

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Hanna Weber
and
Accounts of H. Weber**

Claim Number: 217207/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Hanna Weber. This Denial is to the published account of Hanna Weber (“Account Owner 1”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 1”), and to the published accounts of H. Weber (“Account Owner 2”) at the [REDACTED] (“Bank 2”).

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 paternal grandmother, Hanna Romanowicz, née Weber,² owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandmother, who was Jewish, was a businesswoman who owned businesses located in Poland and Germany. The Claimant further stated that her grandmother perished in 1943 in the Warsaw ghetto. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 11 May 1940 in Rokitno, Poland.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Hann Weber. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi

¹ The Claimant submitted three Initial Questionnaires with the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaires and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 217207. In the Initial Questionnaires, the Claimant claimed accounts belonging to Chill Romanowicz and Syma Romanowicz, the CRT will treat these claims in a separate determination.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Hanna Romanowicz 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”).

Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) reported three accounts whose owners’ names match 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.

Account 1001077

Bank 1’s records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Hanna Weber. Bank 1’s records also indicate Account Owner 1’s maiden and married name.

Accounts 5024945 and 5027648

Bank 2’s records indicate that Account Owner 2 was H. Weber, who resided in Giessen, Germany. Bank 2’s records also indicate Account Owner 2’s title, gender and the date of opening of one 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 Owners

As for Account 1001077, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as her relative. Although the name of her grandmother matches the published name of Account Owner 1, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about Account Owner 1 available in Bank 1’s records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her grandmother’s married name was Hanna Romanowicz. In contrast, Bank 1’s records show that Account Owner 1 had a different married name. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant’s grandmother are the same person.

As for Accounts 5024945 and 5027648, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as her relative. Although the name of her grandmother matches the published first name initial and last name of Account Owner 2, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about Account Owner 2 available in Bank 2’s records. Specifically, the Claimant claimed an account belonging to her grandmother. In contrast, Bank 2’s records show that Account Owner 2 was male. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant’s grandmother are the same person.

Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of 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 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.

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23 March 2007