

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Margo Donovan

in re Account of Charlotte Amsterdam

Claim Number: 220117/MBC¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Margo Donovan, née Singer, (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Charlotte Amsterdam. This Denial is to the published account of Charlotte Amsterdam (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form, asserting that her maternal aunt, Charlotte Amsterdam, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her aunt, who was Jewish, resided in Frankfurt, Germany, until sometime after 1937 when the family fled Germany to Italy. The Claimant further stated that her aunt was interned in a camp in Italy, where she perished. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 2 November 1944 in New York, New York, the United States.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Charlotte Amsterdam. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) reported one account whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

¹ The Claimant submitted two Initial Questionnaires (“IQs”) to the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the IQs and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 220117. In the IQs, the Claimant claimed accounts belonging to Joseph Amsterdam and Hermann (Henry) Amsterdam. The CRT will treat the claims to these accounts in separate determinations.

Account 1014670

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Charlotte Amsterdam, who resided in Warsaw, Poland. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address in Warsaw and the year in which the account at issue was closed.

The CRT's Analysis

Admissibility of the Claim

The CRT has determined that the claim is admissible according to Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules").

Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her relative. Although the name of her aunt matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her aunt resided in Germany and Italy. In contrast, the Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner resided in Warsaw, Poland. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's aunt are the same person.

Right of Appeal

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules, the Claimant may appeal this Denial to the Court through the Special Masters within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision. Appeals should be delivered to the following address: Office of Special Master Michael Bradfield, 51 Louisiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001 USA.

The Claimant should send appeals in writing to the above address and should include all reasons for the appeal. If more than one account has been denied in this Certified Denial, the Claimant should identify the Account Identification Number, which forms the basis of the appeal. Appeals submitted without either a plausible suggestion of error or relevant new evidence may be summarily denied.

Scope of the Denial

The Claimant should be aware that the CRT will carry out further research on her claim to determine whether an award may be made based upon the information provided by the Claimant or upon information from other sources.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
7 June 2006