

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: Helene Kertesz¹

Claim Number: 220803/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Helene Kertesz, née Fuchs (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 Helene Kertesz, who was Jewish, was born in 1883 as Helene Fuchs, and married [REDACTED] in 1904.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Helene Kertesz, née Fuchs, 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.

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

Information Available Concerning the Account Owner

The CRT has located one account where an account owner's name matches the name of the Claimant's relative Helene Kertesz, née Fuchs. The list below contains details of the type of information held about an account owner. The account is identified by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to an account for tracking purposes.

Account 2016798

The records indicate that the account owner was Helene Fuchs. The records also indicate the date of opening of the account at issue, and contains the account owner's signature and the dates on which she provided her signature.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the account owner as his relative. Although the maiden name of the Claimant's relative matches the published name of the account owner, the CRT notes that the information provided by the Claimant is inconsistent with the information about the account owner contained in the records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative's maiden name was Helene Fuchs and that she married [REDACTED] in 1904. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was signing her name as Helene Fuchs over thirty years after the Claimant's relative's marriage to [REDACTED]. Regarding any potential argument that the Claimant's relative utilized her maiden name in order to conceal the account, the CRT notes that the account owner was using this name prior to the outbreak of the Second World War and that the account itself was referred to under a code name, thus negating any necessity for the account owner to use a false, or altered 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.

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 Helene Kertesz 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
4 August 2008