

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]  
represented by Elisheva Ansbacher

## **in re Accounts of Paul Ehrmann**

Claim Number: 401881/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Paul Ehrmann (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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 in 2005 asserting that her father, Paul (Pavel) Ehrmann, who was born on 13 May 1900 in Brno (today the Czech Republic), and was married to [REDACTED] on 28 December 1926 in Ostrava (today the Czech Republic), owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father, who was Jewish, was an engineer who resided in Ostrava until 1932, when he moved to Prague (today the Czech Republic). The Claimant further stated that her father died on 3 October 1942 in the Lodz ghetto. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 11 April 1928 in Ostrava.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including her birth certificate, which indicates the name of her father, his occupation and that the family resided in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Paul Ehrmann. 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 5025006 and 5032741

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Paul Ehrmann. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address, city and country of residence, together with the dates of opening of the accounts at issue.

### **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 her relative. Although the name of her father matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her father resided in Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in another country. 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 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, which 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  
8 August 2006