

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

JOSE E. ALONSO

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU-2977

Decision No. **CU 101**

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was presented by JOSE E. ALONSO for \$83,500.00, based upon asserted losses of real and personal property resulting from actions of the Government of Cuba. Claimant, JOSE E. ALONSO, states that he has been a national of the United States since his naturalization on September 7, 1966.

Under Section 503 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, (64 Stat. 12; 69 Stat. 562; 72 Stat. 527; 78 Stat. 1110; 79 Stat. 988) the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. That section provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

(a) . . . 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, . . .

Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

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.

Section 502(1) of the Act defines the term "national of the United States" to mean "(A) a natural person who is a citizen of the United States, . . . The term does not include aliens."

Thus, in order for the Commission to favorably consider claims under Section 503(a) of Title V of the Act, it must be established (1) that the subject property was owned in whole or in part by a national of the United States on the date of nationalization or other taking; and (2) that the claim arising as a result of such nationalization or other taking has been continuously owned thereafter in whole or in part by a national or nationals of the United States to the date of filing with the Commission.

In his claim form, filed on May 1, 1967, claimant states that in 1961 and 1964 the Government of Cuba seized two furnished homes, clothing and equipment situated therein, and a 17 foot outboard motor boat. No supporting evidence has been submitted since the filing of the claim. Claimant further states that he did not acquire United States nationality until September 7, 1966.

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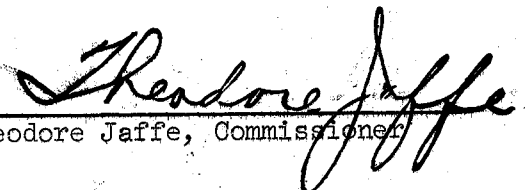
On the basis of the existing record, the Commission finds that claimant has failed to establish that the property which is the subject matter of this claim was owned by a national of the United States on the date of loss, a requirement of Section 504(a) of the Act.

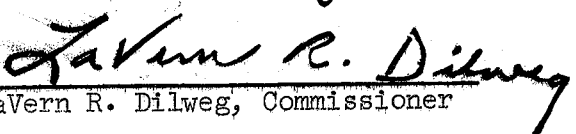
Accordingly, for the reason stated above, the Commission concludes that this claim is not one within the purview of Title V of the Act, supra, and it is denied.

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

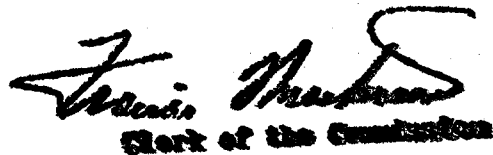
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Edward D. Re, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner


LaVern R. Dilweg, Commissioner

This is a true and correct copy of the decision
of the Commission which was entered as the Final
decision on June 28 1967


Francis M. ...
Clerk of the Commission

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