

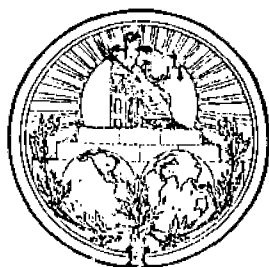
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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INTERHANDEL CASE

(SWITZERLAND *v.* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

JUDGMENT OF 21 MARCH 1959



2. PRELIMINARY OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA¹

The Government of the United States of America, through its Co-Agents Loftus Becker and Dallas S. Townsend, herewith files a preliminary objection under Article 62 of the Rules of the Court, to the proceedings instituted by the Government of Switzerland in the Interhandel case by its application of October 1, 1957, in so far as that application relates to the sale or other disposition of the shares of General Aniline and Film Corporation now held by the United States Government. The United States Government has determined that such sale or disposition of the shares in the American corporation, title to which is held by the United States Government in the exercise of its sovereign authority, is a matter essentially within its domestic jurisdiction. Accordingly, pursuant to paragraph (b) of the conditions attached to this country's acceptance of the Court's compulsory jurisdiction, dated August 14, 1946, this country respectfully declines, without prejudice to other and further preliminary objections which it may file, to submit the matter of the sale or disposition of such shares to the jurisdiction of the Court.

(Signed) Loftus BECKER,
Agent.

(Signed) Dallas S. TOWNSEND,
Co-Agent.

October 11, 1957.

¹ See Part IV, *Correspondence*, No. 18.