

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Edith Kovac

Claimed Account Owner: Moric Beck, Gabriela Beckova, Edith Beckova and Pavol Beck¹

Claim Number: 220883/RT

This determination is based on the claim of Edith Kovac (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Moric Beck, Gabriela Beckova, Edith Beckova and Pavol Beck. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Moric Beck, Gabriela Beckova (Ungarova) and Edith Beckova in the Account History Database prepared pursuant to the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or “ICEP Investigation”), which identified accounts probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution, as defined in the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the “Rules”).

This Certified Denial is to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Pavol Beck (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 stating that Pavol Beck, who was Jewish, was born in Trencin, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) on 24 June 1942. The Claimant further stated that her parents resided in Belusa, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) until 1942, when her father was deported and her mother went into hiding. The Claimant also stated that her mother died in Trencin in 1948.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Pavol Beck 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’

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

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.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

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: Paul Beck (Czech Republic)

Account Identification Number: 1001097

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Pavol Beck, was born on 24 June 1942. In contrast, the records show that the account was opened before the Claimant's relative was born. The CRT further notes that the account was awarded to a different claimant who plausibly identified the account owner as his/her relative.

Name: Paul Beck

Account Identification Number: 4019564

Specifically, the Claimant indicated that her relative, Pavol Beck, resided in Trencin and that her family previously resided in Belusa. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different city, which is over 200 kilometers from Belusa and over 150 kilometers from Trencin. The CRT notes that the account owner's place of residence and Trencin are major cities and Belusa is a village, and that there are several other major cities significantly closer to Belusa than the account owner's place of residence, thus rendering it unlikely that a resident of Trencin or Belusa would indicate the account owner's distant place of residence as his/her place of residence, even for the purposes of maintaining a Swiss bank account.

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, 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 Moric Beck, Gabriela Beckova, Edith Beckova and Pavol Beck closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners 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
23 June 2008