

# 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: Friedrich Wassermann<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Numbers: 219369/SB; 219950/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claims of [REDACTED 1] and [REDACTED 2] (together the “Claimants”) to the Swiss bank account of Friedrich 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 Friedrich Wassermann and using an address in either Rome or Loana, Italy, as he had familial connections there, in order to conceal the account from the Nazis.

### **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 an account owner. The accounts are identified by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to an account for tracking purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant 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.

## Accounts 1013486 to 1013488

The records indicate that the account owner was Friedrich Wassermann, who resided in Italy. The records also indicate the account owner's city of residence in Italy and the dates of opening of two 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, as the information provided by the Claimants differs materially from the information about the account owner contained in the records. Specifically, the Claimants stated that their relative, Albert Wassermann, died in 1942. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was still alive after this date. Further, regarding the Claimants' assertion that their relative may have opened the account using a pseudonym and an address in either Rome or Loana, Italy, in order to conceal the account from the Nazis, the CRT notes that one of the accounts at issue was opened prior to the Nazis rise to power in 1933, and that the account owner resided in a city in Italy other than Rome or Loana. Moreover, there is nothing in the records to in any way suggest that Friedrich Wassermann is a false name.

The Claimants 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 Friedrich 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