

1) The original email

Dear Friend,

I am Engr.Micheal Obome, a Director General in the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and I presently head a seven man tenders board incharge of Contract Awards and Payment Approvals.

... I have been delegated as a matter of trust and urgency by my colleagues in the panel to look for an overseas partner into whose account we would transfer the sum of US\$28 million. Hence I are writing you this letter. ... You must however NOTE that this transaction will be strictly based on the following terms and conditions as we have stated below;

- a) Our conviction of your transparent honesty and diligence**
- b) That you would treat this transaction with utmost secrecy and confidentiality**
- c) That you will not ask for more share or try to sit on the funds once it is under your custody, or any form of blackmail.**
- c) That upon receipt of the funds you will release the funds as instructed by us after you have removed your share of 20% from the total amount.**

Your urgent response will be highly appreciated, please get back to me with this confidential email address: (contractreviewp@uymail.com)

Thank you and God Bless.

Yours faithfully,
Engr.Micheal Obome.

(2) My first response

Dear Engr.Micheal

I am honored that you would select me for this most important opportunity. I can most readily testify to meeting the qualifications you outlined below, specifically:

a) Our conviction of your transparent honesty and diligence

** All my friends tell me that I am extremely transparent, even bordering on being translucent under the proper lighting conditions.

b) That you would treat this transaction with utmost secrecy and confidentiality

** Believe me, if I ever entered into business with you, I wouldn't want anybody to find out about it.

c) That you will not ask for more share or try to sit on the funds once it is under your custody, or any form of blackmail.

** Personally, I don't believe in sharing, so that won't be a problem. As for sitting on the funds, I realize that we have different customs in our two countries, but you should know that my wife just

bought me a new Lazy-boy with a crushed-velvet seat cushion, so I'm quite comfortable with that. Also, as far as my parentage goes, I am not a black male. I am part Cherokee and part French (although we don't talk about that much these days). I hope this won't be a problem.

c) That upon receipt of the funds you will release the funds as instructed by us after you have removed your share of 20% from the total amount.

** I'm really, really, good now at following instructions, so you won't have any problem here. One time I used a number 3 instead of number 2 pencil, so some of my answers didn't count and I failed the test and had to repeat the seventh grade. But I learned my lesson real good and that won't happen again!!!

To make sure all this is on the up and up, and nobody tries to cheat me out of my 20% of the money, I suggest that from this point on we use code words to reference ourselves in any further communication. I'll be "Big Dawg", and you call yourself "Little Bitch". I thought about using "apples" and "oranges", but I didn't know if you liked fruit that much, so I went with the dog analogy instead. I hope this works okay for you.

I look forward to your next email, Little Bitch.

Sincerely,

Big Dawg.

(3) The response back from Nigeria

Dear Phil Jackson,

Thank you very much for your prompt response to our proposed mutual beneficial business transaction.

Having discussed your response with my partners and with our acknowledgment of your apparent understanding of the need for Strict Privacy in the transaction of this magnitude, we make bold to give you the details of the perfected modalities of the project's prompt realization, 100% risk free and timely.

To commence immediate action on the pending transaction, we are sending along with this message to you, the contract APPLICATION form needed for officialization of this transaction. We plead diligently with you to make this transaction as CONFIDENTIAL as possible, all matters concerning this transaction should therefore be treated with utmost secrecy and urgency. ... We await your urgent reply, please direct all further email to this address contractreviewp2@yahoo.com).

Best regards,

Micheal Obome

(4) "Big Dawg" has a bone to pick

I will only respond to the appropriate code word designation as indicated in my previous correspondence. Please re-send with the counter-sign so that I know it is from you, and not someone else.

Respectfully,
Big Dawg

(5) The Nigerians reply

DEAR PHIL,

TOP OF THE DAY TO YOU AND I HOPE ALL IS WELL. ... WE REALLY DO NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR CODE NAMES, AND EVEN IF WE NEED CODE NAMES WE WILL DEFINATLY HAVE MILLIONS OF NAME TO PICK FROM ...

IT WILL BE ACCURATE FOR US TO COMMENCE NOW AS APPLICATION PROCESS IS IN PROGRESS, WE WILL NEED YOU TO SEND BACK THE FILLED APPLICATION FORM TO ENABLE US EFFCET THE APPLICATION ON YOUR BEHALF FOR THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS TO YOUR NOMINATED ACCOUNT, AS THE BONAFIDE BENEFIARY TO THE CONTRACT ENTITLEMENT.

YOUR URGENT POSITIVE RESPONSE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

REGARDS.

MICHEAL OBOME.

