

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Sonia Litwak

## **in re Accounts of Dora Lifschitz**

Claim Number: 211340/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Sonia Litwak, née Bromberg, (the Claimant ) to the accounts of Dora Lifschitz (Lifshitz), Benjamin Bromberg and Hilda Bromberg, née Lifschitz (Lifshitz). The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Benjamin Bromberg or Hilda Bromberg, née Lifschitz (Lifshitz) 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 ). This Denial is to the published accounts of Dora Lifschitz (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 asserting that her maternal grandmother, Dora Lifschitz (Lifshitz), who was born sometime prior to 1890, in the Ukraine, and was married to Zelick Lifschitz (Lifshitz), owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her grandmother, who was Jewish, resided in Kremenchu, the Ukraine, until the mid to late 1930s, when she moved to Austria. According to the Claimant, the family lost contact with the Claimant’s grandmother sometime after she moved to Austria. The Claimant stated that her grandmother either left the country or was murdered by the Nazis. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 22 September 1924 in Chigirin, Ukraine.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999 asserting her entitlement to Swiss bank accounts owned by Benjamin Bromberg and Hilda Bromberg, née Lifschitz (Lifshitz), from the Ukraine.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999 and a Claim Form to the CRT. The CRT is treating the Initial Questionnaire and the Claim Form under the consolidated Claim Number 211340.

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

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Dora Lifschitz (Lifshitz). The auditors who carried out the ICEP Investigation reported eleven 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 1009572 to 1009582

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Dora Lifschitz, who resided in Austria. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's city of residence in Austria and three additional cities and countries of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of some of the accounts 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.

### Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified Account Owner as her relative. Although the name and country of residence of her grandmother matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her grandmother moved to Austria in the mid to late 1930s. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner was residing in Austria years prior to this time. Further, the Claimant did not identify the Account Owner's city of residence in Austria and the three other cities and countries of residence, as indicated in the Bank's records. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's grandmother 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.

Claims Resolution Tribunal  
19 November 2004