

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20579

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In the Matter of the Claim of	}	
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DHOSI ÇEKU	}	Claim No. ALB-327
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	}	
Against the Government of Albania	}	

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ORDER

This claim against the Government of Albania is based upon the alleged confiscation of real and personal property located in Dardhe.

Under section 4(a) of Title I of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 ("ICSA"), as amended, the Commission has jurisdiction to

receive, examine, adjudicate, and render final decisions with respect to claims of . . . nationals of the United States included within the terms of . . . any claims agreement on and after March 10, 1954, concluded between the Government of the United States and a foreign government (exclusive of governments against which the United States declared the existence of a state of war during World War II) . . . providing for the settlement and discharge of claims of . . . nationals of the United States against a foreign government, arising out of the nationalization or other taking of property, by the agreement of the Government of the United States to accept from that government a sum in en bloc settlement thereof.

22 U.S.C. 1623(a) (2002).

The Governments of the United States and Albania concluded an agreement for en bloc settlement of claims of United States nationals against Albania on March 10, 1995. *Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Albania on the Settlement of Certain Outstanding Claims*, March 10, 1995 (entered into force April 18, 1995) ("Settlement Agreement"). Claims covered by the Settlement Agreement are

the claims of United States nationals (including natural and juridical persons) against Albania arising from any nationalization, expropriation, intervention, or other taking of, or measures affecting, property of nationals of the United States prior to the date of this agreement[.]

Settlement Agreement, Article 1(a).

The claimant in this case has stated that the property which is the subject of the claim was confiscated by the Albanian government between 1944 and 1972. According to the claimant, the property was owned at those times by his father, Ponzi D. Cheque, a citizen of the United States since June 27, 1927, who died in Detroit, Michigan, in 1988.

By letter dated February 28, 2005, however, the claimant notified the Commission that he had decided not to pursue his claim, and wished to withdraw the claim from further consideration. The Commission has considered the

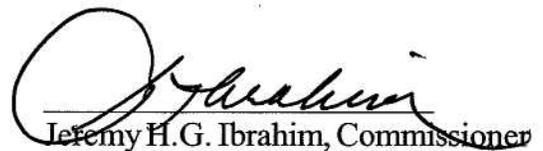
claimant's request, and has determined that it should be granted. In making this determination, the Commission makes no findings or conclusions as to the merits of the claim.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the present claim be and it is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at Washington, DC and entered as the Order of the Commission.

**APR 07 2005**

  
Mauricio J. Tamargo, Chairman

  
Jeremy H.G. Ibrahim, Commissioner