

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Julius Steinhardt**

Claim Number: 214045/SB<sup>1,2</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Julius Steinhardt (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).<sup>3</sup>

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 father, Adolf Steinhardt, opened a Swiss bank account using the alias Julius Steinhardt. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, resided in Bedzin, Poland, and that he was a shareholder in a manufacturing business and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED]. The Claimant further stated that his father perished in the Holocaust. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 11 November 1924 in Bedzin, Poland.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his father, who opened an account under the name Julius Steinhardt. 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

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted four additional claims, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 200753, 214046, 214047 and 215319. The CRT will treat these claims in separate determinations.

<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 200753.

<sup>3</sup> In this claim, the Claimant also claimed the account of Adolf Steinhardt. The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate determination.

below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

#### Account 5024320

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Julius Steinhardt, who resided in Berlin, Germany, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Ilse Steinhardt. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's street address in Berlin, profession and the name of his wife. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the year in which the account at issue was opened and contain the Account Owner's and the Power of Attorney Holder'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. Although the name provided by the Claimant 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 his father resided in Poland and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED]. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Germany and was married to a different person. Moreover, the CRT notes that the Claimant did not identify the Account Owner's profession. The CRT also notes that there is nothing in the Bank's records to indicate that any person other than the Account Owner opened the account at issue. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father 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.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
2 June 2006