

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]  
represented by Hubert Lang

## **in re Account of Marta Stern**

Claim Number: 501568/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Marta Stern (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 Form asserting that Marta Veronika Stern, née Thomas, who was born on 23 December 1886 in Leipzig, Germany and was married to Julius Stern on 20 April 1909 in Leipzig, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that Marta Stern was not Jewish, but that her husband, Julius Stern, was Jewish. The Claimant further stated that in 1933 Marta Stern and her husband fled Germany to France. The Claimant stated that Marta Stern died on 18 January 1952 in Suresnes, France. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 13 October 1929 in Mannheim, Germany.

The Claimant stated that he was not related to Marta Stern but submitted documents in support of his claim, including: (1) a certificate of inheritance which states that Martha Stern, née Thomas, bequeathed her estate to her two daughters, Erika Rosenblatt and Eva Stern; (2) a second certificate of inheritance which states that Eva Pigueron, née Stern, died on 28 September 1997 and bequeathed her estate to the Claimant.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to Marta Stern. 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. Upon review of the bank documents, the CRT also located one additional account that

was not reported by the auditors. 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.

#### Accounts 5030238 and 5030238.1

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Marta Stern, who resided in Leipzig, Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's maiden name and the date on which the accounts at issue were opened.

### **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 the Claimant provided matches the published name of the Account Owner, the Claimant's information differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that Marta Stern's maiden name was Thomas. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Marta Stern described by the Claimant 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 his relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at [www.crt-ii.org](http://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, 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  
6 May 2006