

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Mrs. Ida Richter

Claim Number: 213653/SB^{1, 2}

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to the account of Ida (Frieda, Elsa) Weidenslaufer, née Richter (Rischther). This Denial is to the published accounts of Mrs. Ida Richter (the “Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).³

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 great-great-grandmother, Ida Richter, who was born in approximately 1860 in Augsburg, Germany, and was married to [REDACTED] in Augsburg, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that his relative, who was Jewish, was a businesswoman who during her lifetime resided in Hamburg, Dresden, and Frankfurt, Germany. The Claimant further stated that his relative died in approximately 1940. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 14 May 1968 in Chile.

The Claimant previously submitted an Initial Questionnaire with the Court in 1999, asserting his entitlement to a Swiss bank account owned by Ida Rischther.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

¹ The Claimant submitted two additional, which are registered under the Claim Numbers 213651 and 213652. The CRT will treat these claims in separate determinations.

² 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 213653.

³ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Ida (or Frieda or Elsa) Weidenslaufer (or Richter or Rischther) 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”).

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to his relative, Ida Richter. 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 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 1011473, 1011474

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was *Frau* (Mrs.) Ida Richter, who resided in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s street address, marital status and the name of a joint account owner. Furthermore, the Bank’s records indicate the dates of opening and closing 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 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 relative matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the published information about the Account Owner available in the Bank’s records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative’s maiden name was Richter and her married name was Weidenslaufer. In contrast, the Bank’s records show that Richter was the Account Owner’s married name. The CRT further notes that the Claimant has not identified the joint account owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s relative 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 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 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
23 January 2006