

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to the Estate of Claimant Maria Roth

Claimed Account Owners: Maria Roth and Josef Strauss¹

Claim Number: 703925/SB

This determination is based on the claim of Maria Roth (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by Maria Roth and Josef Strauss. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Josef Strauss 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 a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant, Maria Roth (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 she, Maria Roth, who was Jewish, was born on 11 July 1911 in Szollos (today Hungary) and prior to 1949, resided in Bucharest, Romania, Switzerland and Paris, France.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Maria Roth 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’

¹ 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.

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 Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

Information Available Concerning the Account Owner

The CRT has located one account where an account owner's name matches the name of the Claimant, Maria Roth. The list below contains details of the type of information held about an account owner. The account is identified by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account for tracking purposes.

Account 5030209

The records indicate that the account owner was Maria Roth. The records also indicate the account owner's city and country of residence, together with the name of a power of attorney holder.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The CRT concludes that the Claimant has not identified the account owner as their relative. Although the name of the Claimant's relative matches the published name of the account owner, the CRT notes that the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the information about the account owner contained in the records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that she, Maria Roth, resided in Romania, Switzerland and France. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different country.

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 Maria Roth and Josef Strauss 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
30 May 2007