

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

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

## **in re Account of Dora Salomon**

Claim Number: 216769/SB<sup>1,2</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Dora Salomon (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 grandmother, Dora Salomon, who was born on 22 August 1893 in Samotschim, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED] in 1919 in Wernigerode, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandmother, who was Jewish, resided in Wernigerode until 1939, when she fled Germany for Argentina. The Claimant stated that her grandmother died on 4 October 1954 in Parana, Argentina. The Claimant stated that she was born on 8 April 1959 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Claimant is representing [REDACTED], who was born on 18 March 1964.<sup>3</sup>

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999 asserting her entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Dora Salomon.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted an additional claim to the accounts of Sofia Salomon and Josef Salomon, which are registered under the Claim Number 216768. The CRT will treat the claim to these accounts in a separate determination.

<sup>2</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 216769.

<sup>3</sup> [REDACTED] submitted claims to the accounts of Hermann Salomon and Leo Salomon, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 216766 and 216767. The CRT will treat the claims to these accounts in separate determinations.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including her grandmother's passport, which indicates that she resided in Wernigerode, Germany.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Dora Salomon. 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 one account whose owner's name matches that provided by the Claimant. The 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 5026568

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Dora Salomon, who resided in Annaberg, Germany and that the Power of Attorney Holders were Else Graubner, née Salomon and Johanne Seypt. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's marital status, street address, and Power of Attorney Holder Johanne Seypt's maiden name. The Bank's records also indicate the date on which the Account Owner granted the power of attorney. Finally, the Bank's records contain the Account Owner's and 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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her relative. Although the name of her grandmother matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her grandmother married her spouse in 1919. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was still unmarried many years after 1919. The CRT also notes that the Claimant stated that her grandmother resided in Wernigerode, which is over 250 kilometers from the Account Owner's city of residence, Annaberg. The CRT notes that Wernigerode is a larger city than Annaberg, and that it is therefore unlikely that the Claimant's grandmother, who lived in Wernigerode, would have listed Annaberg as her city of residence when opening a bank account. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandmother 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 Claimants 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 Claimants or upon information from other sources.

### **Certification of the Denial**

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
29 December 2005