

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Richard Bondy

Claimed Account Owner: Friedrich Bondy¹

Claim Number: 222679/RS

This Certified Denial is to the claim of Richard Bondy (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Friedrich (Bedrich) Bondy (the “Claimed Account Owner”).²

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 Friedrich (Bedrich) Bondy, who was Jewish, resided in and owned a factory in Nové Město nad Metují, Czechoslovakia (today the Czech Republic).

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Friedrich (Bedrich) Bondy 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.

² The CRT notes that 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”), contains the name “Bedrich Bondy.” Upon careful review, the CRT has concluded that the documents regarding this account do not evidence the existence of an account, and that the name “Bedrich Bondy” was published in error.

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: Friedrich Bondy (Czechoslovakia)

Account Identification Numbers: 1011901 and 1011902

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Friedrich Bondy, resided in Nové Město nad Metují, Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different city which is over 100 kilometers from Nové Město nad Metují. The CRT notes that both the account owner's place of residence and Nové Město nad Metují are minor cities, thus rendering it unlikely that a resident of Nové Město nad Metují would indicate the account owner's distant place of residence as his or her place of residence, even for the purpose of maintaining a Swiss bank account.

Moreover, it should be noted that this account has been awarded to another claimant, who identified the account owner's town of residence and more plausibly identified the account owner as his/her relative.

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.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
12 February 2010