commission by or on behalf of claimant within the allowable period for timely filing of such claims, nor does the Commission have any record of any communication, within such period, concerning her asserted loss. The Commission has held, however, that it will accept for consideration on their merits claims filed after the deadline (see Claim of John Korenda, Claim No. CU-8255) so long as the consideration thereof does not impede determination of those claims timely filed, or claims for losses which arose prior to the close of the filing period. This is such a claim.

In our decision entitled the Claim of Felix Heyman (Claim No. CU-0412 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned or controlled by the Trust were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on November 23, 1959, 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 unit of \$0.11971.

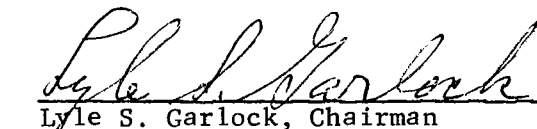
On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Heyman decision; that she was an American national at the requisite times; that she has been the owner of 100 units of participation in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust since prior to November 23, 1959; and that she suffered a loss in the amount of \$11.97 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from November 23, 1959, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Heyman, supra.)

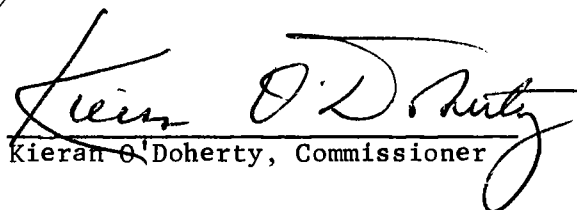
CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that HELEN LEGIS 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 Eleven Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$11.97) with interest at 6% per annum from November 23, 1959 to the date of settlement.

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

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Lyle S. Garlock, Chairman


Kieran O'Doherty, 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 claimant establishes 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.