

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of A. Fridman¹

Claim Number: 200530/AY

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to an account of Mihályné Reiner, née Aranka Friedmann. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Mihályné Reiner, née Aranka Friedmann, 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 Denial is to the published account of A. Fridman (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 asserting that her mother, Mihályné Reiner, née Aranka Friedmann, who was born on 19 June 1900 in Foldes, Hungary, and was married to [REDACTED] on 23 August 1925, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her mother came from a family of merchants, who owned shares in the *Dreher* beer company as well as shops and real estate, and that her mother lived from 1925 to 1944 in Berettyóújfalu, Hungary. Furthermore, the Claimant stated that her mother, who was Jewish, perished in Auschwitz in 1944. In support of her claim, the Claimant submitted various documents, including her parent’s marriage certificate, the Claimant’s birth certificate, showing that she was born on 9 July 1927 in Berettyóújfalu, and her mother’s death certificate.

¹ In an effort to locate any and all accounts that might have belonged to the Claimant’s relative, the CRT has reviewed and analyzed all accounts whose owners’ names are substantially similar to that of the Claimant’s relative, even if the Claimant did not specifically claim that particular account. Moreover, the CRT recognizes that, in many cases, spellings of names have changed due to the passage of time in the decades since the Second World War, as well as due to the transcription of names into different languages.

Information Available in the Bank's Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her mother, Mihályne Reiner, née Aranka Friedmann. The auditors who carried out the ICEP Investigation reported two accounts whose owner's name is substantially similar to 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 5026352 and 5029954

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was A. Fridman, who resided in Bucharest, Romania. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address and profession. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date of opening of one 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.

Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her mother. Although the maiden name of her mother is substantially similar to 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 her mother lived in Hungary until 1944. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Bucharest, Romania. Furthermore, the Claimant stated that her mother came from a family of merchants who owned shares in a beer company as well as shops and real estate. In contrast, the Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was in a different line of business. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and Claimant's mother are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the accounts to a claimant who plausibly identified the Account Owner as her relative by identifying unpublished information about the Account Owner as contained in the Bank's records. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org

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 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
13 October 2004