

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Melanie Krausz
represented by Nicholas Kereszi

in re Accounts of Robert Goldschmidt

Claim Number: 401804/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Melanie Krausz (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Robert Goldschmidt (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 maternal uncle, Robert Goldschmidt, who was born in 1890 in Vienna, Austria, and married Ludmilla Krausz in 1910 in Vienna, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her uncle, who was Jewish, was a civil servant who resided in Vienna. The Claimant further stated that her uncle fled Austria in 1939 to China, returning in 1950 to Vienna, where he died on an unknown date. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 10 February 1915 in Vienna.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Robert Goldschmidt. 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 three 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 1011979, 1011980 and 1011981

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Robert Goldschmidt. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s title, city and country of residence. Furthermore, the

Bank's records indicate the dates of opening of two of the accounts at issue and closing of all 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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her relative. Although the name of her uncle 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 uncle resided in Austria and China. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in another country. 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, 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
8 August 2006