

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to the Estate of Claimant [REDACTED 1]<sup>1</sup>  
also acting on behalf of [REDACTED 2], [REDACTED 3] and [REDACTED 4]

## **in re Accounts of Rudolf Hahn**

Claim Number: 206151/UM

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED 1] (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Rudolf 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 his maternal grandfather, Rudolf Hahn, who was born on 25 September 1860 in Dresden, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], on 10 March 1894 in Berlin, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his grandfather, who was Jewish, was an attorney who bore the title “*Justizrat*.”<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Claimant stated that his grandfather resided in Berlin as of 1894, and provided two street addresses for his grandfather in that city. Moreover, the Claimant indicated that his grandfather had three children, all of whom were born in Berlin between 1895 and 1902. Finally, the Claimant stated that his grandfather died in Berlin on 10 September 1932. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 8 September 1922 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including a copy of a letter written by [REDACTED], dated 16 June 1912, which contains a letterhead identifying the Claimant’s grandfather as *Justizrat* Rudolf Hahn, and indicates that his office was located in Berlin.

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<sup>1</sup> The CRT notes that Claimant [REDACTED 1] passed away on 2 December 2001.

<sup>2</sup> The CRT notes that “*Justizrat*” is an honorary title formerly bestowed on attorneys and notaries.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Rudolf 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 two 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 1012634 and 1012635

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Rudolf Hahn, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city 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 his relative. Although the name of his grandfather matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his grandfather was born in Dresden, and that he later lived in Berlin until his death. In addition, the Claimant indicated that his grandfather used the title "*Justizrat*." In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in a different city, to which the Claimant's grandfather had no connection, and which is located over 400 kilometers from both Dresden and Berlin. Moreover, the Bank's records do not indicate that the Account Owner used a professional title. 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/s 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 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  
15 July 2005