

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Jules Gyula Biedermann

Claimed Account Owners: Isak Ehrlich, Emil Biedermann, Mihaly Biedermann, Iren Biedermann-Ehrlich and Ignac Ehrlich¹

Claim Numbers: 206070/RT; 206071/RT; 224467/RT

This determination is based on the claims of Jules Gyula Biedermann (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by Isak Ehrlich, Emil Biedermann, Mihaly Biedermann, Iren Biedermann-Ehrlich and Ignac Ehrlich. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Mihaly (Miksat) Ehrlich, Iren Biedermann-Ehrlich and Ignac Ehrlich 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 Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Isak Ehrlich and Emil Biedermann (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 three claims stating that Isak Ehrlich, who was Jewish, was a cousin of his grandfather and Emil Biedermann, who also was Jewish, was a cousin of his father. The CRT notes that the Claimant did not provide any further information about his relatives Isak Ehrlich and Emil Biedermann in his claim forms. The CRT further notes that in his Initial Questionnaires, the Claimant indicated that his family resided in Hungary. In a telephone conversation on 22 November 2001, the Claimant stated that his family had some relatives in the area around Hamburg, Germany.

¹ The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Numbers and Claimed Account Owners stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Isak Ehrlich and Emil Biedermann 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 Owners. 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 Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the names of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners 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: Isak Ehrlich (München, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5035879

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his family had relatives around Hamburg, Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Munich, which is over 750 kilometers from Hamburg. The CRT further notes that the records show the name of the account owner's spouse, which the Claimant did not identify.

Name: Emil Biedermann (Seebach, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 2016279

Specifically, the Claimant stated that that his family had relatives around Hamburg, Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Seebach. The CRT notes that there are several cities with the name Seebach in Germany and that each of these cities are more than 650 kilometers from Hamburg.

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 claims to the accounts of Isak Ehrlich, Emil Biedermann, Mihaly Biedermann, Iren Biedermann-Ehrlich and Ignac Ehrlich closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Numbers 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