

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owners: David Klein and Anne Klein¹

Claim Number: 781806/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, David Klein and Anne Klein (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 a claim stating that his parents, David Klein and Anne Klein, who were Jewish, resided at 16 Rakócyuca Street in Uzhorod, Czechoslovakia (today the Ukraine) and were married sometime prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. The Claimant stated that his parents, together with his brothers and sister, perished in Auschwitz in 1943 and 1944.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the names of David Klein and Anne Klein 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.

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

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

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.

Name: David Klein (V. Koslciach, Czechoslovakia)

Account Identification Number: 5034618

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, David Klein, resided in Uzhorod, Czechoslovakia (today the Ukraine). In contrast, the bank records show that the account owner resided in V. Koslciach, Czechoslovakia. The CRT notes that a town named "V. Koslciach" did not and does not exist, and that the records likely copied language in Slovakian regarding the account owner's residence. In the Slovakian language, "v Kosiciach" means "in Kosice." Accordingly, the CRT understands the bank records to indicate that the account owner resided in Kosice, Czechoslovakia (today Kosice, Slovakia). The CRT notes that Kosice is over 50 kilometers from Uzhorod. The CRT notes that the Claimant was able to provide his father's exact street address in Uzhorod, which indicates that he is certain that his father resided in Uzhorod and not in a nearby city. The CRT also notes that Uzhorod and Kosice are cities of similar size, thus rendering it unlikely that a resident of Uzhorod would indicate Kosice as their place of residence, even for the purposes of maintaining a Swiss bank account.

Name: Anna Klein

Account Identification Number: 2015910

Specifically, from the Claimant's claim he indicated that his relative, Anne Klein, was married prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was unmarried in the 1940s.

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 David Klein and Anne Klein closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number 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 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
8 August 2007