

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of G. Friedmann

Claim Number: 600448/SB^{1,2}

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the account of Gabor Friedmann. This Denial is to the published account of G. Friedmann (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).³

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 to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) asserting that her father, Dr. [REDACTED], who was born on 15 August 1897 in Budszentmihaly, Hungary, and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED] on 7 July 1935, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father, who was Jewish, was a physician and, together with his family, resided in Budapest, Hungary and that it is possible that her father opened an account under the name Gabor Friedmann. The Claimant further stated that her father survived several concentration camps and died on 6 December 1990 in New York, New York, the United States. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 10 March 1943 in Budapest.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her father, under the name of Gabor Friedmann. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify

¹ The Claimant submitted a claim, numbered B-00338, on 24 November 1997, to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) of the New York State Banking Department. This claim was referred by the HCPO to the CRT and has been assigned Claim Number 600448.

² The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire under the consolidated Claim Number 600448.

³ In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the accounts of Emil Friedmann, Grünberger Flora, Kain Florence, Kaiser Flora, Bela Falus, Tibor Falus, Sandor Falus, Antal Gestetner and Sandor Gestetner. The CRT will treat the claim to these accounts in separate determinations.

accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) reported one account whose owner’s first name initial and last name matches that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Account 1014761

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was G. Friedmann. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s city and country of residence and title. The Bank’s records also indicate the name of an individual who jointly owned the account with the Account Owner. Furthermore, the Bank’s records indicate the date of closing of the account 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 under which the Claimant’s father may have opened an account matches the published first initial and last 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 and family resided in Budapest, Hungary. In contrast, the Bank’s records show that the Account Owner resided in another country, which was not identified by the Claimant, and to which the Claimant did not establish any connection. In addition, the CRT notes that the Claimant did not identify the individual who jointly owned the account with the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the name on the account opened by the Claimant’s father are the same.

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 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
21 September 2005