

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owners: Oskar Pollak, Pavel Pollak and Josef Pollak¹

Claim Number: 221722/RT

This determination is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by Oskar Pollak, Pavel Pollak and Josef Pollak. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Pavel Pollak (Polak) 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 Certified Denial is to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Oskar Pollak (Polak) and Josef Pollak (Polak) (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

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 have been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a claim stating that Oskar Pollak and Josef Pollak, who were Jewish, resided in Czechoslovakia.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Oskar Pollak (Polak) and Josef Pollak (Polak) 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 Owners. 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

¹ 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.

possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant provided regarding the Claimed Account Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the names of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners 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: Oskar Pollak (Austria)

Account Identification Numbers: 1009043; 1009044; 1009045; 1009046; 1009047; 1009048

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Oskar Pollak, resided in Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Austria.

Name: Josef Pollak (Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1009278

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Name: Josef Pollak (Arad, Romania)²

Account Identification Number: 4019984

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Josef Pollak, resided in Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Romania (Hungary).

Name: Josef Pollak (Vienna, Austria)

Account Identification Number: 4020420

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Name: Josef Pollak (Arad, Hungary)

Account Identification Number: 4023273

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² The CRT notes that Arad belonged to Hungary until 1920, at which time it became part of Romania. The CRT notes that on the February 2001 published list of accounts determined by the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons ("ICEP") to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the "ICEP List"), the name "Josef Pollak" appears four times, once showing that the account owner resided in Germany, once in Vienna, Austria, once in "Arad, Hungary," and once in "Arad, Romania." Although published in connection with different countries, the name "Arad" refers to the same city.

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.

Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of 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 Oskar Pollak, Pavel Pollak and Josef Pollak closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners 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
23 June 2008