

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Elia Wolfer

**Claimed Account Owner: Emil Müller-Wolfer<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 005201/HB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of Elia Wolfer (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Emil Wolfer (Wolper, Müller-Wolfer), (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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

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

The Claimant submitted a claim stating that Emil Wolfer, who was Jewish, was the son of Avraham Wolfer and Miriam Wolfer. The Claimant further indicated that Emil Wolfer was the owner of a Swiss bank account held under the name Emil Müller-Wolfer. In a telephone conversation with the CRT, the Claimant specifically stated that Emil Wolfer did not use any surnames other than Wolfer and that all he knows about Emil Wolfer is that he resided in Russia until the 1920s or 1930s. The Claimant stated that he does not have any additional information about Emil Wolfer, including where he may have resided or his fate. The Claimant submitted documents that show his family’s name only as Wolfer (Wolper).

### **The CRT’s Investigation**

The CRT matched the name of Emil Wolfer (Wolper, Müller-Wolfer) to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owner. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant provided regarding the Claimed Account Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Identification of the Account Owner

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

*Name: Emil Wolfer (AKA Emil Müller-Wolfer)*

*Account Identification Number: 1001217*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Emil Wolfer, was the son of Avram Wolfer and Miriam Wolfer. The Claimant further stated that his relative did not use any other last names but Wolfer. The documents submitted by the Claimant show his family's name only as Wolfer (Wopler). In contrast, the records show that the account owner's surname was Müller-Wolfer.*

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT are published upon release on the CRT's website at [www.crt-ii.org](http://www.crt-ii.org).

### Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), the Claimant may appeal this decision or submit a request for reconsideration within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision.

An appeal must be based upon a plausible suggestion of error regarding the CRT's conclusions set out in this decision. Any appeals which are submitted without a plausible suggestion of error shall be summarily denied. A request for reconsideration must be based on new documentary evidence not previously presented to the CRT that, if considered, would have led to a different outcome of the claim. Claimants should briefly explain the relevance of the newly submitted documents in view of the conclusions stated in the certified decision.

The Claimant should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimant should identify the account, including, where available, the Account Identification Number, that forms the basis of the appeal and/or request for reconsideration.

**Scope of the Denial**

The CRT now considers the Claimant's claim to the accounts of Emil Wolfer closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

**Certification of the Denial**

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
12 February 2010