Warrant Officer James M. Cook, he has been deprived of over thirty-six days of annual leave to which he was otherwise entitled.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Chief Warrant Officer James M. Cook an amount equal to all amounts paid by him to the United States, or withheld from his pay by the United States, prior to the date of enactment of this Act, to the extent that such amounts have reduced below $752.27 his indebtedness to the United States arising out of the erroneous payment to him on May 20, 1955, of $1,495.73 for accrued leave and mustering-out payment.

SEC. 3. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, full credit shall be given for the amount for which liability is relieved by this Act.

SEC. 4. No part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved September 21, 1961.