Mr. RE. That was the agreement entered into.

Mr. TAFT. Was this to cover expropriated property after the war, or was it to cover war damage?

Mr. RE. Well, the answer to your question would have to be "both." How it was entered into is a matter of negotiation.

Mr. TAFT. It wasn't specified that this was for before or after?

Mr. RE. I don't believe so.

Mr. TAFT. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Mrs. KELLY. Let me ask a question. The money that has been paid out before the recent agreements was money from assets which we seized or took. Is that correct?

Mr. RE. That is correct.

Mrs. KELLY. Then under the agreement, additional funds were added to that, and that is why you have the different dates; right?

Mr. RE. That is exactly correct.

Mrs. KELLY. On the claims previously adjudicated, was not up to $1,000 paid to small claimants? That is what I tried to establish before.

Mr. RE. Yes; they were.

Mrs. KELLY. Thank you.

Mr. Culver.

Mr. CULVER. No questions at this time.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Derwinski.

Mr. DERWINSKI. I have further reviewed our testimony last year, and I note we had a long series of questions with Mr. McGuire, and I want to pursue that.

Mr. McGuire, one of your basic arguments in opposing opening up the Polish claims is that there aren't enough funds to handle present claims, whereas you do cite in your figures for us that you contemplate that in the Italian claims program there may be surplus funds. I should point out for Mr. McGuire's benefit that we made quite clear a year ago that he wasn't responsible for negotiating the dollars coming from these countries, so he can't be responsible that we were in effect swindled by the Polish Government, and therefore we can't be as fair to Polish claimants.

That would seem to be the case a year ago. Is that still the case?

Mr. MCGUIRE. That is still the case, Mr. Derwinski. The Commission adjudicated the Polish claims and issued awards in excess of $100 million to be prorated against the $40 million fund.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Then there is also a $50 million interest factor if my records are correct.

Mr. RE. You are correct; $51 million.

Mr. DERWINSKI. The $40 million being a frozen figure?

Mr. RE. Yes; to be paid over a 20-year period.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Maybe we ought to see if Mr. Gronouski could use his influence and open up the payments for negotiation, but I realize that isn't your jurisdiction.

But it would seem to me, then, that there is an inconsistency here. In other words, I recognize the financial facts of life, but there seems to be an inconsistency in attempting to adjust claims to the cooperation through various countries.

I don't think that is fair to the individual claimant, is it?

Mr. MCGUIRE. I think, as Dr. Re indicated earlier in his testimony, he is looking at the Italian claims fund as money that has been ob-