

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

## **in re Accounts of Sandor Halasz**

Claim Number: 207712/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the accounts of Sandor Halasz and Laszlo Halasz. This Denial is to the published accounts of Sandor Halasz (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).<sup>1</sup>

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 father, Sandor Halasz, who was born on 19 July 1896 in Budapest, Hungary, and was married to [REDACTED] in April 1943 in Nagyvarad, Hungary, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father, who was Jewish, resided in Budapest, where, after obtaining a university degree, he worked as a manager for a rail and shipping insurance company and might have used the professional titles of “*ellenor*” (inspector) or “*felulvizsgalo*” (auditor). The Claimant further stated that her father was conscripted into the Hungarian army sometime prior to August 1944, but later that year was deported to the Muhldorf camp in Germany, where he perished on 6 January 1945. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 2 May 1944 in Budapest.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her application, including: (1) her parent’s marriage certificate and, (2) her father’s business card.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the accounts of Laszlo Halasz and Terus Molnar. The CRT will treat the claim to these accounts in separate determinations.

(“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 1010025 and 1010026

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Sandor Halasz, who resided in Hungary. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s city of residence and title. Furthermore, the Bank’s records indicate the dates of opening and 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 from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank’s records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her father was conscripted into the Hungarian army sometime prior to August 1944 and was later deported to the Muhldorf camp, where he perished on 6 January 1945. In contrast, the Bank’s records indicate that one of the accounts at issue was opened during the time that the Claimant’s father was detained at the Muhldorf camp. The CRT notes that there is no evidence in the Bank’s records that indicate that this account was opened by someone other than the Account Owner. 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  
30 November 2005