

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]
represented by Israel Muchin

in re Accounts of Josefine Steiner

Claim Number: 401406/MG¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Josefine Steiner (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] which was a subsidiary of the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”), and at an unnamed bank (“Bank 2”) (together the “Banks”).

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 in 2005, asserting that his sister, Josefine (Jozsa, Fradel) Steiner,² who was born in approximately 1925 in Hungary, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his sister, who was Jewish, resided in Győr and Gyömöre, Hungary until 1944, when she was deported to Auschwitz, where she perished. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 3 February 1924 in Győr.

Information Available in the Banks’ Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Josefine Steiner. The CRT further notes that the auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent

¹ The Claimant submitted five additional claims, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 211511, 211512, 211513, 220267 and 220268. In a separate decision, the CRT awarded the accounts of Hermann Steiner and Ernst Steiner to the Claimant. See *In re Account of Hermann Steiner* (approved on 13 May 2005) and *In re Accounts of Ernst Steiner* (approved on 15 July 2005). The CRT will treat the remaining claims in separate determinations.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Jozsa, (or Fradel) Steiner 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”).

Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) did not report an account belonging to Josefine Steiner during their investigation. The documents evidencing accounts belonging to Josefine Steiner were obtained from archival sources. Each account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account for tracking purposes.

Accounts 6002327, 6002329, 6002330 and 6002335

The Banks’ records indicate that the Account Owner was Josefine Steiner. The Banks’ records also indicate the Account Owner’s date of birth, street address, city and country of residence. Furthermore, the Banks’ 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 concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as his relative. Although the name of his sister matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the information about the Account Owner available in the Banks’ records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his sister was born in approximately 1925 and that she resided in Hungary until her deportation to Auschwitz. In contrast, the Banks’ records show that the Account Owner was born several decades before 1925 and resided in a different country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s sister are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the accounts 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 and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of 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 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.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
23 March 2007