

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Shlomit Irene Shamai
represented by Eyal Frost

in re Accounts of Ilse Meyer

Claim Number: 209152/AH

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Shlomit Irene Shamai, née Heymann, (the Claimant) to accounts of Ilse Meyer, née Steinauer. This Denial is to the published accounts of Ilse Meyer (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the names of the banks have been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form asserting that her cousin, Ilse Meyer, née Steinauer, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her cousin was born on 20 January 1901 in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland), where she lived until 1938, was married to Kurt Karl Meyer, and was a painter. The Claimant indicated that her cousin, who was Jewish, perished in Auschwitz in 1944. The Claimant stated that she was born on 10 November 1913 in Jauer, Germany.

Information Available in the Banks’ Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her cousin, Ilse Meyer, née Steinauer. 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 two accounts whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. Each account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Accounts 1012366 and 1012367

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Ilse Meyer, who resided in Germany. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s city of residence, marital status and her

maiden name. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of the accounts at issue.

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 cousin 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 cousin's maiden name was Steinauer. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name. Furthermore, the Claimant stated that her cousin lived in Breslau, whereas the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in another city in Germany, which is over 500 kilometers away from Breslau. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's cousin 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 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
19 November 2004