

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Award

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of Alfred Drucker

Claim Number: 211964/AA

Award Amount: 47,400.00 Swiss Francs

This Certified Award is based upon the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Alfred Drucker (the “Account Owner”) at the Zurich branch of the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All awards 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 father, Alfred Drucker, who was born on 1 June 1907 in Korycany, Czechoslovakia, and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on 15 March 1938. The Claimant stated that he is the only child of Alfred Drucker and that he was born in London, England on 23 August 1942. According to the Claimant, his father, who was Jewish, studied in Berlin, Germany in the early and mid-1930s and was an attorney in Prague in the late 1930s. The Claimant explained that his father was able to flee Czechoslovakia in approximately 1939 to England, where he lived until his death on 5 April 1968. In support of his claim, the Claimant submitted his birth certificate indicating that Alfred Drucker was his father, and his father’s death certificate and will, which names the Claimant as a beneficiary.

Information Available in the Bank Records

The bank records consist of lists of accounts, dated between 1964 and 1982, that were transferred to a suspense account, which is a grouping of open and dormant accounts. According to these records, the Account Owner was Alfred Drucker. The records do not indicate what type of account Alfred Drucker held, but indicate that the account was with a value of 169.00 Swiss Francs was transferred on 30 June 1964 to a suspense account. According to the records, the

account was depleted by fees and charges, and was later closed by fees and charges by the Bank on 23 February 1982.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The Claimant has plausibly identified the Account Owner. His father's name matches the published name of the Account Owner. The CRT notes that the bank records do not contain any specific information about the Account Owner other than his name. In support of the identification of the Account Owner as the father of the Claimant, the Claimant submitted his birth certificate, which indicates that Alfred Drucker was his father, and his father's death certificate and will, which names the Claimant as a beneficiary. The CRT also notes that there are no other claims to this account.

Status of the Account Owner as a Victim of Nazi Persecution

The Claimant has made a plausible showing that the Account Owner was a Victim of Nazi Persecution. The Claimant stated that the Account Owner was Jewish and fled Czechoslovakia to England in 1939.

The Claimant's Relationship to the Account Owner

The Claimant has plausibly demonstrated that he is related to the Account Owner by submitting documents including his birth certificate, which indicates that Alfred Drucker was his father. There is no information before the CRT to indicate that the Account Owner has other surviving heirs.

The Issue of Who Received the Proceeds

The account was closed on 23 February 1982 due to bank fees and charges.

Basis for the Award

The CRT has determined that an Award may be made in favor of the Claimant. First, the claim is admissible in accordance with the criteria contained in Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"). Second, the Claimant has plausibly demonstrated that the Account Owner was his father, and that relationship justifies an Award. Finally, the CRT has determined that neither the Account Owner nor his heirs received the proceeds of the claimed account.

Amount of the Award

In this case, the Account Owner held one account of an unknown type. The Bank records indicate that the value of the account as of 30 June 1964 was 169.00 Swiss Francs. According to Article 29 of the Rules, if the amount in an unknown type of account was less than 3,950.00 Swiss Francs, and in the absence of plausible evidence to the contrary, the amount in the account

shall be determined to be 3,950.00 Swiss Francs. The present value of the amount of the award is determined by multiplying the balance as determined by Article 29 by a factor of 12, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Rules, to produce a total award amount of 47,400.00 Swiss Francs.

Scope of the Award

The Claimant should be aware that, pursuant to Article 20 of the Rules, the CRT will carry out further research on his claim to determine whether there are additional Swiss bank accounts to which he might be entitled, including research of the Total Accounts Database (consisting of records of 4.1 million Swiss bank accounts which existed between 1933 and 1945).

Certification of the Award

The CRT certifies this Award for approval by the Court and payment by the Special Masters.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
April 4, 2003