

Commodity Futures Trading Commission
CEA CASES

NAME: MURLAS BROTHERS COMMODITIES, INC. MURLAS BROTHERS COMPANY, GEORGE J. MURLAS, NICHOLAS J. MURLAS, AND HENRY C. GATLIN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Exchange Authority

Washington 25, D. C.

ISSUANCE OF COMPLAINT - CEA DOCKET NO. 78

(Administrative Hearing under the Commodity Exchange Act)

A complaint and notice of hearing has been signed by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, charging violation of the Commodity Exchange Act by:

Murlas Brothers Commodities, Inc.

Murlas Brothers Company

110 North Franklin Street

Chicago, Illinois

George J. Murlas

Nicholas J. Murlas

Lincolnwood, Illinois

Henry C. Gatlin

Park Ridge, Illinois

The complaint charges that the respondents attempted to manipulate the price of potato futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange in 1957. The respondents purchased cash potatoes and delivered them against their short futures positions with the purpose and intent of depressing the price of the May 1957 potato future, according to the complaint.

The issuance of a complaint under the Commodity Exchange Act does not constitute proof of violation of the law. Such violation is established only when the Judicial Officer of the Department has made a determination that the evidence substantiates allegations in the complaint. Complaints are filed in the Office of the Hearing Clerk of the Department of Agriculture and are a matter of public record. Pending disposition by the Judicial Officer, it is the policy of the Commodity Exchange Authority not to comment or elaborate on charges contained in complaints or to discuss evidence on which they are based.

A public hearing on the complaint is scheduled to be held before a referee at 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, March 18, 1958, in Room 1200, Board of Trade Building, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

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