

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant George Gottlieb
represented by Dr. Felix Ehrat

in re Account of M. Gottlieb

Claim Number: 501148/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of George Gottlieb (the “Claimant”) to the account of Maximilian Gottlieb.¹ This Denial is to the published account of M. Gottlieb (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).²

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 his father, Maximilian Gottlieb, who was born on 1 May 1901 in Poland, and was married to Ilona Kassowitz on 25 September 1932 in Vienna, Austria, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, was a businessman who, from 1930 to 1938, resided in Vienna. The Claimant further stated that his father fled Austria in 1938, ultimately arriving in the United States in 1939. The Claimant stated that his father died on 8 May 1986 in Florida, the United States. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 18 October 1935 in Vienna.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including Maximilian Gottlieb’s last will and testament, dated 7 June 1982, which indicates that George Gottlieb was his son.

¹ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Maximilian Gottlieb 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”).

² In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the accounts of Regina Sagar and Ilona Gottlieb. The CRT will treat the claim to these accounts in a separate determination.

Information Available in the Bank's Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Maximilian Gottlieb. 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.

Account 1011226

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was M. Gottlieb, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's gender and city of residence in Germany. 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 his relative. Although the name of his father matches the published first name initial and last name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant claimed an account belonging to his father, who was born in Poland and resided in Austria. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was female and resided in Germany. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father 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
8 August 2006