

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]
represented by Hubert Lang

in re Accounts of Alfred Dressel

Claim Number: 213215/MG

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to an account of Alfred Dressel.¹ This Denial is to the published account of Alfred Dressel (“Account Owner 1”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”), and to the published account of Alfred Dressel (“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 paternal uncle, Alfred Dressel, who was born on 13 February 1878 in Erfurt, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], owned a Swiss bank account. On 27 November 2002 the Claimant’s representative provided the CRT with additional details about Alfred Dressel, indicating that Alfred Dressel, who was Jewish, died of blood poisoning in a Jewish hospital in Berlin on 18 March 1939, and that he last resided at Helmstedterstrasse 11 in Berlin. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 9 June 1924 in Erfurt.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Alfred Dressel. 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 owners’ names match 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.

¹ In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the account of Helene Rudnicki. The CRT awarded the account of Helene Rudnicki to the Claimant. The Court approved this Award on 27 January 2002.

Account 4019458

Bank 1's records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Alfred Dressel, who resided in Germany. Bank 1's records also indicate Account Owner 1's city of residence.

Account 4019517

Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 was Alfred Dressel, who was a German national and also had an address in another country. Bank 2's records also indicate the dates on which transactions were made in the account.

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 Owners

As for Account 4019458, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as her relative. Although the name of her uncle matches the published name of Account Owner 1, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about Account Owner 1 available in Bank 1's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her uncle was born in Erfurt, Germany and also resided in Berlin, Germany, where he died in 1939. In contrast, Bank 1's records show that Account Owner 1 resided in a different city, which is more than 400 kilometers from either Erfurt or Berlin, which was not identified by the Claimant and to which the Claimant did not establish any connection. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's uncle are the same person.

As for Account 4019517, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as her relative. Although the name of her uncle matches the published name of Account Owner 2, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about Account Owner 2 available in Bank 2's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her uncle resided in Berlin and did not indicate that he had a residence in another country. In contrast, Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 had a residence in another country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's uncle 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