

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Liselotte Ivry

**in re Accounts of L. Steiner**

Claim Number: 400249/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Liselotte Ivry, née Epstein, (the “Claimant”) to the account of Leopold Steiner.<sup>1</sup> This Denial is to the published accounts of L. Steiner (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

### **Information Provided by the Claimant**

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form in 2005 asserting that her maternal uncle, Leopold Steiner, who was born on 28 September 1885 in Lubenz (today the Czech Republic), and was married to Olga Sicher, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her uncle, who was Jewish, was a businessman who resided in Varnsdorf and Prague, Czechoslovakia. The Claimant further stated that her uncle perished in Auschwitz. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 7 July 1925 in Listany (today the Czech Republic).

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Leopold Steiner. 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 two accounts whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. Each account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Leopold 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”).

## Accounts 5030088 and 5032525

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was L. Steiner. The Bank's records also indicate the name of the Account Owner's spouse, street address, city and country of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the name of a joint account owner and power of attorney holder and their respective street addresses, cities and countries of residence. Finally the Bank's records indicate the dates of closing of the accounts 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 her relative. Although the name of her uncle matches the published first name initial and last name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her uncle was married to Olga Sicher and resided in Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was married to a different person and resided in a different country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's uncle 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 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  
8 August 2006