

Security assignments of executory contract rights have been widely used only in recent years. The assignment of "moneys due and to become due" under a building or construction contract has been institutional for nearly a hundred years: the contractor (or subcontractor) at the outset assigns to his bank the money he will earn by future performance as security for the present loan which enables him to undertake the job.

The sudden and enormous increase of industrial production dictated by the war effort required a huge volume of new financing. That task could have been undertaken by the United States, but was instead delegated, to the extent possible, to private (ASSIGNOR) financing institutions.

As one method of encouraging the banks to do their bit, the United States, reversing its long-standing policy, agreed, by the Assignment of Claims Act of '1940, to recognize assignments of moneys to become due under contracts with the federal government or its agencies.

For example, (U.S.) a solvent corporation, of high credit standing, may desire to branch out into some new activity, which will frequently be (FRANCHISE/ASSIGNOR) subsidiary to its main enterprise. The corporation could perfectly well raise or borrow the necessary funds on its own credit, but for tax, accounting or other reasons prefers not to. Instead it creates a new (ASSIGNEE) corporation whose principal or only function will be carrying out the new activity (BILLS PAYABLE/BILLS RECEIVABLE) and whose principal or only asset will be a long-term contract with the high-credit parent (US). The long-term contract will become the principal or only security for a loan made, in form, to the low-

credit (FRANCHISE/ASSIGNOR) subsidiary but, in reality, on the credit of the parent (U.S.).

"Mr. Coogan uses as an illustration the construction of a mill to manufacture paper for the purpose of performing a long-term requirements contract between (U.S. TREASURY) Paper Company .and (FRB) Newspaper Company. Either Paper Company or Newspaper Company could provide for the mill but instead they collaborate in creating a (ASSIGNOR) "borrowing entity" to construct and operate the mill. Paper Company contracts with the "entity" to sell pulp to it; Newspaper Company contracts with the "entity" to buy paper from it. The "entity's" rights under the two contracts will be the security for a bank loan. Coogan, supra note 2, at 1004."

The point of the operation is to give the (FEIGNED) lender the benefit of the (U.S.) parent's resources without creating an obligation which will show on the (U.S.) parent's balance sheet: achieving this involves a certain amount of legal fiction but no trickery or deceit, AT LEAST among the parties to the financing transaction.

The law of secured financing has heretofore been a sort of paradise for specialists. The nineteenth century developed inventory financing devices such as "trust receipts" and "factor's liens" to avoid the problem of inherent fraud which courts saw in a seller's or mortgagor's retention of control over his goods (BILLS PAYABLE/BILLS RECEIVABLE).

We may begin to see term loans made on the security of all a borrower's assets - his equipment, his inventory, his present and FUTURE RECEIVABLES and contract rights - with no attempt by the lender to police or control. We have noted that the first

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serious discussions of what we may call "contract rights financing" have been by specialists for specialists.

In the current mutation, however, it is entirely within the realm of possibility that the specialists will soon be left behind and that the amateurs will take over. In that eventuality, we may assume that the NEW LAW which will DEVELOP-(to display or make known something concealed or withheld from notice), WILL-(to forbear or to do an act) be, in TONE-(style from thought, Prevailing STATE OF CONDUCT) and SUBSTANCE-(that which really IS or EXISTING), significantly different from the highly professionalized law of TRUST RECEIPTS and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FINANCING.

Under Article 9 of the Code, the assignee, in order to perfect his interest against third parties (and the assignor's trustee in bankruptcy) will be required to file a notice of his assignment, but that has nothing to do with the relationship of assignor, assignee and obligor. To the extent that perfection of the assignee's interest may be relevant to our discussion, it will be assumed that a proper notice or financing statement has been filed.

NOTICE: SUR-LAST NAME AS DISCOUNT BANK AND ASSIGNOR, ACTS AS BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE WITHIN A CONTRACT WHO RIGHTS ARE SECURED BY LOAN THAT MUST HAVE A PROPER NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OR UCC 1 FINANCING STATEMENT TO OBTAIN BILLS PAYABLE AND BILLS RECEIVABLE RIGHTS ON THE CREDIT OF (T)HE PARENT WHICH SHALL SHOW ON U.S. BALANCE SHEET.