

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Peter Leighton-Langer

in re Account of Paul Langer

Claim Number: 401670/MG

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Peter Leighton-Langer (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Paul Langer (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form in 2005 asserting that his father, Paul Langer, who was born on 13 July 1880 in Brüx (today Most, Czech Republic), and married Johanna Bisenz in 1916 in Neunkirchen, Austria, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his father, who was Jewish, was a civil servant in Vienna, Austria, where he resided from 1918. The Claimant also stated that his father held the titles of *Hofrat* and *Finanzrat*. The Claimant further stated that in 1943 his father was deported to Theresienstadt and later to Auschwitz, where he perished in 1944. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 3 August 1923 in Vienna.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of his claim, including a copy of his father’s declaration of death, which indicates that he held the title of *Hofrat* in Vienna

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Paul Langer. 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 1010402

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Paul Langer. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's title and country of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing 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 his relative. Although the name of his father 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 father resided in Vienna, Austria, from 1918 until his deportation and that he had the titles *Hofrat* and *Finanzrat*. In contrast, the Bank's records show that during this period the Account Owner resided in a different country and that he held a different title, which the Claimant did not identify. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's father 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
9 November 2006