

# 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 R. May**

Claim Number: 400327/SB<sup>1,2</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of R. May (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 in 2005 asserting that his mother, Regina May, née Nemenyi,<sup>3</sup> who was born on 22 September 1906 in Budapest, Hungary, and was married to [REDACTED] on 19 November 1931 in Budapest, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his mother, who was Jewish, resided in Budapest and was the owner of a textile business. The Claimant further stated that his mother died on 15 August 1993 in Budapest. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 6 October 1932 in Budapest.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including: (1) his mother’s birth certificate, which indicates her date and place of birth; (2) his own birth certificate, which indicates the name of his mother and that she resided in Budapest.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted one additional claim, which is registered under the Claim Number 200640. The CRT will treat this claim in a separate determination.

<sup>2</sup> The Claimant submitted four Initial Questionnaires to the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaires under the consolidated Claim Number 200640.

<sup>3</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Regina May, née Nemenyi 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”).

## **Information Published by the Press Office of the Polish Ministry of Finance**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Regina May. The CRT further notes that the auditors who carried out the investigation of this bank to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) did not report an account belonging to Regina May during their investigation of the Bank. The documents evidencing an account belonging to R. May were obtained from a publication entitled *Nasze finanse*, published by the Press Office of the Polish Ministry of Finance, number 25, dated February 1998. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account for tracking purposes.

### Account 6002459

The records from the Press Office of the Polish Ministry of Finance indicate that the Account Owner was R. May. These records also indicate the Account Owner’s title and 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 his relative. Although the name of his mother matches the published first initial and last name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published information about the Account Owner contained in the records from the Press Office of the Polish Ministry of Finance. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his mother resided in Hungary. In contrast, the records from the Press Office of the Polish Ministry of Finance show that the Account Owner resided in another country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s mother 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 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  
17 November 2006