

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Paul Soberman

## **in re Accounts of Paul Pfeiffer**

Claim Number: 215184/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Paul Soberman (the “Claimant”) to the accounts of Paul Pfeiffer (Pfeiffer).<sup>2</sup> This Denial is to the published accounts of two individuals named Paul Pfeiffer (“Account Owner 1” and “Account Owner 2”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”) and at [REDACTED] (“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 his maternal grandfather, Paul Pfeiffer, who was born in 1880 in Austria and was married to Jenny Pfeiffer, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his grandfather, who was Jewish, was a tailor who resided in Austria until approximately 1900, when he emigrated to the United States. The Claimant further stated that his grandfather died on 26 May 1944 in New York, New York. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 12 October 1949 in New York.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Paul Pfeiffer. 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 four accounts whose owners’ names match that provided

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 215184. In the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form the Claimant claimed an account belonging to Elise Pfeiffer. The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate determination.

<sup>2</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Paul Pfeiffer 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”).

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 1013144 and 1013145

Bank 1's records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Paul Pfeiffer, who resided in Germany. Bank 1's records also indicate Account Owner 1's city of residence in Germany, his titles and the name of a joint account owner. Furthermore, Bank 1's records indicate the dates of closing of the accounts at issue.

#### Accounts 5027609 and 5030385

Bank 2's records indicate that Account Owner 2 was Paul Pfeiffer, who resided in Oberwachingen, Germany. Bank 2's records also indicate Account Owner 2's street address in Oberwachingen, another city of residence, profession and date of death. Furthermore, Bank 2's records indicate the date of opening of one 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 Owners

As for Accounts 1013144 and 1013145, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as his relative. Although the name of his grandfather 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 his grandfather resided in Austria until approximately 1900, when he emigrated to the United States, and that he was a tailor. In contrast, Bank 1's records show that Account Owner 1 resided in Germany and held titles which are inconsistent with the profession of the Claimant's grandfather. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's grandfather are the same person.

As for Accounts 5027609 and 5030385, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as his relative. Although the name of his grandfather 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 his grandfather resided in Austria until approximately 1900, when he emigrated to the United States, and that he died in 1944. In contrast, Bank 2's records show that Account Owner 2 resided in Germany and died in a different decade. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's grandfather 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  
8 August 2006