

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Mordechai Mendl Tenenbaum

**in re Account of Georg Katz<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 000978/ES/AH

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Mordechai Mendl Tenenbaum (the “Claimant”) to an account of Georges Katz. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Georges Katz 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 Denial is to the published account of Georg Katz (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 his maternal uncle, Georges Katz, who was born in Tomashow Mazowiecki, Poland, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant indicated that his uncle was married to Margarete Katz in Paris, France, where he resided and owned a store. The Claimant indicated that his uncle, who was Jewish, was killed in Auschwitz in 1943. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 17 July 1919 in Tomashow Mazowiecki.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Georges Katz. The auditors who carried out the ICEP Investigation reported one account whose owner’s name is substantially similar to that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified

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<sup>1</sup> In an effort to locate any and all accounts that might have belonged to the Claimant’s relative, the CRT has reviewed and analyzed all accounts whose owners’ names are substantially similar to that of the Claimant’s relative, even if the Claimant did not specifically claim that particular account. Moreover, the CRT recognizes that, in many cases, spellings of names have changed due to the passage of time in the decades since the Second World War, as well as due to the transcription of names into different languages.

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

#### Account 1010222

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Georg Katz, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence and his title. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of the account 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.

#### 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 uncle is substantially similar to the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his uncle resided in France. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Germany. Furthermore, the Claimant did not identify the Account Owner's title. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's uncle 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 the Special Master, c/o Claims Resolution Tribunal, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland.

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  
30 September 2004