

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of Max Geiger

Claim Number: 215480/MG/OW¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the accounts of Max Geiger and Samuel Walter Farkas Geiger. This Denial is to the published account of Max Geiger (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).²

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 his paternal uncle, Max Geiger, who was born in approximately 1870, and was never married, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his uncle, who was Jewish, was a businessman and an engineer, and that he had residences in both Hungary and Germany. During a telephone conversation with the CRT on 31 January 2005, the Claimant stated that his uncle resided in Germany in either Berlin or Dusseldorf. The Claimant further stated that his uncle perished in Germany in approximately 1940. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 16 May 1928 in Hungary.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including a translation of his own birth certificate.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Max Geiger. 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”

¹ The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 215480.

² In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the account of Samuel Walter Farkas Geiger. The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate determination.

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

Account 2016306

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Max Geiger, who resided in Nuremberg, Germany. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s street address. 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 his relative. Although the name of his uncle matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published information about the Account Owner available in the Bank’s records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his uncle resided in either Berlin or Dusseldorf in Germany. In contrast, the Bank’s records show that the Account Owner resided in Nuremberg, Germany, to which the Claimant did not establish a connection and which is more than 400 kilometers from either Berlin or Dusseldorf. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s uncle 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 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 his 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
31 October 2005