

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Account of A. Taussig

Claim Numbers: 600071/SJ, 401518/SJ^{1,2}

This Certified Denial is based on the claims of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to an account of Paul Österreicher, Alfred Taussig and *Taussig Hops, Importer, Dealer and Exporter*. This Denial is to the published account of A. Taussig (the “Account Owner”).^{3,4}

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 to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) and a Claim Form to the CRT asserting that her father-in-law, Alfred Taussig, who was born in 1873 in Revnicev, then Austria-Hungary (later Czechoslovakia, now Czech Republic), and was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant stated that her father-in-law, who was Jewish, was a Czechoslovak national who lived in Vienna, Austria and had a residence Petrovac, Yugoslavia before the Second World War. The Claimant also stated that her father-in-law owned a business named *Taussig Hops, Importer, Dealer and Exporter*. Finally, the Claimant indicated that her father-in-law perished at the concentration camp in Auschwitz in 1944 or 1945. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 12 September 1919 in Vienna, Austria.

¹ The Claimant submitted a claim, numbered B-01104, on 21 July 1998, to the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (“HCPO”) of the New York State Banking Department. This claim was referred by the HCPO to the CRT and has been assigned Claim Number 600071.

² According to Article 37 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the “Rules”), claims to the same or related accounts may be joined in one proceeding at the CRT’s discretion. In this case, the CRT determines it appropriate to join the two claims of the Claimants in one proceeding.

³ The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Alfred Taussig, 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.

⁴ In her claims, the Claimant also claimed the accounts of Paul Österreicher and a business known as *Taussig Hops, Importer, Dealer and Exporter*. The CRT will treat the claims to these accounts in separate determinations.

Information Available from the Swiss Federal Archive

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Alfred Taussig. The CRT notes that 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”) did not report an account belonging to Alfred Taussig. The documents evidencing an account belonging to A. Taussig were obtained from Swiss Federal Archive in Bern, Switzerland, and pertain to accounts reported in a survey conducted pursuant to Swiss Federal legislation requiring the registration of assets dormant since 9 May 1945 held in Switzerland by foreigners or stateless persons known or presumed to have been victims of racial, religious or political persecution (the “1962 Survey”). The account is identified below by its Account Identification Number, which is a number assigned to the account for tracking purposes.

Account 6002178

The records from the Swiss Federal Archive indicate that the Account Owner was A. Taussig. These records also indicate the Account Owner’s full first name.

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 her relative. Although the name of her father-in-law matches the published first initial and last name of the Account Owner, the information provided by the Claimant differs from the unpublished information about the Account Owner available in the records from the Swiss Federal Archive. Specifically, the Claimant stated that her father-in-law was named Alfred Taussig. In contrast, the records available in the Swiss Federal Archive show that the Account Owner had a different first name. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant’s father-in-law 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 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
30 September 2005