

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Frigyesné Varga

**in re Account of Rosa Palmada-Steiner<sup>1</sup>  
and  
Account of Rosa Steiner  
and  
Accounts of Martin Steiner  
(Power of Attorney Holder Rosa Steiner)**

Claim Number: 205119/MD/MG<sup>2</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Frigyesné Varga, née Steiner, (the “Claimant”) to the account of Miksane (Roza) Rozsi Steiner.<sup>3</sup> This Denial is to the published account of Rosa Palmada-Steiner (“Account Owner 1”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”), to the published account of Rosa Steiner (“Account Owner 2”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 2”), and to the published accounts of Martin Steiner (“Account Owner 3”), over which Rosa Steiner (the “Power of Attorney Holder”) held power of attorney, also at Bank 2.

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 Form asserting that her mother, Miksane (Roza) Rozsi Steiner, née Guttentag, who was born on 11 October 1902 in Tapolca, Hungary, and was married to Miksa Steiner, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her mother, who was Jewish, resided until 1944 in Herend, Hungary, where she worked in a business together with her

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<sup>1</sup> In an effort to locate any and all accounts that might have belonged to the Claimant’s relative, the CRT has reviewed and analyzed all accounts whose owners’ or power of attorney holders’ names are substantially similar to that of the Claimant’s relative, even if the Claimant did not specifically claim that particular account and even if the Claimant could not identify the owner of the account as her relative.

<sup>2</sup> The Claimant submitted additional claims to the accounts of Miksa Steiner, Sandor Steiner, Edit Steiner and Edene Liedeter, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 205121, 205124, 205125, 733607, 733608 and 733609. The CRT will treat the claims to these accounts in separate determinations.

<sup>3</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Miksane (Roza) Rozsi Steiner 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”).

husband. According to the Claimant, in 1944 the Nazis sent her mother to the ghetto in Veszprem, Hungary and later deported her to Auschwitz. The Claimant stated that her mother died on 2 July 1992 in Budapest, Hungary. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 17 August 1927 in Herend.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her application, including: (1) her own birth certificate; and (2) her mother's death certificate.

### **Information Available in the Banks' Records**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Miksane (Roza) Rozsi Steiner. 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") reported four accounts whose owners' or power of attorney holder's names match that provided by the Claimant. Upon review of the bank documents, the CRT also located one additional account that was not reported by the auditors. 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.

#### Account 2016659

Bank 1's records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Rosa Palmada-Steiner. Bank 1's records also indicate Account Owner 1's year of birth.

#### Account 5023831

Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 was Rosa Steiner, who resided in Vienna, Austria, and that the power of attorney holder was Johann Steiner. Bank 2's records also indicate Account Owner 2's maiden name, street address and city and country of residence. Furthermore, Bank 2's records contain Account Owner 2's and power of attorney holder Johann Steiner's signatures.

#### Accounts 5023938, 5023938.1, 5024482

Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 3 was Martin Steiner, who resided in Innsbruck, Austria, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Rosa Steiner. Bank 2's records further indicate that Gabriele Kowler-Steiner also held a power of attorney over the account. Bank 2's records also indicate Account Owner 3's street address and the Power of Attorney Holder's husband's name, street address, city and country of residence. Finally, Bank 2's records contain Account Owner 3's and both of the power of attorney holders' signatures.

## **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 Owners

As for Account 2016659, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as her relative. Although the name of her mother matches the published name of Account Owner 1, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about Account Owner 1 available in Bank 1's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother was born in 1902. In contrast, Bank 1's records show that Account Owner 1 was born over a decade earlier than the Claimant's mother. Further, the Claimant did not identify Account Owner 1's additional last name, 'Palmada'. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's mother are the same person.

As for Account 5023831, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as her relative. Although the name of her mother matches the published name of Account Owner 2, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about Account Owner 2 available in Bank 2's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother's maiden name was Guttentag. In contrast, Bank 2's records show that Account Owner 2 had a different maiden name. The CRT also notes that the Claimant stated that her mother resided in Hungary, whereas Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 resided in Vienna, Austria. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's mother are the same person.

As for Accounts 5023938, 5023938.1 and 5024482, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Power of Attorney Holder as her relative. Although the name of her mother matches the published name of the Power of Attorney Holder, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Power of Attorney Holder available in Bank 2's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother was married to Miksa Steiner and resided in Hungary. In contrast, Bank 2's records show that the Power of Attorney Holder was married to a different person and resided in another country, which the Claimant did not identify. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Power of Attorney Holder and the Claimant's mother are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the accounts to another claimant, who plausibly identified Account Owner 3 as his relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at [www.crt-ii.org](http://www.crt-ii.org).

### 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