

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of Helene Friedmann

Claim Number: 218171/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Helene (Hani) Markusz (Markus), née Friedmann.² This Denial is to the published account of Helene Friedmann (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 paternal grandmother, Helene Markusz, née Friedmann, who was married to [REDACTED], owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandmother, who was Jewish, resided in Kassa and Budapest, Hungary. The Claimant further stated that her grandmother died on 21 May 1945 in Budapest. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 17 September 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 relative, Helene Friedmann. 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 one account whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account

¹ The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire under the Claim Number 730620. The CRT will treat this claim in a separate determination.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Helene (Hani) Markusz (Markus), or Hani 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”).

Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Account 5034090

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Helene Friedmann, who resided in Pforzheim, Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's maiden name and the name of a joint account owner. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's signature.

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 grandmother matches 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 grandmother's maiden name was Friedmann, and that she resided in Hungary. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name, and that she resided in Germany. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandmother 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
17 November 2006