

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION  
ON HOLOCAUST ERA INSURANCE CLAIMS

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commissioners, Alternates, and Observers

**FROM:** Lawrence S. Eagleburger

**DATE:** August 26, 2004

**RE:** California Lawsuit

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This is to inform you that California Superior Court Judge William F. Highberger dismissed the cases filed by Mr. Shernoff on behalf of Messrs. Steinberg, Brauns, and Rakover.

The judge dismissed the case based on both grounds argued by ICHEIC: 1) that ICHEIC was not subject to the jurisdiction of a California court for the claims asserted by the plaintiffs and; 2) that the claims presented by the plaintiffs involve political questions which touched on US foreign policy issues and are thus reserved to the executive branch of the government.