

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of H. Haas

Claim Number: 500436/MG¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published account of H. Haas (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 her paternal great-uncle, Henry Haas, who was born in 1903 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED] in London, the United Kingdom, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her great-uncle, who was Jewish, was an engineer and a manufacturer and that he fled Germany in 1933 or 1934, for the United Kingdom, residing in Bayswater, London until his death in 1987. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 3 February 1947 in Sydney, Australia.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Henry Haas. 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 to 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.

¹ The Claimant submitted an additional claim to the accounts of Lincoln Menny Oppenheimer, which is registered under the Claim Number 500435. In a separate decision, the CRT awarded these accounts to the Claimant. See *In re Accounts of Lincoln Menny Oppenheimer* (approved on 8 April 2004).

Account 1011227

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was H. Haas, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence in Germany, and another city and country of residence. The Bank's records further indicate the Account Owner's original country of residence prior to opening the account at issue. Finally, 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 great-uncle matches the published first name initial and last 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 great-uncle resided in Germany until he fled there, in 1933 or 1934, for the United Kingdom, residing in London until his death in 1987. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had resided in a country other than Germany prior to 1933. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify the Account Owner's city of residence in Germany. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's great-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 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 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
14 December 2005