

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

OPPENHEIMER CASING COMPANY  
1016-26 West 36th Street  
Chicago 9, Illinois

Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. SOV- 42,301

Decision No. SOV-2400

FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision on this claim on January 29, 1958 , a certified copy of which was duly served upon the claimant. No objections or request for a hearing having been filed within twenty days after such service and general notice of the Proposed Decision having been given by posting for thirty days, it is

ORDERED that such Proposed Decision be and the same is hereby entered as the Final Decision on this claim, and it is further

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

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OPC 16-72120-1

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim for \$5,628 against the Soviet Government under Section 305(a)(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, is based upon a loss allegedly sustained by the claimant as the owner of a deposit made with the Russian Finance Minister in Petrograd, and taken by that Government.

The Commission finds that the claimant, a national of the United States as defined in Section 301(2)(B) of the aforesaid Act, deposited the sum of \$5,628 with the National City Bank of New York on October 18, 1917 to the credit of the Russian Ministry of Finance in Petrograd; that such deposit was made in compliance with an agreement between the Russian Government and the United States Government, dated September 23, 1915, relating to the payment for merchandise purchased in Russia; and that the Russian Ministry of Finance was to deposit an equivalent number of rubles in the Azoff-Don Commercial Bank in Petrograd to the credit of the claimant, but such deposit was not made because the Ministry was closed as a result of the Bolshevik Revolution. The claimant has furnished evidence which shows that the said Ministry was closed prior to December 21, 1917, therefore, the Commission shall assume that such closing occurred on December 20, 1917.

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Accordingly, the Commission finds that the aforementioned actions constituted a confiscation by the Soviet Government of claimant's deposit made with the Ministry of Finance and gave rise to a claim against the Soviet Government.

A W A R D

On the above evidence and grounds, this claim is allowed and an award is hereby made to the OPPENHEIMER CASING COMPANY, claimant herein, in the amount of Five thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$5,628), plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum from December 20, 1917, to November 16, 1933, in the amount of Five thousand three hundred seventy dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$5,370.97). No determination is made with respect to interest from any period subsequent to November 16, 1933.

Payment of the award herein shall not be construed to have divested claimant herein or the Government of the United States in behalf of the claimant, of any rights against the Government of the Soviet Union, for any unpaid balance of the claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

JAN 29 1958

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
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Joseph Stein  
Director, Soviet Claims Division