

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]
also acting on behalf of [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Leon Bellin

Claim Number: 207280/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Leon Bellin (Beilin, Beillin, Belin).¹ This Denial is to the published accounts of Leon Bellin (the “Account Owner”) at [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 grandfather, Leon Bellin, who was born on 15 December 1888 in Russia, and was married to [REDACTED] on 9 April 1914 in Paris, France, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his grandfather, who was Jewish, was a jeweler who resided in Paris. The Claimant further stated that his grandfather perished in Auschwitz in 1942. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 4 June 1945 in Paris.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including the death certificate of his mother, [REDACTED], dated 6 November 1997, which indicates that she was the daughter of Leon Beilin and [REDACTED].

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Leon Bellin. The auditors who carried out the investigation to identify accounts of Victims of Nazi

¹ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Leon Beilin (Beillin, Belin) in the Account History Database prepared pursuant to the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or “ICEP Investigation”), which identified accounts probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution, as defined in the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the “Rules”).

Persecution pursuant to instructions of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP” or the “ICEP Investigation”) reported two accounts whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. Each account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Accounts 5035575 and 5035618

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Leon Bellin, who resided in Paris, France, and that the power of attorney holders were Poulaud Herrenschmidt and H. M. Schmidt. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s title, the name of his spouse and street address in Paris.

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 was married to [REDACTED]. In contrast, the Bank’s records show that the Account Owner was married to a different person. 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 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
8 August 2006