

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Oscar Hahn

Claim Number: 212791/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Oscar Hahn (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 grandfather, Oscar Hahn, who was born in Kleinlangheim, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED], owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandfather, who was Jewish, was a wine merchant who resided in Kitzingen, Germany. The Claimant further stated that her grandfather and his wife fled Germany for England in 1939, and subsequently moved to New York, New York, the United States, in 1941. The Claimant stated that her grandfather died in New York on 2 August 1957. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 15 December 1933 in Fulda, Germany.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Oscar Hahn. 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 four 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.

¹ The Claimant submitted an additional claim to the accounts of Lina Hahn, which is registered under the Claim Number 212790. In a decision dated 10 December 2004, the Court approved an award for these accounts to the Claimant. See *In re Account of Lina Hahn*.

Accounts 1008828, 1008829, 1008830 and 1008831

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Oscar Hahn, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence and his professional title. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of closing 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 grandfather 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 grandfather was a wine merchant. In contrast, the Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner had a different profession and used a professional title, which the Claimant did not identify. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandfather 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 the 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
21 September 2005