

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

EDWARD PEARSON
DOROTHY PEARSON

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU -0776

Decision No. CU 825

Counsel for Claimant:

Kapner & Kapner

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of \$111,291.26, was presented by EDWARD PEARSON AND DOROTHY PEARSON based upon the asserted loss of improved real property, personal property, and stock interests in the Minamax Stores of Cuba. No evidence of claimants' nationality has been submitted.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 [78 Stat. 1110 (1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)]⁷, the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

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Section 504 of the Act provides, as to ownership of claims, that

(a) A claim shall not be considered under section 503(a) of this title unless the property on which the claim was based was owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly by a national of the United States on the date of the loss and if considered shall be considered only to the extent the claim has been held by one or more nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

Claimants assert the ownership of certain stock interests in the Minamax Stores of Cuba; improved real property and personal property; however, claimants have submitted no documentary evidence in support of this claim. By Commission letters of August 3, 1966 and October 20, 1967, claimants were advised, through counsel, as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act.

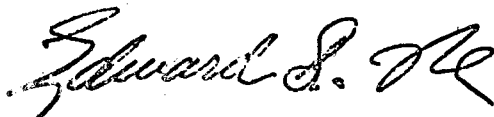
On June 14, 1967, counsel were invited to submit any evidence they might have within 45 days from that date, and they were informed that, absent such evidence it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the present record. On August 1, 1967, this time was extended an additional 45 days at counsel's request; however, no evidence has since been submitted.

The Commission finds that claimants have not met the burden of proof, in that they have failed to establish ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the

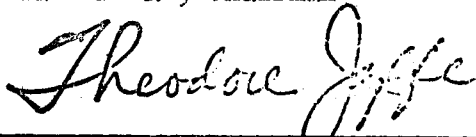
Government of Cuba. Accordingly, this claim is hereby denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to determine other elements of this claim.

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

10 JAN 1968

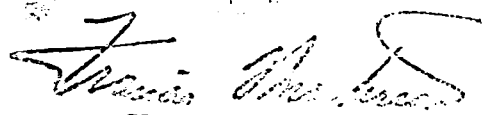


Edward D. Re, Chairman



Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

This is a true and correct copy of the decision
of the Commission which was entered as the final
decision on FEB 12 1968



Clerk of the Commission

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (ECS Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g) as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-19 (1967).)

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