

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of Salomon A. Arditti

Claim Number: 500488/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Salomon A. Arditti (the “Account Owner”) 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 asserting that his maternal great-grandfather, Salomon Arditti, who was Jewish, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his relative was a businessman who resided in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Claimant did not indicate the fate of his relative. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 9 March 1954 in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Salomon Arditti. 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 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 5029268

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Salomon A. Arditti, who resided in Thessaloniki, Greece, and that the Power of Attorney Holder was Jeanne S. Arditti. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s title or occupation, and the name of his spouse. Furthermore, the Bank’s records indicate the date on which the power of attorney was granted and the date of closing of the account at issue. Finally, the Bank’s records contain the Account Owner’s and the Power of Attorney Holder’s signatures.

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 great-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 relative was a businessman and did not indicate that his relative had any specific title or occupation. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a specific title and suggests an accompanying occupation, which the Claimant did not identify. Moreover, the Claimant was unable to identify the Account Owner's spouse. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's relative are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that another Claimant has definitely identified the Account Owner as their relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

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.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
7 June 2006