

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**Claimed Account Owners: Rosa Kohn, Alexander Kohn, Ignaz Kohn,  
Mark Pissk, Anna Loebel, Ida Piszsk, Adolf Piszsk, Sammy Piszsk, Izador Piszsk,  
David Piszsk, Ella Kohn, Alfred Kohn, Hans Kohn and Eleonore Kohn<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 216159/SB

This determination is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Rosa Kohn, Alexander Kohn, Ignaz Kohn, Mark Pissk, Anna Loebel (Pisk, Piszsk), Ida Piszsk, Adolf Piszsk, Sammy Piszsk, Izador Piszsk, David Piszsk, Ella Kohn, Alfred Kohn, Hans Kohn and Eleonore Kohn. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Ignaz Kohn, Mark Pissk (Pisk, Piszsk), Anna Loebel (Piszsk, Pisk, Pissk), Ida Piszsk (Pisk, Pissk), Adolf Piszsk (Pisk, Pissk), Sammy (Shmuel) Piszsk (Pisk, Pissk), Izador (Israel) Piszsk (Pisk, Pissk), David Piszsk (Pisk, Pissk), Ella Kohn, Alfred Kohn, Hans Kohn and Eleonore Kohn 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 Certified Denial is to the Swiss bank accounts of Rosa Kohn and Alexander Pisk as published on the February 2001 published list of accounts determined by Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP”) to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”) and potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Rosa Kohn and Alexander Kohn (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 Rosa Kohn and Alexander Kohn were married, and that they resided in Vienna, Austria, Budapest, Hungary, Italy, France and Costa Rica. The

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Claimant further stated that Rosa Kohn's maiden name was Rosa Pisk. The CRT notes that the Claimant did not state where in Italy or France Alexander Kohn resided.

### **The CRT's Investigation**

The CRT matched the name of Rosa Kohn (Piszk, Pisk, Pissk) and Alexander Kohn 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.

### **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.

Rosa Kohn and

*Name: Alexander Pisk (Italy)*

*Account Identification Number: 1009028*

*Specifically, whilst the Claimant stated that her relative, Alexander Kohn, resided in Italy, she did not state where in Italy he resided. In contrast, the CRT has awarded the account at issue to a claimant who identified the account owner's city of residence. The CRT also notes that the Claimant provided no explanation as to why her relative, Alexander Kohn, would open an account in the name Alexander Pisk. However, regarding the possibility that the Claimant's relative opened an account using a pseudonym, the CRT notes that the account owner was in contact with the bank prior to Nazi rise to power in 1933, and that there is nothing in the records to indicate that this was not the account owner's true name.*

*Name: Rosa Kohn (Neuilly-Sur-Seine, France)*

*Account Identification Number: 1001357*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative's maiden name was Rosa Piszk. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different maiden name.*

The CRT has taken utmost care in matching the names of the person identified by the Claimant as a possible account owner to names of actual account owners identified 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”). The CRT has reviewed this claim carefully and analyzed matches to accounts belonging to account owners with alternative spellings of Rosa Kohn’s last name, which include Cahn, and has determined that these accounts did not belong to the Claimed Account Owner.

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](http://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 Rosa Kohn, Alexander Kohn, Ignaz Kohn, Mark Pissk, Anna Loebli, Ida Pizsk, Adolf Pizsk, Sammy Pizsk, Izador Pizsk, David Pizsk, Ella Kohn, Alfred Kohn, Hans Kohn and Eleonore Kohn 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  
4 August 2008