

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

WILLIAM C. KNOX

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU-4891

Decision No. CU - 3420

PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, WILLIAM C. KNOX, who owned securities issued by the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba and the Cuba Railroad asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Railroads.

In our decisions entitled the Claim of Edward R. Smith (Claim No. CU-5001), Claim of Meyer Lobsenz (Claim No. CU-1005) and Claim of Irwin Nack et al (Claim No. CU-1960) which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties of the Railroads were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on October 13, 1960, and that these types of claims are compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value of a \$5,000.00 3% Income Debenture of the Consolidated Railroads as \$5,945.41, including interest to October 13, 1960; the value of Accrual Certificates of said Railroad as the face value thereof; and value per share of preferred stock of Cuba Railroad as \$100 per share.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Smith, Lobsenz, and Nack decisions; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of six 3% Income Debentures in the total face amount of \$30,000.00; of Accrual Certificates in the face amount of \$8,700; and of 200 preferred shares of Cuba Railroad; all since prior to October 13, 1960; and that he suffered a loss in the amount of \$64,372.46 within the meaning of Title V of the Act.

Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from October 13, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Smith, supra.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that WILLIAM C. KNOX suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$64,372.46) with interest at 6% per annum from October 13, 1960 to the date of settlement.

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

JAN 8 1969*

Leonard v. B. Sutton

Leonard v. B. Sutton, Chairman

Theodore Jaffe

Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

Sidney Feidberg

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NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes retention of the securities for the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

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. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)