

# 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 I. Mueller**

Claim Number: 600565/AE<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to an account of Ignatz Muller (Müller). The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Ignatz Muller or Ignatz Müller 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 I. Mueller (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 are redacted.

### **Information Provided by the Claimant**

The Claimant submitted a claim to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) in 1999 asserting that his brother, Ignatz Muller (Müller), who was born in Belzec, Poland in 1887 or 1888, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant indicated that his brother, who resided in Poland, owned an oil factory that also produced soap and candles. According to the Claimant, his brother was Jewish and died in Lwow, Poland in 1943 or 1944. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 14 January 1908 in Belzec.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Ignatz Muller or Ignatz Müller. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of ICEP reported one account whose owner’s name matches or is substantially similar to that provided by the Claimant. The

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted a claim, numbered B-01648, on 14 January 1999, to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) of the New York State Banking Department. This claim was referred by the HCPO to the CRT and has been assigned Claim Number 600565.

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 1011386

The Bank's record indicates that the Account Owner was I. Mueller, who resided in Munich, Germany. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the Account Owner's street address.

### **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 brother 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 record. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his brother resided in Poland. In contrast, the Bank's record shows that the Account Owner resided in Munich, Germany, which was not identified by the Claimant and to which the Claimant established no connection. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's brother 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 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  
21 September 2005