

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF**

JOSEPH ABRAMS

**Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended**

**Claim No. CU - 8816**

**Decision No. CU - 6840**

FINAL DECISION

Claimant, JOSEPH ABRAMS, 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 claims) shall be filed with the Commission on or before May 1, 1967, (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. See 531.1(d) (Supp. 1967)); 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 this claimant within the allowable period for timely filing of such claims, nor does the Commission have any record of any communication concerning his asserted loss.

The Commission has held, however, that it will accept for consideration on their merits claims filed after the deadline so long as the consideration thereof does not impede the determination of those claims which were timely filed. (See Claim of John Korenda, Claim No. CU-8255.) 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.

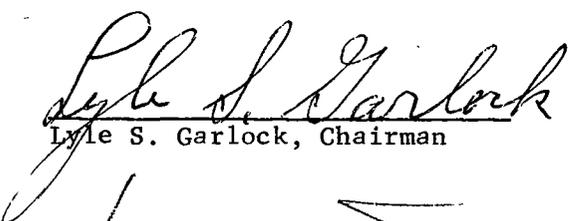
On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Heyman decision; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of 1200 units of participation in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust since prior to November 23, 1959; and that he suffered a loss in the amount of \$143.65 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.)

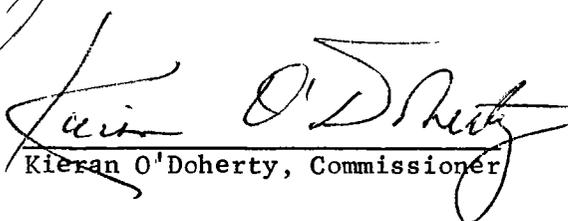
CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that JOSEPH ABRAMS 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 One Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$143.65) 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

**JUN 30 1972**

  
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.