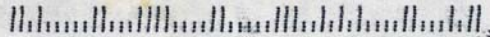


# The Real Scam

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SIR,

## REQUEST FOR URGENT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

MY COLLEAGUES AND I AFTER DUE DELIBERATION, HAVE FINALLY DECIDED TO SEND FORTH TO YOU THIS PROPOSAL.

WE HAVE PROCURED SAFELY THE SUM OF FORTY ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND US DOLLARS ONLY (US\$41,500,000.00) WHICH IS LYING IDLE IN A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA (CBN).

AS YOU MAY RIGHTLY WANT TO KNOW, WE ARE OFFICIALS OF THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL PEPTROLEUM CORPORATION (NNPC).

THIS MONEY ORIGINATED FROM A CONTRACT THAT WAS EXECUTED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MY MINISTRY BETWEEN 1995 AND 1996 BY A FOREIGN FIRM, WHICH WAS DELIBERATELY OVER IN-VOICE BY US TO THE TUNE OF FORTY ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$41,500,000.00). THIS HOWEVER, IS A DEAL BETWEEN ME AND MY COLLEAGUES WE THEREFORE WANT TO TRANSFER THIS MONEY ABROAD, FORTUNATELY, THIS PRESENT ADMINISTRATION HAS DECLARED ALL FOREIGN CONTRACT DEBTS IN ALL MINISTRIES FROM THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR TO PRESENT DUE FOR PAYMENT. THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY IN QUESTION HAS BEEN DECLARED DUE FOR PAYMENT AS FOREIGN CONTRACT DEBT IN MY MINISTRY. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE GOT TO GET THIS MONEY TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR OUR PERSONAL USE, HENCE, IT HAS BECOME INEVITABLY IMPORTANT TO LOOK FOR A FOREIGN PARTNER WHO IS WORTHY OF TRUST THAT WE CAN USE HIS COMPANY'S NAME TO APPLY FOR THE RELEASE AND GET MONEY REMITTED INTO HIS OR HER ACCOUNT SINCE NIGERIA LAW DOES NOT PERMIT US AS CIVIL SERVANTS TO OPERATE FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

WE HAVE TO COMPENSATE YOU WITH 30% OF THE MONEY INVOLVED, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, 60% WILL BE FOR ME AND MY COLLEAGUES, WHILE 10% HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT TO REDEEM ANY INCIDENTAL EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCURRED HOME OR ABROAD IN THE COURSE OF THIS DEAL. THE FINAL AND OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE FUND MAY INVOLVE BRINGING SOME OTHER OFFICIALS WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THIS DEAL, FOR PROMPT AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THIS FUND.

PLEASE IF YOU ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL, YOU SHOULD SEND TO ME BY FAX ONLY:

*Reproduced and cropped portion of the actual scam letter enclosed in the metered envelope shown at the top*



*Crudely forged lithographed Nigerian stamp*

The Nigerian 419 "advance fee" fraud scams go back many years.

In the early days, the scammers used to actually mail their scam letters. To keep costs low, Nigerian stamps were forged and the mail pieces "slipped" into the mail stream.

Forged postage meters such as the one shown above were also utilized.

The ability to fax or e-mail the same scam messages to more people more quickly at little or no cost caused an end to the use of the mails for these purposes.

But for us philatelists, these fake philatelic items of a real scam are priceless!