

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Paul Geiger and Louise Geiger-Haubtmann

Claim Number: 211989/MG

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Paul Geiger (“Account Owner 1”) and Louise Geiger-Haubtmann (“Account Owner 2”) (together the “Account Owners”) 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 father, Paul Geiger, who was born on 5 September 1903 in Czechoslovakia, and married [REDACTED] in Haifa, Palestine (today, Israel), owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, resided in Czechoslovakia until 1938, when he fled to Palestine. According to the Claimant, his father had a sister named Louise Geiger-Haubtmann. The Claimant further stated that his father died on 5 October 1981 in Haifa. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 27 January 1947 in Haifa.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relatives, Paul Geiger and Louise Geiger-Haubtmann. 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 five accounts whose owners’ names match those 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 5027303, 5032345, 5032346, 5032347 and 5032348

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owners were Paul Geiger and Louise Geiger-Haubtmann, who resided in Mulhouse, France. The Bank's records also indicate Account Owner 1's profession and place of employment, and Account Owner 2's maiden name. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date of opening of the accounts 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 Owners

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owners as his relatives. Although the names of his father and aunt match the published names of the Account Owners, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owners available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his father resided in Czechoslovakia until 1938, when he fled to Palestine, and indicated that his aunt's maiden name was Geiger. In contrast, the Bank's records show that Account Owner 1 resided and worked in France before 1938, and that Account Owner 2 had a different maiden name. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's father, or that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's aunt 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 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
9 November 2006