

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]
represented by [REDACTED]

in re Account of Edmond Levy

Claim Number: 218261/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Edmond Levy (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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-in-law, Edmond Levy, who was born on 15 December 1872 in Birnbaum, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED] on 27 April 1900 in Berlin, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father-in-law, who was Jewish, was a businessman who resided in Berlin. The Claimant further stated that her mother-in-law died in 1937 and that her father-in-law died in 1938 in Berlin. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 9 April 1912 in Liepaja, Latvia.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including an extract from the family book, which indicates that Edmond Levy married [REDACTED] on 27 April 1900.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Edmond Levy. 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 5026174

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Edmond Levy. The Bank's records also indicate the name of the Account Owner's spouse and the name of a person who jointly owned the account at issue with the Account Owner. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the joint account owner's street address, city and country of residence.

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-in-law 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 her father-in-law was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED]. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was married to a different person. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify the person who jointly owned the account at issue with the Account Owner, even though this person appears to be related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father-in-law 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 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, 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
14 December 2005