

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Paula Weil

Claim Number: 501477/AE¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claims of [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the account of Paula Weill (Weil).² This Denial is to the published accounts of Paula Weil (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).³

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 identifying the Account Owner as his mother, Paula Weill (Weil), née Wohlfarth, who was born on 8 July 1883 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and who married to [REDACTED] on 8 January 1906 in Frankfurt am Main. The Claimant stated that his mother, who was Jewish, resided at Bockenheimer Anlage 2 in Frankfurt am Main, where she owned the bank *Frankfurter Kreditanstalt AG*. The Claimant further stated that his mother fled Germany in 1937 or 1938 for Palestine, where she remained until her death on 1 January 1954. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 24 September 1914, in Frankfurt am Main.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including the Claimant's parents' marriage certificate, indicating that they resided in Frankfurt am Main.

¹ The Claimant submitted additional claims to the accounts of Eric Weil, Nathan Weil and Alice Weil, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 501446, 501466, 501469 and 501496. The CRT will treat the claims to these accounts in separate determinations.

² The Claimant also submitted an additional claim to the account of *Frau Paula Weil*, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, as published on the February 2001 list of accounts determined by the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP”) to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”), which is registered under the Claim Number 501490. The CRT will treat the claim to this account in a separate determination.

³ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Paula Weill 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”).

Information Available in the Bank's Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Paula Weil. 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 two accounts whose owner's name matches 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 4020340 and 4020341

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Paula Weil, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's title and her city of residence.

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 name of his mother matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his mother resided in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in a city over 200 kilometers from Frankfurt am Main, a city which the Claimant did not identify. The CRT notes that the Claimant's mother's city of residence, Frankfurt am Main, is a major German city, rendering it unlikely that the Claimant's mother would indicate a different, distant town as her city of residence, including for purposes of maintaining a bank account. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's mother 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 Claimant 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 that 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
14 December 2005