

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED 1]
also acting on behalf of [REDACTED 2]

Claimed Account Owners: Leo Salinger, David Salinger and Hedwig Salinger¹

Claim Number: 212059/SB; 220283/SB; 220284/SB; 220308/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claims of [REDACTED 1] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Leo (Leopold) Salinger and to the account of David Salinger-Caspar and Hedwig Salinger-Caspar, as published on the list of account owners in 2005, and potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, David (Dawid) Salinger and Hedwig Salinger.

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 claims stating that Leo Salinger, who was Jewish, was a businessman, who was married to Elsa Kurban.

The Claimant further stated that David Salinger, who was also Jewish, was Leo Salinger’s brother and resided in Kallies, Germany (Kalitz, Poland). The Claimant provided limited family information about David Salinger, but in addressing the matter of the hyphenated last name of published account owner of David Salinger-Caspar, stated, first in a letter dated 5 August 2004:

“Salinger-Caspar David in our view is a reference to the town or village from where David Salinger came.

We believe Caspar is simply an Anglicized version of a region and does not refer at all to any maiden surname.

We believe Caspar Pommerania is in fact Kasparus Pommerania as it then was...”

Then in a letter dated 19 January 2005, the Claimant stated that Caspar was:

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

“...either the small village of Kasparus... and/or was used as a code name. It does not respectfully attach to any other maiden name or otherwise.”

The Claimant did not provide any detailed information about Hedwig Salinger, but did state in a letter dated 5 July 2006, that she was born on 11 August 1893 in Berlin, Germany and was deported to Warsaw, Poland, where it is presumed that she perished. The CRT notes that the Claimant does not indicate what the familial relationship is between David and Hedwig Salinger.

The Claimant provided several hundred pages of material in support of his claim which includes, *inter alia*: archival documents, detailed family trees and detailed accounts for several members of the Salinger family and other branches of the Claimant’s family.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Leo (Leopold) Salinger, David (Dawid) Salinger and Hedwig Salinger 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 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.

Information Available Concerning the Account Owner

The CRT has located two accounts where an account owner’s name matches the name of the Claimant’s relatives Leo Salinger, David Salinger and Hedwig Salinger. The list below contains details of the type of information held about an account owner. The accounts are identified by their Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to an account for tracking purposes.

Account 5026656

The records indicate that the account owner was Leo Salinger, who resided in Kallies, Germany and that the power of attorney holder was Paula Salinger. The records also indicate the account owner’s occupation and the name of his spouse.

Account 6000951

The records indicate that the account owners were David Salinger-Caspar and Hedwig Salinger-Caspar. The records also indicate the account owners’ city and country of residence and the name of David Salinger-Caspar’s spouse and daughter.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

As for Account 5026656, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the account owner as his relative. Although the name of the Claimant's relative matches the published name of the account owner, the CRT notes that the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the information about the account owner contained in the records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative Leo Salinger was married to [REDACTED]. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was married to a different person. The CRT notes that this account was awarded to another, unrelated claimant who definitely identified the account owner as her relative.

As for Account 6000951, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the account owners as his relatives. The CRT notes that the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the information about the account owner contained in the records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that the 'Caspar' in the account owners' last name of 'Salinger-Caspar' relates to either a village of residence, or was a code name and does not relate to any maiden name or otherwise. In contrast, the records show that the account owners' full last name was Salinger-Caspar, and does not refer to the account owner's place of residence, which is indicated separately and does not correlate with the Claimant's assertion that 'Caspar' refers to the village of Kasparus. The CRT also notes that there is nothing in the records to in any way suggest that Caspar is in any form a code name. The CRT notes that the Claimant has not definitively identified the name of David Salinger-Casper's spouse or daughter. Further, the CRT notes that another unrelated claimant has definitely identified David and Hedwig Salinger-Caspar as her relative by identifying unpublished information contained in the bank records and by providing documentary evidence linking herself to these family members.

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 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 claims to the accounts of Leo Salinger, David Salinger and Hedwig Salinger closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Numbers 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 Numbers 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 October 2007