(6) "Big Dawg" is not happy

I cannot proceed if you will not respect my privacy! STOP USING MY NAME and refer to me by the code name I gave you. My email is segmented and I don't want it to go into the wrong account.

If you are who you say you are, and not some cheap imitator who is trying to trick me, you will know who I am. I am the BIG DAWG, and you are the ... WHAT??? You must reply with the proper counter-sign or discontinue this correspondence.

I believe the Almighty on High has entwined our fates, and if it is to be, we must proceed upon the pre-ordained lines, or else suffer the indignity of mutual rejection.

Your friend,
Big Dawg

(7) "Little Bitch" gets the message

DEAR BIG DAWG,

I RECIEVED YOUR MAIL AND WILL WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM NOT TREDDING ON YOUR PRIVACY BY ADDRESSING YOU BY YOUR NAME, IT IS JUST THE RESPECT THAT I SHOULD NORMALY HAVE FOR YOU. NOW THAT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CODE NAMES, I WILL HAVE TO RESPECT YOUR OPINION HERE AND ABIDE BY YOUR REQUEST. ...

I REALLY LIKED AND RESPECTED YOU FOR THIS PHRASE THAT YOU USED IN YOUR LAST MASSAGE,

"I believe the Almighty on High has entwined our fates, and if it is to be, we must proceed upon the pre-ordained lines, or else suffer the indignity of mutual rejection."

YOU MOST BE AN INTERESTING AND INTELLIENT PERSON, AND I AM QUITE SURE THAT WE WILL MEET SOON DUE TO THE PROGRESS WE MAKE. PLEASE CALL ME AS I AM WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR YOUR CALL, AND ALSO DO ALL YOU CAN TO SEND BACK THE FILLED FORM TODAY TO ENABLE US EFFECT THE APPLICATION FIRST THING TOMMOROW.

REGARDS.

LITTLE BITCH.

(8) "Big Dawg" replies

Dear Little Bitch:

I thank you for your most prompt and expeditious reply that we may soon seek the blissful rewards of mutual gratification.

Reviewing your email message of Wednesday, February 26, 2003 1:01 PM, I am prepared now to take the next step and reply to your instructions.

Unfortunately, I cannot call you because I am completely deaf in one ear, and suffer a 90 % hearing loss in the other, owing to an unfortunate accident I suffered as a child when I punctured both eardrums with a number 2 pencil (thus, my earlier abhorrence to use of said implement).

Is there another way we can speak? I live off exit 22 of the New Jersey Turnpike. You just go a mile down Soprano Lane to Gotti Drive, and turn left at the big house on the

corner. I can fix up the downstairs room (it's really a basement, but we call it a rumpus room), so you could stay over night if you need to. Me and my wife don't get a lot of visitors, so we'd love the company.

Anyway, let me know if this works for you. I'd offer to drive and pick you up at the airport, but they took away my license when I hit that milk truck a few years back. I couldn't hear the police siren because I was deaf, but they didn't believe me, so now I sit at home and watch CNN all the time. Do you get CNN there too? That Judy Woodruff is pretty hot, don't you think?

Well, I've gone on too long now, but you seem like such a nice guy, and I get real lonely, so I like to write to people whenever I get a new friend.

You are the answer to my prayers.

Best wishes,
Big Dawg

(9) Little Bitch accepts the rumpus room offer

DAWG,

I READ THROUGH YOUR MAIL WITH PAINS IN MY HEARTH, YOU MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH SOME TREIBBLE TIMES. I PRAY THAT ALL WILL BE WELL WITH YOU NOW, AND I ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO BRING JOY AND ACTIVITIES TO YOUR LIFE.

I AM QUITE OKAY WITH THE IDICATIONS IN YOUR MAIL, LIKE PUTTING UP WITH YOU WHEN I ARRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY. FIRST, I WILL WANT US TO COMMENCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS TO YOUR NOMINATED ACCOUNT. THIS IS WHY I WILL PLEAD SERIOUSLY WITH YOU TO ACT ACCORDINGLY AND SEND BACK THE FILLED APPLICATION FORM TO ENABLE US EFFECT THE APPLICATION ON YOUR BEHALF AS THE BENEFICIARY TO THE CLAIMS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY THAT WE APPLY AS IT IS THE ONLY KEY TO THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

YOUR URGENT RESPONSE WILL BE REQUIRED.

REGARDS.

BITCH.

(10) Big Dawg is ill, but wife Hilda steps in

Dear Mr. Bitch:

I am Hilda Jackson, the wife of "Big Dawg".

Yesterday evening, right after we finished shaving the cat like we do every Wednesday night, Big Dawg suffered a minor stroke that left him paralyzed in one arm (his good one, unfortunately). It has also slurred his speech so his "tr's" now sound like "f's", which makes it impossible for him to pronounce words like "truck" without causing us public embarrassment.

