

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Fritz Hannak

**Claimed Account Owners: Fritz Hannak, Ernst Hannak, Julius Hannak, Adolph Hannak
and Hobza Hannak¹**

Claim Numbers: 500523/SB; 500875/SB

This determination is based on the claims of Fritz Hannak (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Fritz Hannak, Ernst Hannak, Julius Hannak, Adolph Hannak and Hobza Hannak. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Julius Hannak (Hanak), Adolph Hannak (Hanak) and Hobza Hannak (Hanak) 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, as published on the February 2001 list of accounts determined by ICEP to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”), owned by Ernst Hanak, over which Fritz Hanak held power of attorney, and is potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Ernst Hannak and the Claimant himself (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 claims stating that he, Fritz Hannak, and his uncle, Ernst Hannak, are Jewish, and resided in Czechoslovakia. The Claimant further stated that he was born on 8 December 1928.

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

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Fritz Hannak (Hanak) and Ernst Hannak (Hanak) to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to 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 Owner

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.

Names: Ernst Hanak (account owner) (Brno, Czechoslovakia); Fritz Hanak (power of attorney holder)

Account Identification Number: 5023850

Specifically, the Claimant stated that he, Fritz Hannak, was born on 8 December 1928. In contrast, the records show that the account owner and power of attorney holder signed account records over a year prior to the Claimant's birth in 1928. The CRT notes that the Claimant did not indicate any other family member named Fritz Hannak. The CRT further notes that the account has been awarded to another claimant who identified the account owner's and power of attorney holder's unpublished street addresses in Brno.

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.

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 claims to the accounts of Fritz Hannak, Ernst Hannak, Julius Hannak, Adolph Hannak and Hobza Hannak closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Numbers 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 Numbers 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
17 March 2008