

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Rose Schwartz

**Claimed Account Owner: Froim Wassermann and Anni Wassermann<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 217009/RT; 212559/RT

This determination is based on the claim of Rose Schwartz (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by Froim Wassermann and Anni Wassermann. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Anni (Anny, Anna) Wassermann (Schwartz) in the Account History Database prepared pursuant to the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or “ICEP Investigation”), which identified accounts probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution, as defined in the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the “Rules”).

This Certified Denial is to the Swiss bank account A.E. Wassermann, as published on the list of account owners in 2001, and potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Froim (Frojim, Efrajim, Josef) Wassermann (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

### **Information Provided by the Claimant**

The Claimant submitted a claim stating that Froim Wassermann, who was Jewish, resided in Berlin, Germany, until 1938, when he fled Germany for Czechoslovakia. The Claimant further stated that Froim Wassermann was the owner of the account held under the name *A. E. Wassermann*, indicating that he opened the account under a false or alias name.

### **The CRT’s Investigation**

The CRT matched the name of Josef (Frojim, Efrajim) Wassermann 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 Owner. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered

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

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

## **The CRT's Analysis**

### Identification of the Account Owner

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner 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.

*Name: A. E. Wassermann (Berlin, Germany)*

*Account Identification Number: 2015677*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Froim Wassermann, was the owner of the account held under the name A. E. Wassermann indicating that he opened the account under a false or alias name. In contrast, the records do not indicate the account owner's use of a false or alias name while opening the account. The CRT further notes that the account was awarded to different claimants, who identified unpublished information about the account owner including the account owner's business.*

*Name: A. E. Wassermann (Berlin, Germany)*

*Account Identification Number: 2015763*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Froim Wassermann, was the owner of the account held under the name A. E. Wassermann indicating that he opened the account under a false or alias name. In contrast, the records do not indicate the account owner's use of a false or alias name while opening the account. The CRT further notes that the account was awarded to different claimants, who identified unpublished information about the account owner including the account owner's business.*

*Name: A. E. Wassermann (Berlin, Germany)*

*Account Identification Number: 2016129*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Froim Wassermann, was the owner of the account held under the name A. E. Wassermann, indicating that he opened the account under a false or alias name. In contrast, the records do not indicate the account owner's use of a false or alias name while opening the account. The CRT further notes that the account was awarded to different claimants, who identified unpublished information about the account owner including the account owner's business.*

*Name: A.E. Wassermann (Bamberg, Germany)*

*Account Identification Numbers: 5026390; 5026778; 5033696*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Froim Wassermann, resided in Berlin, Germany, until he fled Germany for Czechoslovakia. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Bamberg, Germany, which is over 400 kilometers from Berlin.*

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 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 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 Froim Wassermann and Anni Wassermann 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  
29 September 2008