I think the good news from your generous offer was so overwhelming that Big Dawg's weak heart was affected. Now he just sits in front of the TV set, gurgling while he watches Judy Woodruff on CNN. We hope and pray that his condition will be temporary, and he will return to good health soon.

For now, I will be the one you should speak to. Please call me "Snoop Dawg", so I can recognize your messages as legitimate and sincere. You should continue refer to yourself as "Little Bitch" like my husband wanted (although I think just "Bitch" is fine, if that's what you prefer). I think it is very important for a woman to honor the wishes of her man, as I'm sure you'll agree, and this is what Big Dawg wanted.

I would be happy to fill out the application you mentioned if you will send it to me again. Unfortunately, when Big Dawg had his stroke he was sitting at the computer. He collapsed, and his nose fell right down on to the delete button. We lost most of his files. I always told him to back up his hard drive, but he'd always say "What's going to happen? You think I'll have a stroke and my nose will hit the delete button?" Life is ironic, isn't it?

Big Dawg told me a little about you, and I am most impressed that someone of your high position would trust us with such an important transaction. Seeing as how you know a lot about us, since you took the time to find us for this great honor, I'd like to know a little more about you too. The settlement from the milk truck accident left us fairly well off. My neighbor, Gladys Cravits, is always telling me to get to know the people better I do business with. I think that's good advice, don't you?

So anyway, when you send me the application, could you tell me a little about yourself, like:

1. How many children do you have, and their ages.
2. Is your wife alive or dead? (I assume you are married. You don't prefer to have sex with other men, do you? It's okay if you do, I try to be open minded, but I wouldn't want my neighbors to find out.)
3. What is your favorite color?
4. Do you have any hobbies?

Also, it would mean so much to Big Dawg if you could say some inspirational words in

your next email to help him feel better. He has so much respect for you.

Yours very truly,

Snoop Dawg

(11) Little Bitch keeps it strictly professional

Dear Snoop Dawg,

Having discussed your response with my partners and with our acknowledgment of your apparent understanding of the need for Strict Privacy in the transaction of this magnitude, we make bold to give you the details of the perfected modalities of the project's prompt realization, 100% risk free and timely.

To commence immediate action on the pending transaction, we are sending along with this message to you, the contract APPLICATION form needed for officialization of this transaction. ... Please, kindly expedite action as we are almost behind schedule for this Quarter Payment. Feel very free to always call me if you need any clarification. You can always reach me on my private direct phone number 234 803 3181 426.

We await your urgent reply.

Best regards,
Little Bitch.

(12) No inspirational message, so the "Big Dawg" is back, and he's not happy

To Little Bitch:

I am struggling very hard to control my anger. I would call you "Dear Friend", but now I am not so sure.

I told you ONLY to communicate with me! That is why I insisted on using the code names! But now I discover that you are writing my wife, Hilda, who calls herself "Snoop Dawg".

I do not trust Hilda. I did NOT have a stroke!!! Last night she gave me a Valium pill, instead of my Viagra. Both medicines begin with the letter "V", so I was confused. Then she wrote you, asking for an application for herself, AND YOU SENT IT!

Do you call this Honor? Do you call this Trust? I am the ONLY ONE who controls our money, including the \$525,376.42 settlement I received for hitting that milk truck. This is U.S. money, not Canadian dollars, so you know it has REAL VALUE! Hilda wants to steal this, AND the \$20 million you promised me.

So I ask you, who is your partner, the Big Dawg, or Hilda, a cheap imitator?

If I am your partner, send me this message in code, then I will know it is you who I can trust again: **"Big Dawg, I am YOUR bitch."**

Send me ONLY this phrase, and nothing more. I do not want Hilda to discover our plan until I have had time to deal with her.

This is a sad day for me, but I put my faith in the guiding hand of the Almighty on High. If you are indeed my friend, you will let me know.

The Big Dawg.

(13) Little Bitch responds

From: "contract review" <contractreviewp2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2003 1:05 PM

BIG DAWG I AM YOUR BITCH

(14) Time to bring it to a close

Okay, I am now satisfied that you are honest and sincere!

You should know that Hilda will no longer be a problem to us. All I need to do is purchase about twenty pounds of lye and a new garden shovel, and we can put this all behind us.

I have your application filled out and ready to go, but I can't send it yet. I will be relocating shortly --- moving to Montana, or maybe Mexico if their extradition laws are more favorable. As soon as I do I'll send you my new address.

Until then, please know that I've enjoyed our conversation. And, whatever happens to us, never forget that *you will always be my bitch*.

With fondest regards,

Big Dawg