

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Dr. [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Marguerite Bloch<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 221902/AH

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Dr. [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Marguerite Sara Block. This Denial is to the published accounts of Marguerite Bloch (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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 his maternal grandmother, Marguerite Sara Block, née Ury, who was born on 29 October 1881 in Berlin, Germany, and was married to Hermann Block in April 1906, in Berlin, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant provided variations of his grandmother’s first name and indicated that his grandparents had one child, [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], the Claimant’s mother. The Claimant further indicated that his grandparents resided in Germany, and that in April 1933 they fled Germany to Zurich, Switzerland, and later to Rome, Italy. The Claimant stated that his grandmother later returned to Germany, and that in 1943 she was deported to a concentration camp, where she perished. The Claimant stated that he was born on 23 March 1938 in Palermo, Italy.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including: (1) copies of the death declaration and inheritance certificate of his grandmother; and (2) copies of his mother’s birth certificate, Swiss student card, passport and inheritance certificate, showing that her parents were [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], who resided in Berlin.

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<sup>1</sup> The CRT notes that on the February 2001 published list of accounts determined by the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP”) to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”), the Account Owner’s name is indicated as Marguerite Block. Upon careful review, the CRT has concluded that the Bank’s records evidence that the Account Owner’s name was, in fact, Marguerite Bloch.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Marguerite 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 two accounts whose owner's name is substantially similar to that provided by the Claimant. 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 5032017, 5032018

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Marguerite Bloch. The Bank's records also indicate the name and address of another person who jointly held the account at issue and had the same last name as the Account Owner. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address, her city and country of residence, her maiden name and her husband's name.

## **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 his relative. Although the name of his grandmother is substantially similar to the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his grandmother's maiden name was Ury, and that she was married to [REDACTED]. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name and was married to a different person. Moreover, the Claimant stated that his grandmother's name was Marguerite Bloch. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner's last name was Bloch. Furthermore, the Claimant did not identify the other person who jointly held the account at issue, although this person had the same last name as the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT concludes that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandmother are not 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 the Special Master, c/o Claims Resolution Tribunal, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland.

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 his 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  
31 March 2005