

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Vladimir Romanoff

Claim Number: 219117/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Vladimir (Vele, Volf, Vulff) Romanov (Romanoff, Romanow, Romanoy).² This Denial is to the published accounts of Vladimir Romanoff (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 have been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form asserting that her paternal uncle, Vladimir Romanoff, who was born in Russia, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant provided only limited information regarding her uncle, stating that he was Jewish, that he resided in Europe, and that the family lost contact with him during the Second World War. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 1 April 1931 in Belarus.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Vladimir Romanoff. 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 two accounts whose owner’s name

¹ The Claimant submitted two Initial Questionnaires 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 219117.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Vele (Volf, Vulff) Romanov (Romanoff, Romanow, Romanoy) or, Vladimir (Vele, Volf, Vulff) Romanov (Romanow, Romanoy) 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”).

matches that provided 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 5026150 and 5035718

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Vladimir Romanoff, who resided in Paris, France, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Michel Ceresole. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's title, street address in Paris and a second city and country of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the name of a joint account owner and this individual's cities and countries of residence. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's signature.

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 Owner

The CRT notes that although the name of the Claimant's uncle matches the published name of the Account Owner, the Claimant did not identify the Account Owner's published and unpublished cities and countries of residence, or the joint account owner, even though this person appears to be closely related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's uncle 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 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
8 August 2006