

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owners: Franz Veith and Josefa Veith¹

Claim Numbers: 211797/SB; 211825/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claims of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the Swiss bank accounts of Hermann Veit and Hermine Veit as published on the February 2001 published list of accounts determined by Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP”) to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”) and potentially owned by the Claimant’s parents, Franz Veith and Josefa Veith (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

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 stating that Franz Veith and Josefa Veith resided in Graz and Innsbruck, Austria. The Claimant further stated that his father, Franz Veith, opened a Swiss bank account after selling his business in 1941 and may have used the code names Herman and Hermine Veit in order to conceal the accounts.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Franz (Franzsepp, Francesco, Guiseppe) Veith (Veit, Brugger) and Josefa (Josefine, Peppi, Hermina, Mina, Mini) Veith (Veit) to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owners. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant

¹ The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Numbers and Claimed Account Owners stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

provided regarding the Claimed Account Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the names of the Claimed Account Owners, or the names of account owners as claimed as belonging to the Claimed Account Owners, and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Names: Hermann Veit and Hermine Veit (Austria)²

Account Identification Numbers: 1014274 to 1014277

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his parents, Franz Veith and Josefa Veith, opened the accounts in 1941 using the code names Hermann and Hermine. In contrast, the records show that the accounts were opened several years earlier and that there is nothing in the records to indicate that these were code names or that the accounts were opened by, or on behalf of, any other person. The CRT also notes that the Claimant stated that his parents resided in Graz and Innsbruck, Austria, whereas the records show that the account owners resided in a different city in Austria.

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT 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 Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (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

² The CRT notes that, on the February 2001 published list of accounts determined by the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons ("ICEP") to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the "ICEP List"), Hermann Veit and Hermine Veit are indicated as each having four accounts. Upon careful review, the CRT has concluded that the records evidence show that Hermann Veit and Hermine Veit jointly owned the accounts.

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 CRT now considers the Claimant's claim to the accounts of Franz Veith and Josefa Veith closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
4 August 2008