

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimants [REDACTED 1]

and [REDACTED 2]

**Claimed Account Owner: Arthur Wassermann<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Numbers: 220219/SB; 219930/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claims of [REDACTED 1] and [REDACTED 2] (together the “Claimants”) to the Swiss bank account of Arthur Wassermann 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 Claimants’ relative, Albert Wassermann.

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 Claimants each submitted a claim stating that Albert Wassermann, who was Jewish, resided in Germany until 1940 when he fled Germany to South Africa, where he died in 1942. The Claimants further stated that it is possible that Albert Wassermann opened an account using the pseudonym Arthur Wassermann and using an address in France in order to conceal the account from the Nazis. In support of their claims, the Claimants provided numerous official records and other documents pertaining to the Wassermann family. The CRT notes that none of these records indicate any connection of Albert Wassermann with France. Further, the Claimants also stated in their claims that:

*‘...the name Arthur does not appear on any Wassermann family tree or Genealogical tables of the time.’*

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimants should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Numbers and Claimed Account Owner stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimants may have submitted other claims.

## **Information Available Concerning the Account Owner**

The CRT has located three accounts where an account owner's name matches the name as claimed by the Claimants. The list below contains details of the type of information held about the account owner. The accounts are identified by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to an account for tracking purposes.

### Accounts 1014301 to 1014303

The records indicate that the account owner was Arthur Wassermann, who resided in France. The records also indicate the account owner's city of residence in France and the date of opening of one of the accounts at issue.

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimants have not identified the account owner as their relative. Specifically, the Claimants claimed the published account of Arthur Wassermann, who was published as residing in France, stating that this was a false name and address provided by the their relative, Albert Wassermann. The CRT notes that the Claimants stated that there was no Arthur Wassermann in any family record and, despite providing numerous documents pertaining to the Wassermann family, did not demonstrate any reliable connection of Albert Wassermann with France. The CRT also notes that the account owner was in contact with the bank several years prior to the outbreak of the Second World War and that there is nothing in the records to in any way suggest that Arthur Wassermann is a false name.

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](http://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 Claimants 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 Claimants should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for

Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimants 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 Claimants' claims to the accounts of Arthur Wassermann and potentially owned by Albert Wassermann closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Numbers and Claimed Account Owner identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimants may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Numbers 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  
17 March 2008