

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: Albert Kauffmann

Claim Number: 217829/HS

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Albert Kauffmann (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 his relative, Albert Kauffmann, who was Jewish, was born in Stargard, Germany (now Starogard, Poland), and that he resided in Pegau, Germany. The Claimant stated that Albert Kauffmann was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], and that he owned shoe factories, including *Peter Kauffmann Synowie* in Starogard. The Claimant explained that Albert and [REDACTED] had five children: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. According to the information submitted by the Claimant, Albert Kauffmann’s son, [REDACTED], stayed briefly in Strasbourg, France, in 1933-1934. The Claimant stated that in 1939 Albert Kauffmann and his wife fled from the Nazis to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he resided until his death in 1940.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Albert Kauffmann 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 Owner. 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 Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner 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: Albert Kauffmann

Account Identification Number: 1010233

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative resided in Poland, Germany, and Denmark. In contrast, the account records indicate that the account owner resided in France. The CRT notes that the Claimant indicated that his relative's son, [REDACTED], stayed briefly in Strasbourg, France. However, the account records, which do not indicate any connection to Strasbourg or to a person named [REDACTED], show that the account owner resided in a different city in France, which is over 300 kilometers from Strasbourg.

Name: Albert Kauffmann

Account Identification Numbers: 5025194 and 5032309

Specifically, the Claimant stated his relative resided in Poland, Germany, and Denmark. In contrast, the account records indicate that the account owner resided in Paris, France. The account records also indicate the name of a joint account owner, who was closely related to the account owner, and the account owner's street address in Paris, neither of which the Claimant identified. The CRT notes that the Claimant indicated that his relative's son, [REDACTED], stayed briefly in Strasbourg, France. However, the account records do not indicate any connection to a person named [REDACTED] or to Strasbourg, which is over 300 kilometers from Paris.

Name: Albert Kauffmann

Account Identification Number: 2015879

Specifically, the Claimant stated his relative resided in Poland, Germany, and Denmark. In contrast, the account records indicate that the account owner resided in Paris, France. The account records also indicate the names of several close relatives of the account owner, which the Claimant did not identify. The CRT notes that the Claimant indicated that his relative's son, [REDACTED], stayed briefly in Strasbourg, France. However, the account records do not indicate any connection to a person named [REDACTED] or to Strasbourg, which is over 300 kilometers from Paris.

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: 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 Albert Kauffmann closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner 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
24 March 2011