

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Nina Meyerhof

in re Account of Käthe Jacobi

Claim Number: 501491/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Nina Meyerhof, (the “Claimant”) to the account of Käthe (Käte) Jacobi (Jacoby).¹ This Denial is to the published account of Käthe Jacobi (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 grandmother, Käthe Jacobi, née Levy, who was born on 13 March 1886, and was married to Edwin Jacobi, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandmother, who was Jewish, resided at Hohenstaufenstrasse 50 in Berlin, Germany. The Claimant further stated that her grandmother was murdered by the Nazis in Theresienstadt. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 10 May 1942 in New York City, the United States.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her application, including a letter from the Berlin Synagogue, which indicates Käte Jacoby’s date and place of birth and street address in Berlin.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Käthe Jacobi. 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 one account whose owner’s name matches that

¹ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Käthe Jacoby or Käte Jacoby (Jacoby), 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”).

provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Account 5024425

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Käthe Jacobi, who resided in Berlin, Germany, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Paul Jacobi. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's maiden name, marital status and street address. The Bank's records also indicate Power of Attorney Holder Paul Jacobi's title, street address, city and country of residence. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's and Power of Attorney Holder Paul Jacobi's signatures.

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 grandmother 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 grandmother's maiden name was Levy and that she resided at Hohenstaufenstrasse 50, Berlin, Germany. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name and resided at a different address in Berlin. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify Power of Attorney Holder Paul Jacobi, even though he appears to be related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandmother 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 which 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