

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Andras Dobai

## **in re Accounts of Bela Deutsch**

Claim Number: 207661/PY/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Andras Dobai (the “Claimant”) to an account of Bela Deutsch. This Denial is to the published accounts of Bela Deutsch (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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 Form asserting that his father, Bela Deutsch, who was born on 19 May 1900 in Nyiregyaza, Hungary, and was married to Julianna Deutsch, née Grosz, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, resided at Pannonia u.49/b in Budapest, Hungary. The Claimant added that his father was a restaurant owner. According to the Claimant, his father lost all his property and was interned in a forced labor camp until 26 November 1944, when he was deported to several concentration camps, including Mauthausen. The Claimant further stated that his father died in Hörsching, Austria, on 14 May 1945. The Claimant indicated that he was born in Kunmadaras, Hungary, on 27 November 1928.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999, asserting his entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Bela Deutsch.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including: (1) his father’s birth certificate; (2) his father’s death certificate; and (3) a confirmation of the Hungarian committee of those who were persecuted by the Nazis, which indicates that Bela Deutsch was born in and resided in Hungary.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 207661.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Bela Deutsch. 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 matches 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 5034327, 5036126

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Bela Deutsch, who resided in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Thekla Deutsch-Schaumburger. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's other city and country of residence. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's and the Power of Attorney Holder's signatures.

## **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 father matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his father resided in Hungary. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in two different countries to which the Claimant established no connection. In addition, the Claimant did not identify the Power of Attorney Holder, although she shared the same last name as the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father are 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  
30 September 2004