

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Helmut Wolff

**Claimed Account Owners: Paul Wolff and Fritz Wolff<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 224539/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of Helmut Wolff (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Paul Wolff and Fritz Wolff (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

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 Paul Wolff and Fritz Wolff, who were Jewish, were brothers. The Claimant further stated that Paul Wolff was a doctor of medicine who resided in Darmstadt, Germany, until 1936, when he fled to the United States and that Fritz Wolff resided at Sesenheimerstrasse 17, Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany.

### **The CRT’s Investigation**

The CRT matched the names of Paul Wolff and Fritz Wolff 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 names of the Claimed Account Owners. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered 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 Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

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

## The CRT's Analysis

### Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners 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: Paul Wolff (Germany)*

*Account Identification Numbers: 1013618, 1013619 and 1013620*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Paul Wolff, resided in Darmstadt, German. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different city in Germany, which is over 500 kilometers from Darmstadt.*

*Name: Paul Wolff*

*Account Identification Numbers: 1013763 and 1013764*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Paul Wolff, was a doctor of medicine who resided in Darmstadt, Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different occupation and resided in a different city, which is over 300 kilometers from Darmstadt.*

*Name: P. Wolff*

*Account Identification Number: 5034386*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Paul Wolff, resided in Germany and the United States. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different country.*

*Name: Fritz Wolff (Germany)*

*Account Identification Number: 1014170*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Fritz Wolff, resided in Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany, which was not the account owner's place of residence. In contrast the CRT has awarded the account at issue to other claimants who did identify the account owner's exact place of residence.*

*Name: Fritz Wolff*

*Account Identification Number: 1014171*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Fritz Wolff, resided in Germany and the United States. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different country.*

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 Paul Wolff and Fritz Wolff 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