

# CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

## **Certified Denial**

to Claimant Gertrude Adley

**in re Account of Paula Rothschild**

Claim Number: 400160/SB<sup>1</sup>

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of Gertrude Adley, née Rothschild, (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Paula 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 in 2005 asserting that she, the Claimant, who was born on 14 May 1923 in Konstanz, Germany, and married [REDACTED] on 23 October 1946 in New York, New York, the United States, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant further stated that she resided in Konstanz and, from 1940 to 1942, was interned in a concentration camp in France, and later fled Europe to the United States.

The Claimant submitted a copy of her *Reisepass* (passport), dated 1940, which indicates that Gertrude Paula Sara Rothschild resided in Konstanz.

### **Information Available in the Bank’s Records**

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to herself, Paula Rothschild. 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 a number assigned to the account by the ICEP auditors for tracking purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> The Claimant submitted one additional claim, which is registered under the Claim Number 203927. In a separate decision, the CRT awarded the accounts of Gertrud Rothschild to the Claimant. See *In re Accounts of Gertrud Rothschild* (approved on 7 March 2002).

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The Bank's records indicate that the Account Owner was Paula Rothschild. The Bank's records also indicate the Account Owner's maiden name, the name of her husband and her street address, city and country of residence. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the date of closing of the account at issue and contain the Account Owner's signature.

## **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 her maiden name was Rothschild and that she married in 1946. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner had a different maiden name and was married prior to the Second World War. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant 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, 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  
8 August 2006