

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

## **in re Account of Jules Belin**

Claim Number: 207642/PY

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Jules Belin (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 her paternal uncle, Jules Belin, who was born in Gomel, Belarus, then part of the Soviet Union, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her uncle emigrated to France in approximately 1922. The Claimant indicated that Jules Belin, who was Jewish, was married in Premeaux, France, and that he died there on an unknown date. The Claimant stated that she did not know if her uncle had any children. The Claimant stated that she resided with her parents in Belarus, that the family was forbidden by the Soviet communist regime from contacting relatives outside the country, and that consequently, the Claimant was unable to provide more detailed information about her uncle. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 15 June 1925 in Gomel.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire (“IQ”) with the Court in 1999, asserting her entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by [REDACTED], her paternal aunt.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Jules Belin. 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 5026015

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Jules Belin, who resided in Premeaux, France. The Bank's records also indicate the name of the Account Owner's business. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date of opening 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 her relative. Although the name of her uncle matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs from unpublished information about the Account Owner in the Bank's records as well as additional information about the Account Owner which the CRT has obtained through its own research. Based on the information available in the Bank's records, the CRT has conducted research that has enabled it to establish the type of business the Account Owner owned, and the approximate date of the Account Owner's death. The CRT notes that the Claimant has not provided any information to indicate that her relative was involved in such a business. Furthermore, the CRT notes that the business owned by the Account Owner is a traditional type of business particular to the region of France in which Premeaux is located, and that such a type of business is usually run by families in the region who are typically engaged in this business over generations. In contrast, the Claimant's uncle was from Belarus and only emigrated to France in approximately 1922. 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 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 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.

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