

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Alice Beier

## **in re Accounts of Otto Hahn**

Claim Number: 210915/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Alice Beier, née Hahn, (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Otto Hahn (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, Otto Hahn, who was born on 5 October 1888 in Vienna, Austria, and was married to Anna Klimpel on 7 August 1920 in Reichenberg, Czechoslovakia, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father, who was Jewish, was a Doctor of Law, the General Secretary for the Federation of Civil Servants and Public Employees, and a member of the Czechoslovakian State Parliament, who resided in Reichenberg from 1913 until 1938, when he fled Czechoslovakia for the United Kingdom. The Claimant stated that her father died on 7 August 1946 in London, the United Kingdom. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 6 November 1923 in Reichenberg.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including: (1) her birth certificate; (2) her parents’ marriage certificate; (3) her father’s last will and testament.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Otto 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 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 1009367, 1009368 and 1009369

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Otto Hahn, who resided in Austria.

The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence in Austria and another city and country of residence. 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 father 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 father resided in Reichenberg, Czechoslovakia from 1913 until 1938, when he fled Czechoslovakia for the United Kingdom. In contrast, the Bank's records show that during this time the Account Owner resided in Austria and another country. The CRT also notes that the Claimant's father had the title of Dr., whereas the Bank's records do not indicate that the Account Owner had such a title. 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 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  
23 January 2006