

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MARY RANCHAN  
304 Euclid Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio

Claim No. BUL-1,156

Decision No. BUL-274

Against the Government of Bulgaria  
Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

GPO 16-72126-1

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FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision on this claim on November 17, 1958, a copy of which was duly served upon the claimant.

Full consideration having been given to the objections of claimant and to the arguments presented at the hearing held on January 29, 1959, it is

ORDERED that the findings set forth in the Proposed Decision be restated as follows:

The Commission finds that the claimant became a national of the United States by naturalization in the United States on June 14, 1950.

The claimant has been unable to submit evidence which fully substantiates her allegations as to the extent of her loss with respect to the property on which her claim is founded. Nevertheless, the Commission, not being bound by the usual rules of evidence, is persuaded that she owned some property in Bulgaria which was taken within the meaning of Section 303(2) of the Act, and that

she has not received any compensation therefor from the Government of Bulgaria. Denial of the claim for lack of corroboration under such circumstances would not, in the opinion of the Commission, be an act of justice. On the other hand, the absence of reliable evidence precludes an award of the full amount claimed.

The Commission finds that the value of claimant's property thus taken was Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and concludes that claimant is entitled to an award under Section 303(2) of the Act.

A W A R D

Pursuant to the provisions of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, an award is hereby made to MARY RANCHAN in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from September 9, 1950 to August 9, 1955, the effective date of the Act, in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$147.50).

Payment of any part of this award shall not be construed to have divested the claimant herein, or the Government of the United States on her behalf, of any rights against the Government of Bulgaria for the unpaid balance of the claim, if any.

Accordingly, general notice of the Proposed Decision having been given by posting for thirty days, it is

ORDERED that the award granted herein be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

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PROPOSED DECISION

This is a claim against the Government of Bulgaria under Section 303(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, by MARY RANCHAN, for the nationalization or other taking without compensation of real property located in the City of Varna, Bulgaria.

Section 303(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, for the receipt and determination by the Commission in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, of the validity and amounts of claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Bulgaria, arising out of the failure of such government to pay effective compensation for the nationalization, compulsory liquidation, or other taking prior to August 9, 1955, of the property of nationals of the United States in Bulgaria.

The Commission finds that it has not been established that the property in question was nationalized or otherwise taken

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without compensation prior to August 9, 1955. Accordingly, the claim is denied. The Commission finds it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of the claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

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