

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED 1]  
also acting on behalf of [REDACTED 2]  
represented by Francine Henriette Celina Peyrolade

## **in re Accounts of Blanche Bloch**

Claim Number: 218113/MBC

This Certified Denial is based upon the claim of [REDACTED 1], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the accounts of Armand David Bloch.<sup>1</sup> This Denial is to the published accounts of Blanche Bloch (“Account Owner 1”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”) and the published account of Blanche Bloch (“Account Owner 2”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 2”).

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 Form asserting that her maternal aunt, Blanche Bloch, née Bader, who was born in approximately 1893, and was married to [REDACTED] on 29 October 1920 in Mulhouse, Alsace Lorraine, France, owned a Swiss bank account. According to the Claimant, [REDACTED] was the brother of the Claimant’s mother, [REDACTED], née [REDACTED]. The Claimant stated that [REDACTED] and Blanche Bloch resided at Rue de L’Etoile, at Boulevard Duchemin De Fer, and at 36 Rue des Carrieres in Mulhouse. The Claimant stated that [REDACTED] and Blanche Bloch had no children. The Claimant also stated that Blanche and [REDACTED] Bloch, who were Jewish, went into hiding in Avignon, France during the Second World War to avoid Nazi persecution and returned to Mulhouse in 1945. The Claimant stated that Blanche Bloch died in approximately 1983 and that [REDACTED] died on 16 July 1983, both in Strasbourg, France. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 11 November 1925 in Mulhouse.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her application, including: (1) [REDACTED]’s birth certificate indicating that he was married to Blanche Bader on 29 October 1920 in Mulhouse; and (2) her own birth certificate.

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<sup>1</sup> The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate decision.

## **Information Available in the Bank's Records**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Blanche Bloch. 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 four accounts whose owners' names match that provided by the Claimant, three of which were included on the list, published in February 2001, of accounts determined by ICEP to be probably those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the "ICEP List").<sup>2</sup> Upon review of the bank documents, the CRT also located three additional accounts that were not reported by the auditors. Each account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

### Accounts 5025207, 5025207.1, 5025207.2, 5025207.3 and 5032213

Bank 1's records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Blanche Bloch, who resided in Belfort, France and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Florentine Weill. Bank 1's records also indicate the names of other persons who were power of attorney holders to the accounts at issue and their places of residence. Furthermore, Bank 1's records indicate Account Owner 1's street address and the date on which the accounts were opened.

### Account 4020177

Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 was Blanche Bloch, who resided in Paris, France. Bank 2's records also indicate Account Owner 2's maiden name, her street address, and the names of other persons who jointly held the account at issue with Account Owner 2 and their places of residence. Furthermore, Bank 2's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of the account at issue.

## **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

As for Accounts 5025207, 5025207.1, 5025207.2, 5025207.3 and 5032213, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as her relative. Although the name of her aunt matches the published name of Account Owner 1, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about Account Owner 1 available in Bank 1's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her aunt and uncle resided after their marriage in 1920 at Rue de L'Etoile, at Boulevard Duchemin De Fer, and at 36 Rue

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<sup>2</sup> The CRT awarded the fourth account to the Claimant. See *In re Account of Blanche Bloch*, which approved by the Court on 24 June 2004.

des Carrieres in Mulhouse, and that they went into hiding in Avignon, France during the Second World War and returned to Mulhouse in 1945. In contrast, Bank 1's records indicate that Account Owner 1 resided in Belfort, where she had an address after 1920. In addition, the CRT notes that the Claimant did not identify the power of attorney holders to the accounts. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's aunt are the same person.

As for Account 4020177, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as her relative. Although the name of her aunt matches the published name of Account Owner 2, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about Account Owner 2 available in the Bank 2's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her aunt's maiden name was Bader. In contrast, Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 had a different maiden name. Furthermore, the Claimant stated that her aunt and uncle resided after their marriage in 1920 at Rue de L'Etoile, at Boulevard Duchemin De Fer, and at 36 Rue des Carrieres in Mulhouse, and that they went into hiding in Avignon, France during the Second World War and returned to Mulhouse in 1945. In contrast, Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 resided in Paris, where she had an address after 1920. In addition, the CRT notes that the Claimant did not identify the persons who jointly held the account at issue with Account Owner 2. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's aunt are the same person.

### Right of Appeal

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules, the Claimant/s 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 that 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  
15 July 2005