CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation
Case No. CV96-4849

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: Jozsef Emanuel Agoston[1]

Claim Number: 216231/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the "Claimant") to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant's relative, Jozsef (Josef, Joseph, Mano) Emanuel Agoston (Wirkmann) (the "Claimed Account Owner").

All denials are published, but where a claimant has requested confidentiality, as in this case, the names of the claimant, any relatives of the claimant other than the account owner, and the bank have been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a claim stating that his father, Jozsef Emanuel Agoston, who was Jewish, was vice president of the Hungarian General Bank and resided in Budapest, Hungary. In support of his claim, the Claimant submitted a copy of his birth certificate which indicates that his father's name was Jozsef Agoston.

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Jozsef (Josef, Joseph, Mano) Emanuel Agoston (Wirkmann) to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owner. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant provided regarding the Claimed Account Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

[1] The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Name: Emanuel Agoston (Budapest, Hungary)
Account Identification Number: 4021134
Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative's full name was Jozsef Emanuel Agoston. In contrast, the records show that the account owner's first name was Emanuel and not Jozsef. Further, the CRT has awarded the account at issue to other claimants who definitely identified the account owner as their relative by identifying unpublished information in the bank's records.

Name: Emanuel Agoston (Budapest, Hungary)
Account Identification Number: 5032642
Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative's full name was Jozsef Emanuel Agoston, who was vice president of the Hungarian General Bank. In contrast, the records show that the account owner's first name was Emanuel and not Jozsef, and had a different profession. Further, the CRT has awarded the account at issue to other claimants who definitely identified the account owner as their relative by identifying unpublished information in the bank's records.

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), the Claimant may appeal this decision or submit a request for reconsideration within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision.

An appeal must be based upon a plausible suggestion of error regarding the CRT's conclusions set out in this decision. Any appeals which are submitted without a plausible suggestion of error shall be summarily denied. A request for reconsideration must be based on new documentary evidence not previously presented to the CRT that, if considered, would have led to a different outcome of the claim. Claimants should briefly explain the relevance of the newly submitted documents in view of the conclusions stated in the certified decision.

The Claimant should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimant should identify the account, including, where available, the Account Identification Number, that forms the basis of the appeal and/or request for reconsideration.

Scope of the Denial

The CRT now considers the Claimant's claim to the accounts of Jozsef Emanuel Agoston closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
18 March 2008