

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

in re Accounts of Alfred Tyroler

Claim Number: 211044/SB

This Certified Denial is based on the claim of [REDACTED], née [REDACTED], (the “Claimant”) to the published accounts of Alfred Tyroler (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 her paternal great-uncle, Alfred Tyroler, who was born in Zagreb, Austro-Hungary, today Croatia, owned a Swiss bank account. The Claimant further stated that her great-uncle, who was Jewish, was a Hungarian national who resided in Zagreb and Vukovar, today Croatia. According to the Claimant her great-uncle perished in Auschwitz. The Claimant indicated that she was born on 10 February 1950 in Budapest, Hungary.

Information Available in the Bank’s Records

The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted a claim to an account belonging to her relative, Alfred Tyroler. 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 4019979 and 4019980

The Bank’s records indicate that the Account Owner was Alfred Tyroler, who resided in Croatia. The Bank’s records also indicate the Account Owner’s nationality and the names of three joint

account owners. Furthermore, the Bank's records indicate the dates of opening and closing of one 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 her relative. Although the name of her great-uncle 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 great-uncle was a Hungarian national and that he resided in Croatia. In contrast, the Bank's records show that the Account Owner resided in Croatia, but was of neither Hungarian nor Croatian nationality. The CRT also notes that the Claimant did not identify the joint account owners, even though two of these individuals appear to be closely related to the Account Owner. Consequently, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Account Owner and the Claimant's great-uncle are the same person. Moreover, it should be noted that the CRT has identified another claimant, who plausibly identified the Account Owner as their 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
12 May 2006