

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant Vera Bertha Dickerhof

in re Account of Bertha Rothschild

Claim Number: 206520/RT^{1,2}

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Vera Bertha Dickerhof, née Rothschild, (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Bertha Rothschild (“the Account Owner”) at the [REDACTED] (“the Bank”).

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 she, the Claimant, who was born on 30 July 1936, in Cologne, Germany, and married [REDACTED] on 11 February 1956 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that she is Jewish, and resided in Cologne until 1943, when she was sent to an orphanage in Bad Kreuznach. The Claimant stated that she resided in Bad Kreuznach until 1957, when she emigrated to the United States.

The Claimant submitted documents in support of her claim, including her birth certificate which indicates that she was born on 30 July 1936 in Cologne.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to herself. 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 one account whose owner’s name matches that provided by the Claimant. The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is

¹ The Claimant submitted an additional claim, which is registered under the Claim Number 213851. The CRT will treat this claim in a separate determination.

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 213851.

assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

Account 1000179

The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Bertha Rothschild who resided in Germany. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's marital status, city of residence and the name of a person who previously owned the account. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate dates of opening and closing of the account 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 herself. Although the Claimant's name matches the published name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs materially from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the Bank's records. Specifically, the Claimant stated that she was born on 30 July 1936. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner became the owner of the account several years before the Claimant was born and that the Account Owner was an adult. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has awarded the account to another claimant, who plausibly identified the Account Owner as her relative. All decisions are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

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 which 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
23 January 2006