

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Orit Decker

## **in re Account of Giulia Goldfinger**

Claim Number: 501391/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Orit Decker, née Bar-Eshet, (the “Claimant”) to the account of Giulia (Julia) Goldfinger.<sup>2</sup> This Denial is to the published account of Giulia Goldfinger (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

### **Information Provided by the Claimant**

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form asserting that her father’s grandmother’s sister, Giulia Goldfinger, who was Jewish, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her relative’s maiden name was Tobias and that she perished in the Holocaust. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 15 September 1953 in Haifa, Israel.

### **Information Available in the Bank’s Records**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Giulia Goldfinger. 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 Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted seven additional claims, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 501375, 501381, 501383, 501401, 501405, 501416 and 501422. The CRT will treat these claims in separate determinations.

<sup>2</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Julia Goldfinger 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”).

## Account 1000205

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Giulia Goldfinger, who resided in Italy. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence, maiden name and the names of three joint account owners. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and 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 of her relative 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 her relative's maiden name was Tobias. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's cousin 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  
12 May 2006