

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]  
represented by [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Ignaz Krausz<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 207805/MG

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to an account of Ignac Krauss. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Ignac Krauss 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 Denial is to the published account of Ignaz Krausz (“the Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (“the Bank”).

All denials are published, but where a claimant has requested confidentiality, as in this case, the name of the claimant, any relatives of the claimant other than the account owner, and the bank are redacted.

## **Information Provided by the Claimant**

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form asserting that his father, Ignac Krauss, who was born on 28 October 1900 in Kantorjanos, Hungary, and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], in May 1928 in Kantorjanos, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant indicated that he was the only child of his parents. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, was a traveling salesman. According to the Claimant, his father resided in Hungary, first in Kantorjanos and then in Budapest. The Claimant further stated that in January 1945 the Nazis deported his father to the concentration camp in Mauthausen, where he perished. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 26 March 1933 in Kantorjanos.

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<sup>1</sup> In an effort to locate any and all accounts that might have belonged to the Claimant’s relative, the CRT has reviewed and analyzed all accounts whose owners’ names are substantially similar to that of the Claimant’s relative, even if the Claimant did not specifically claim that particular account. Moreover, the CRT recognizes that, in many cases, spellings of names have changed due to the passage of time in the decades since the Second World War, as well as due to the transcription of names into different languages.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Ignac Krauss. The auditors who carried out the ICEP Investigation reported one account whose owner's name is substantially similar to 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 5024325

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Ignaz Krausz, who resided in Vienna, Austria, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Ernestine Krausz. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address, his daughter's name and the relationship between the Account Owner and the Power of Attorney Holder. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date on which the power of attorney was granted. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's and the Power of Attorney Holder's signatures.

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Admissibility of the Claim

The CRT has determined that the claim is admissible according to Article 18 of the Rules.

### Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as his relative. Although the name of his father is substantially similar to the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his father resided in Hungary and had one child, the Claimant, who is male. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Austria, a country to which the Claimant established no connection, and had a daughter. In addition, the Claimant did not identify the Power of Attorney Holder although he was closely related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father are the same person.

### 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 the Special Master, c/o Claims Resolution Tribunal, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland.

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 that 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 his 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  
30 September 2004