

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**Claimed Account Owners: Anna Fridman and Rozalia Fridman<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 220572/RT

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Anna (Kahna, Srulevna) Fridman (Friedmann) and Rozalia Fridman (Friedmann) (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 indicating that her grandmother, Anna Fridman, and her mother Rozalia Fridman (the Claimant’s great-grandmother), who were Jewish, resided in Ukraine, and that Rozalia Fridman might have been a beneficiary or co-owner of Anna Fridman’s account. In her Initial Questionnaire, submitted to the Court in 1999, the Claimant stated that her grandmother Anna Fridman was born in 1869 in Odessa, Ukraine (at that time Russia), where she resided until 1880, when she moved to Kiev, Ukraine (at that time Russia, later Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and since 1991 Ukraine), where she owned a hotel and a bakery. The Claimant did not indicate any academic or professional titles held by her relatives.

## **The CRT’s Investigation**

The CRT matched the name of Anna (Khanna, Srulevna) Fridman (Friedmann) and Rozalia Fridman (Friedmann) 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 Owner. 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

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

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 Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name 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: A. Fridman (Bucarest, Romania)*

*Account Identification Numbers: 5026352; 5029954*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her grandmother, Anna Fridman, resided in Odessa and Kiev, Ukraine, Russia/Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was male and resided in Romania. The CRT notes that the accounts have been awarded to a different claimant who identified unpublished information about the account owner including his gender, his profession and his academic/professional title.*

*Name: Rozalia Friedmann (Romania)*

*Account Identification Numbers: 4021641*

*Specifically, the Claimant indicated that her relative, Rozalia Fridman, resided in Odessa and Kiev, Ukraine, Russia/Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Romania. The CRT notes that the Claimant did not identify the joint account owner who is indicated to be closely related to the account owner. The CRT further notes that the account has been awarded to a different claimant who definitely identified the account owner by identifying the unpublished name of the joint account owner.*

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](http://www.crt-ii.org).

### Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (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 claim to the accounts of Anna Fridman and Rozalia Fridman closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number 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  
18 March 2008