

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of S. Singer

Claim Number: 600241/SJ¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to an account of Adolf Münch, over which her father, Slavko Singer, held power of attorney. The CRT notes that the Claimant’s claim to this account was adjudicated by the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland (“CRT-I”) and a decision was rendered on 2 October 1998. This Denial is to the published account of S. Singer (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 to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) asserting that her father, Slavko Singer, who was born on 2 September 1904 in Bjelovar, Croatia, and was married to [REDACTED], was a power of attorney holder to a Swiss bank account. The Claimant indicated that her father, who was Jewish, lived in Yugoslavia before the Second World War, where he held the rank of major in the Yugoslav army until he took ill. The Claimant indicated that her father died in Yugoslavia on 31 October 1964 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia (now Serbia).

The Claimant indicated that she was born on 14 July 1945 in Bari, Italy.

The Claimant previously submitted an ATAG Ernst & Young claim form in 1998, asserting her entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Adolf Münch, over which her father, Slavko Singer, held power of attorney.

¹ The Claimant submitted a claim, numbered B-01752, on 10 May 1999, to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) of the New York State Banking Department. This claim was referred by the HCPO to the CRT and has been assigned Claim Number 600241.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her application, including: (1) a copy of her father's death certificate; (2) a copy of her birth certificate, indicating that she was the daughter of Slavko Singer and [REDACTED]; and (3) a copy of her high school diploma, indicating that she was the daughter of Slavko Singer and [REDACTED].

Information Available in the Bank's Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account over which her relative, Slavko Singer, held power of attorney. 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 is substantially similar to 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 4022221

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was S. Singer, who resided in Romania. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's title and gender.

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Rules, the CRT requested the voluntary assistance of the Bank to obtain additional information about this account ("Voluntary Assistance"). The Bank provided the CRT with additional documents. These documents consist of list of suspended accounts as of 4 March 1953, but provide no additional substantive information regarding the account.

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 Account Owner Holder S. Singer as her relative. Although the name of her father is substantially similar to the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her father lived in Yugoslavia, where he held the rank of major in the Yugoslav army prior to taking ill. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner lived in Romania and that he held a professional title. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the account to another claimant, who plausibly

identified the Account Owner as her relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

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 that 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
21 September 2005