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CHAPTER 499

AN ACT

July 2, 1956
[S. 2016]

To confer jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Lawrence F. Kramer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Lawrence F. Kramer, of 354 East Forty-second Street, Paterson, New Jersey, in the manner hereinafter provided by this Act.

Lawrence F.
Kramer.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act, the said Lawrence F. Kramer (hereinafter referred to as "the claimant") shall establish to the satisfaction of the Court of Claims the following: (1) That the claimant furnished the United States with information in 1935 regarding a fraudulent conspiracy, collusive bidding, and bribery in connection with certain sand and stone supply contracts, awarded or to have been awarded by the Works Progress Administration, in New Jersey; and (2) that the claimant collaborated with and assisted United States investigators and furnished them with leads which made more possible the Government's success in criminal prosecution numbered 8516b, United States District Court, District of New Jersey (1938), and civil action numbered 1956 which was filed on January 5, 1942, United States District Court, District of New Jersey, and in which the United States entered an appearance on March 11, 1944, and which was settled by way of compromise to the pecuniary benefit of the United States on March 4, 1952.

SEC. 3. The Court of Claims shall accept as a basis for determining the services referred to in section 2 hereof the following: (1) all papers (or duly authenticated copies thereof), including transcripts of court proceedings, depositions, records, pleadings, orders, and exhibits filed in the criminal and civil causes referred to in section 2 hereof; and (2) the findings of fact and conclusions of law and opinion of the court in United States ex rel. Bayarsky against Brooks, et al. (110 F. Supp. 175).

SEC. 4. Upon determination by the Court of Claims that the claimant has complied with section 2 hereof, the claimant shall be deemed to have instituted a qui tam action and to be legally and equitably entitled to a judgment as hereinafter provided under the appropriate provisions of the False Claims Act which were in force at the time claimant's cause of action thereunder arose, namely, sections 3490 to 3494, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C., 1940 edition, secs. 231-235). In computing the amount of such judgment, the provisions of section 3493 of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C., 1940 edition, sec. 234), entitling the claimant to one-half of the costs and the recovery which was obtained by the Government in civil action numbered 1956, United States District Court, District of New Jersey, shall not apply but, instead, the claimant shall be entitled to recover only 30 per centum of the amount recovered in the said civil action numbered 1956, exclusive of the usual costs and expenses, by the United States on March 4, 1952.

SEC. 5. Suit under this Act shall be instituted within six months after enactment hereof, and the judgment by the Court of Claims shall be final, and shall not be subject to review. Payment of such judgment shall be in the same manner as in the case of claims over which such court has jurisdiction as provided by law, and shall constitute full and complete settlement of all claims or demands of any nature whatsoever arising out of the litigation referred to in this Act.

Approved July 2, 1956.