

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Jan Velsen-Busser
also acting on behalf of Eline Velsen-Busser

**in re Account of Maurice Wolff
and
Account of Moritz Wolf**

Claim Number: 218283/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Jan Velsen-Busser (the “Claimant”) to the account of Maurice (Moise, Moritz, Maurits) Wolff (Wolf).² This Denial is to the published account of Maurice Wolff (also known as Moise Wolff) (“Account Owner 1”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”), and to the unpublished account of Moritz Wolf (“Account Owner 2”), also held at the Bank.

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 Form asserting that his paternal great-uncle, Maurice Wolff, who was born on 16 May 1865 in Zaltbommel, the Netherlands, and never married, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his great-uncle, who was Jewish, was a part owner of jewelry shops and silversmith in the former Dutch colonies. The Claimant stated that his great-uncle’s last address was in Nice, France, where he died on 3 February 1947. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 17 July 1946 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including his family tree, which indicates his great-uncle’s marital status and date and place of death.

¹ The Claimant submitted three additional claims, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 218288, 218289 and 224125. The CRT will treat these claims in separate determinations.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Maurice (Moise, Maurits) Wolf or Moritz (Maurits) Wolff 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, Maurice Wolff. 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 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 5034549

The Bank's records indicate that Account Owner 1 was Maurice (Moise) Wolff, who resided in Paris, France. The Bank's records also indicate Account Owner 1's street address and the name of his wife. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date of opening of the account at issue.

Account 5029254

The Bank's records indicate that Account Owner 2 was Moritz Wolf. The Bank's records also indicate Account Owner 2's city and country 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 Owners

As for Account 5034549, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 1 as his relative. Although the name of his great-uncle 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 the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his great-uncle never married. In contrast, the Bank's records show that Account Owner 1 was married. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 1 and the Claimant's great-uncle are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that other claimants have plausibly identified Account Owner 1 as their relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

As for Account 5029254, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner 2 as his relative. Although the name of his great-uncle matches the unpublished name of Account Owner 2, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about Account Owner 2 available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that during his life his great-uncle resided in the Netherlands and France and had business in the former Dutch colonies. In contrast, the Bank's records show that Account

Owner 2 in a different country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that Account Owner 2 and the Claimant's great-uncle 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, 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.

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8 August 2006