

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]
represented by Monica Farhi

in re Account of Paul Alexander

Claim Number: 400689/SB¹

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Paul Alexander (the “Account Owner”) held at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

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 in 2005 asserting that her paternal uncle, Paul Alexander, who was Jewish and was born between 1897 and 1900 in Germany, and married [REDACTED] in Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant provided limited information regarding her uncle, stating that he was a businessman who resided in Germany and that the family lost contact with him in 1938 or 1939. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 20 January 1933 in Argentina.

Information Available in the Swiss Federal Archive

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Paul Alexander. The CRT further notes that the auditors who carried out the investigation of this bank to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) did not report an account belonging to Paul Alexander during their investigation of the Bank. The documents evidencing an account belonging to Paul Alexander were obtained from the Swiss Federal Archive in Bern, Switzerland, and pertain to accounts reported in a survey conducted pursuant to

¹ The Claimant submitted two Claim Forms, which were registered under the Claim Numbers 400689 and 401969. The CRT has determined that these claims are duplicate claims and is treating them under the consolidated Claim Number 400689.

Swiss Federal legislation requiring the registration of assets dormant since 9 May 1945 held in Switzerland by foreigners or stateless persons known or presumed to have been victims of racial, religious or political persecution (the “1962 Survey”). The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account for tracking purposes.

Account 6001421

The Swiss Federal Archive records indicate that the Account Owner was Paul Alexander. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s title 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 Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the Account Owner as her relative. Although the name of her uncle 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 Swiss Federal Archive records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her uncle resided in Germany. In contrast, the Bank’s records show that the Account Owner resided in a different country. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s 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 her 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
17 November 2006