

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**Claimed Account Owners: Simon Halpern, Isac Schapira,  
Esther Schapira and Alexander Halpern<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Numbers: 206101/RT; 783216/RT

This determination is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by Simon Halpern, Isac Schapira, Esther Schapira and Alexander Halpern. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Simon Halpern and Isac Schapira in the Account History Database prepared pursuant to the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or “ICEP Investigation”), which identified accounts probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution, as defined in the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the “Rules”).

This Certified Denial is to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s mother, Esther (Misu) Schapira, and Alexander Halpern (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

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 stating that Esther Schapira and Alexander Halpern, who were Jewish, resided in Romania. In a telephone conversation with the CRT, the Claimant’s representative stated that Misu Schapira was identical with Esther (Ita) Schapira, the Claimant’s mother, who resided in Bucharest, Romania.<sup>2</sup>

### **The CRT’s Investigation**

The CRT matched the names of Alexander Halpern and Esther (Misu) Schapira to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

<sup>2</sup> The CRT notes that the Claimant previously received an award to the accounts of Ita (Esther) Schapira. See *In re Accounts of Ita Schapira* (approved on 9 November 2006)

individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owners. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant provided regarding the Claimed Account Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the names of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

*Name: Alexander Halpern*

*Account Identification Number: 1010029*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Alexander Halpern, resided in Romania. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different country.*

*Name: Alexander Halpern (Vienna, Austria)*

*Account Identification Number: 5035156*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Alexander Halpern, resided in Romania. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Austria.*

*Name: Misu M. Schapira*

*Account Identification Number: 6002070*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his mother, Esther Schapira, also used the name Misu. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was male. The Claimant also did not identify the account owner's middle name.*

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT are published upon release on the CRT's website at [www.crt-ii.org](http://www.crt-ii.org).

### Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), the Claimant may appeal this decision or submit a request for reconsideration within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision.

An appeal must be based upon a plausible suggestion of error regarding the CRT's conclusions set out in this decision. Any appeals which are submitted without a plausible suggestion of error

shall be summarily denied. A request for reconsideration must be based on new documentary evidence not previously presented to the CRT that, if considered, would have led to a different outcome of the claim. Claimants should briefly explain the relevance of the newly submitted documents in view of the conclusions stated in the certified decision.

The Claimant should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimant should identify the account, including, where available, the Account Identification Number, that forms the basis of the appeal and/or request for reconsideration.

### **Scope of the Denial**

The CRT now considers the Claimant's claim to the accounts of Alexander Halpern and Esther Schapira closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

### **Certification of the Denial**

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
12 February 2010