

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Peter Richter

## **in re Account of Hugo Richter**

Claim Number: 208588/MD/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Peter Richter (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Hugo Richter (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (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 grandfather, Hugo Richter, who was born to Simon and Henriette Richter on 23 May 1850 in Czarnowanz, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that Hugo Richter was married to Auguste Rosenthal, and that the couple had three children: Ernst (the Claimant’s father), Franz, and Margarete. The Claimant explained that his grandfather, who lived with his family in Berlin, owned a leather goods factory located in Berlin. The Claimant indicated that Hugo Richter, who was Jewish, was forced by the Nazis to close his business. According to the Claimant, his grandfather died on 13 September 1938 in Berlin. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 24 April 1924 in Berlin.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his application, including: (1) Hugo Richter’s marriage certificate; (2) Ernst Richter’s birth certificate; (3) stationery with the business letterhead used by Hugo Richter; (4) the Claimant’s birth certificate, (5) Ernst Richter’s death certificate; and (6) a probate decision regarding the Estate of Ernst Richter.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted additional claims to accounts of Ernst Richter and Peter Richter, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 204904 and 211435, respectively. The CRT will treat the claim to the account of Ernst Richter in a separate decision. The CRT has awarded the accounts of Peter Richter to the Claimant in a previous decision. See *In re Accounts of Peter Richter* (approved 31 December 2003).

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Hugo Richter. The auditors who carried out the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons ("ICEP" or "ICEP Investigation") reported one account 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 1012237

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Hugo Richter, who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence and his occupation. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of the account 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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as his relative. Although the name of his grandfather 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 grandfather owned a leather goods factory, and that he died on 13 September 1938. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different occupation and that the account at issue was opened several years after the Claimant's grandfather's death. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandfather 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 the Special Master, c/o Claims Resolution Tribunal, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland.

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  
30 September 2004