

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: David Löwenrosen¹

Claim Number: 215821/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account of Robert Serge Löwenstein as published on the February 2001 list of accounts determined by the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (“ICEP”) to be probably or possibly those of Victims of Nazi Persecution (the “ICEP List”) and potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, David Löwenrosen (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 stating that David Löwenrosen, who was Jewish, may have opened an account under the pseudonym Robert Serg Löwenstein. The CRT notes that in his Initial Questionnaire (“IQ”), submitted to the Court in 1999, the Claimant stated that David Löwenrosen resided in Austria until his death in 1938 or 1939. In his IQ, the Claimant made no reference to David Löwenrosen using a pseudonym, nor did he refer to the family name of Löwenstein. Further, in his IQ, the Claimant specifically stated that David Löwenrosen was refused entry into Switzerland.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of David Löwenrosen to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owner. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches

¹ The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant provided regarding the Claimed Account Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Name: Robert Serge Löwenstein (Saint. Moritz, Switzerland)

Account Identification Number: 5024064

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, David Löwenrosen, resided in Austria. The CRT notes that in his IQ, the Claimant stated that David Löwenrosen resided in Austria until his death in 1938 or 1939. In his IQ, the Claimant made no reference to David Löwenrosen using any pseudonym, nor did he refer to the family name of Löwenstein. Further, in his IQ, the Claimant specifically stated that David Löwenrosen was refused entry into Switzerland. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Switzerland. Regarding the Claimant's assertion that his relative may have opened the account using the pseudonym Robert Serge Löwenstein, the CRT notes that the account at issue was opened several years prior to the Nazis rise to power in 1933 and that there is nothing in the records to indicate that this was not the account owner's real name.

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), the Claimant may appeal this decision or submit a request for reconsideration within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision.

An appeal must be based upon a plausible suggestion of error regarding the CRT's conclusions set out in this decision. Any appeals which are submitted without a plausible suggestion of error shall be summarily denied. A request for reconsideration must be based on new documentary evidence not previously presented to the CRT that, if considered, would have led to a different outcome of the claim. Claimants should briefly explain the relevance of the newly submitted documents in view of the conclusions stated in the certified decision.

The Claimant should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for

Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimant should identify the account, including, where available, the Account Identification Number, that forms the basis of the appeal and/or request for reconsideration.

Scope of the Denial

The CRT now considers the Claimant's claim to the accounts of David Löwenrosen closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
23 June 2008