

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Hans Kramer**

Claim Number: 208998/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Hans (Ignac) Kramer.<sup>2</sup> This Denial is to the published account of Hans Kramer (the “Account Owner”) at [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).<sup>3</sup>

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 Form asserting that her father, Hans Kramer, who was born on 29 January 1904 in Ivanka, today Slovakia, and was married to [REDACTED] on 13 October 1934 in Antwerp, Belgium, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father, who was Jewish, resided in Czechoslovakia until 1933, when he moved to Antwerp, where he resided until 1940. The Claimant further stated that her father fled Belgium in 1940 to France, going into hiding in Marseille and Hauteluce. The Claimant concluded that her father returned to Antwerp after the Second World War, where he died in 1987. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 16 April 1946 in Antwerp.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999 asserting her entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Ignac Kramer.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 208998. In the Initial Questionnaire, the Claimant claimed accounts belonging to Gejza Kramer and Netty Krakova. The CRT will treat the claim to these accounts in a separate determination.

<sup>2</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Ignac Kramer 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”).

<sup>3</sup> In a separate decision, the CRT awarded the account of Marguerite Traub to the Claimant. See *In re Accounts of Marguerite Traub* (approved on 29 December 2005).

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including her parents' marriage certificate, dated 20 November 1951, which indicates that Ignac Kramer married [REDACTED] on 13 October 1934 in Antwerp.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Hans Kramer. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons ("ICEP" or the "ICEP Investigation") reported one account whose owner's name matches that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

#### Account 1011820

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Hans Kramer, who resided in Hannover, Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address in Hannover.

### **The CRT's Analysis**

#### Admissibility of the Claim

The CRT has determined that the claim is admissible according to Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules").

#### Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her relative. Although the name of her father matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that from 1933 to 1940 her father resided in Czechoslovakia and Belgium before going into hiding in France. In contrast, the Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner resided in Hanover, Germany, where he had a permanent street address. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father are the same person.

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 or power of attorney holders 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 uses advanced name matching systems that consider variations of names, including name variations provided by

Yad Vashem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches are identified. The CRT has reviewed this claim carefully and analyzed matches to accounts whose account owner's or power of attorney holder's have the alternative spellings of Hans Kramer's surname, which include Cramer, and has determined that these accounts do not belong to the Claimant's relative.

### 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 Special Master Michael Bradfield, 51 Louisiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001 USA.

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, or the alternative surname of the Account Owner identified above, which 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 her 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  
12 May 2006