

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to the Estate of Claimant [REDACTED]¹

in re Accounts of Olga Geiger

Claim Numbers: 213586/SB; 601227/SB^{2, 3, 4}

This Certified Denial is based on the claims of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to accounts of Olga Geiger and Jakob (Jacob) August Michael Geiger. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Jakob (Jacob) August Michael Geiger 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 accounts of Olga Geiger (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 his mother, Olga Geiger, née Liebmann, who was born on 8 December 1888 in Zurich, Switzerland, and was married to [REDACTED] on 17 December 1921 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his mother, who was Jewish, resided in Frankfurt am Main from 1921 to 1939, when she fled to Zurich, where she remained for a few months before emigrating to the United States in 1940. The Claimant stated that his mother died on 18 December 1967 in Los

¹ The CRT notes that [REDACTED] passed away on 24 February 2002.

² The Claimant submitted additional claims to the accounts of Willy Geiger, Wilhelm Geiger and Marie Liebmann, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 213584, 213585 and 213587. In a decision dated 18 November 2004, the Court approved an award for the accounts of Wilhelm Geiger to the Claimant. See *In re Account of Wilhelm Geiger*. The CRT will treat the claims to the remaining accounts in separate decisions.

³ The Claimant submitted a claim, numbered B-00755, on 17 February 1998, 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 601227.

⁴ The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999, claiming an account belonging to Jakob Geiger. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and Claim Number 601227 under the consolidated Claim Number 601227.

Angeles, California, the United States. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 4 August 1926 in Frankfurt am Main.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including: (1) his birth certificate, which indicates that his mother was Olga Geiger and that she resided in Frankfurt am Main; (2) his mother's marriage certificate, which indicates her date and place of birth, and that she resided in Frankfurt am Main.

Information Available in the Bank's Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Olga Geiger. The auditors who carried out the ICEP Investigation reported two accounts whose owner's name matches 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 1009845 and 1009846

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Olga Geiger, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence in Germany, and a second city and country of residence. The Bank's records also indicate the name of an individual who jointly owned the account with, and appears to be related to, the Account Owner. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of one of the accounts at issue.

The CRT's Analysis

Admissibility of the Claim

The CRT has determined that the claims are 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 his relative. Although the name of his mother matches the published 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 his mother resided in Frankfurt am Main from 1921 to 1939. In contrast, the Bank's records show that during this time the Account Owner resided in another German city, which is located over 400 kilometers from Frankfurt am Main, and to which the Claimant established no connection. In addition, the Claimant did not identify, and established no connection to, the Account Owner's second city of residence. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify the joint account owner, even though that individual appears to be closely related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's mother 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 claims 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