

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

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

in re Account of Fritz Sanger

Claim Number: 217572/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Fritz Sanger (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).¹

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 his grandfather, [REDACTED], opened an account in the name of his deceased son, Fritz Sanger. The Claimant stated that his grandfather, who was Jewish, opened the account in the name of his son, Fritz Sanger, who was born on 13 June 1904 in Oberdorf, Germany and who died 15 days later. According to the Claimant, his grandfather used his son’s name in order to conceal the account from the Nazi authorities and intended to claim the account at the end of the Second World War. The Claimant further stated that his grandfather resided in Oberdorf, Germany, until 1939, when he fled for the United States, where he died on 3 February 1942. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 7 February 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri, the United States.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including his grandfather’s United States immigration papers and death certificate, which both indicate that his grandfather’s family name was originally spelled “Saenger.”

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Fritz Sanger. 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”

¹ In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the account of Jakob Sanger. The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate determination.

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 5019387

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Fritz Sanger. The Bank’s records also indicate the opening date of the account 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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as his relative. Although the name of his uncle matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant is inconsistent with the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank’s records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his grandfather opened the account using his deceased son’s name as an alias in order to conceal the account from Nazi authorities. The CRT notes, however, that there is no evidence in the Bank’s records to indicate that any person, other than the Account Owner, opened the account, and that the account was opened several years prior to the Nazis coming to power in Germany. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s relative 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.

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23 January 2006