

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation

Case No. CV96-4849

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Hersh Teicher

Claim Number: 214020/MG¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Hersh Teicher (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 her distant cousin, Hersh Teicher, who was born in Austria, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant did not provide many details about her relative, but stated that he was Jewish and that he perished in a concentration camp. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 26 February 1927.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Hersh Teicher. 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.

¹ The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999, which is registered under the Claim Number 773911. The CRT will treat this claim in a separate determination.

Accounts 1013381 and 1013382

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Hersh Teicher, who resided in Austria. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and 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 relative matches the published name of the Account Owner, the CRT notes that the Claimant failed to identify the unpublished city of the Account Owner. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the accounts to another claimant, who plausibly identified the Account Owner as her relative, including identifying the Account Owner's unpublished city of residence. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's relative 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
9 November 2006