

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**in re Account of Paul Weidensee**

Claim Numbers: 213652/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claims of [REDACTED] (the Claimant ) to the accounts of Theodore (Theodor, Max, Sel, Paul) Weidenslaufer (Weidensee, Weidensee-Laufer). This Denial is to the published account of Paul Weidensee (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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 his great-great-grandfather, Theodore (Paul) Weidenslaufer (Weidensee), who was born in approximately 1850 in Hamburg, Germany and was married to [REDACTED], owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his relative, who was Jewish, was a businessman who resided in Hamburg. According to the Claimant, his relative died in approximately 1900. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 14 May 1968 in Chile.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire to the Court in 1999, asserting his entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Theodore Weidenslaufer.

### **Information Available in the Bank’s Records**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Theodore (Paul) Weidenslaufer (Weidensee). The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) reported one account

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted additional claims, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 213651 and 213653. In a separate decision, the CRT denied the Claimant’s claim to the account of Ida Richter. See *In re Account of Ida Richter* (approved on 23 January 2006). The CRT will treat the remaining claim in a separate decision.

whose owner's name matches that provided by the Claimant. The 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 1008355

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Paul Weidensee, who resided in Berlin, Germany. The Bank's records also indicate a second city and country of residence for the Account Owner and the year in which the Account Owner last contacted the Bank.

### **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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as his relative. Although the alternative name provided for his relative matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published and unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative died in approximately 1900. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was in contact with the Bank several decades after the Claimant's relative had died. The Claimant further stated that his relative resided in Hamburg, Germany, whereas the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Berlin, Germany and in another country, which the Claimant did not identify. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's relative are the same person.

#### Right of Appeal

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules, the Claimant may appeal this Denial to the Court through the Special Masters within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision. Appeals should be delivered to the following address: Office of Special Master Michael Bradfield, 51 Louisiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001 USA.

The Claimants should send appeals in writing to the above address and should include all reasons for the appeal. If more than one account has been denied in this Certified Denial, the Claimant should identify the Account Identification Number, which forms the basis of the appeal. Appeals submitted without either a plausible suggestion of error or relevant new evidence may be summarily denied.

**Scope of the Denial**

The Claimant should be aware that the CRT will carry out further research on his 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.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
6 May 2006