

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owners: Jacob Cohn and Julia Kohn¹

Claim Number: 214876/HU

This determination is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Jacob Cohn and Julia Mathilde Kohn. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Julia Mathilde Kohn 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, Jacob (Jakob, James) Cohn (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 stating that his father, Jacob Cohn, who was Jewish, was an accountant who resided in Hamburg, Germany, and was married to Julia Mathilde Cohn, née Cohen. The Claimant stated that his father perished in 1942.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Jacob (Jakob, James) Cohn 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

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.

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.

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: Jakob Cohn

Account Identification Number: 5027397

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Jacob Cohn, perished in 1942. In contrast, the records show that the account owner died over a decade earlier.

Name: Frau Jacob Cohn (Berlin, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5034650

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Jacob Cohn, was married to Julia Mathilde Cohn, née Cohen. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was Jacob Cohn's spouse, and that she was not Julia Mathilde Cohn, née Cohen.

Name: Jacob Cohn (Köslin, Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 5026906, 5024917

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Jacob Cohn, was married to Julia Mathilde Cohn, née Cohen. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was married to a different person.

Name: James Cohn (Berlin, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 2015678

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Jacob Cohn, resided in Hamburg. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Berlin, which is approximately 280 kilometers from Hamburg. The CRT notes that Hamburg and Berlin are both major urban centers, thus rendering unlikely that a resident of Hamburg would indicate Berlin as their place of residence, even for the purposes of maintaining a Swiss bank account. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify the account owner's academic or professional title.

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 Jacob Cohn and Julia Mathilde Kohn 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
19 July 2007