

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**Claimed Account Owners: Doris Lurie, Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein<sup>1</sup>**

Claim Number: 218296/SU

This determination is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Doris Lurie, Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Doris Lurie, née Ehrenstein, 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 Certified Denial is to the published accounts of Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein, whom the Claimant identifies as his relatives (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

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 Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein, who were all Jewish, resided in Bratislava, Slovakia. The Claimant further stated that Hermine Ehrenstein was the mother of and that she held power of attorney over accounts belonging to her three children: Hedwig, Kurt and Sigmund Ehrenstein. The CRT notes that these names were published in succession on the February 2001 published 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”), that the residence of the account owners was identified on the list as Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and that Hermine Ehrenstein was identified on that list as power of attorney holder to the accounts. The CRT further notes that, in his claim form, the Claimant refers to the February 2001 published list, that

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

the Claimant did not provide any other information about these family members, and that the Claimant was not able to indicate exactly how these persons were related to his family.

### **The CRT's Investigation**

The CRT matched the names of Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein 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 Owners. 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 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 Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

### **The CRT's Analysis**

#### Identification of the Account Owners

The list below contains names of account owners that match the names of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners 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.

*Names: Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein  
Account Identification Number: 5029523*

*Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relatives, Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein, all resided in Bratislava, Slovakia. The Claimant stated that Hermine Ehrenstein was the mother of Hedwig, Kurt, and Sigmund Ehrenstein and that she held power of attorney over accounts belonging to her three children. In contrast, the records show that the account owners held a different familial relationship than that identified by the Claimant.*

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](http://www.crt-ii.org).

#### Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of 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 Doris Lurie, Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein Hermine Ehrenstein, Hedwig Ehrenstein, Kurt Ehrenstein and Sigmund Ehrenstein closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners 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  
29 May 2007