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ROBERT MENDEZ,, Complainant, v. IRA EPSTEIN & COMPANY, INC., FIRST OPTIONS OF CHICAGO, INC., and MARK A. SILBER, Respondents.	CFTC Docket No. 98-R88

FINAL DECISION

The parties have elected the voluntary decisional procedure under subpart C of the Commission's reparations rules. Under this election, the parties are solely responsible for obtaining and producing evidence, the parties waive the opportunity for an oral hearing, and the parties waive certain rights, including the right to receive a written statement of facts upon which the final decision is based, and the right to appeal the final decision to the Commission and to the Federal courts.

After carefully reviewing the parties' documentary submissions, it is concluded that complainant has failed to establish any violations causing damages. Accordingly, the complaint is DISMISSED.

Dated July 2, 1998.

Philip V. McGuire,
Judgment Officer