

Here's another round of emails from our friends in Nigeria. The "Big Dawg" has retired to Montana, so now "Big Dick" makes his debut.

1. The original email

FROM THE DESK OF DR.GODFREY UGO.
BILL AND EXCHANGE MANAGER,
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

I AM SORRY FOR THE EMBARRASEMENT THIS MY LETTER MIGHT CAUSE YOU AS WE HAVE NOT MET BEFORE THIS LETTER. ...

I AM WRITING TO YOU FOLLOWED THE IMPRESSIVE INFORMATION I GOT ABOUT YOU THROUGH ONE OF MY FRIENDS WHO RUNS A CONSULTANCY FIRM IN YOUR COUNTRY. HE ASSURED ME OF YOUR CAPABILITY AND RELIABILITY TO CHAMPION THIS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

IN MY DEPARTMENT WE DISCOVERED AN ABANDONED SUM OF US\$ 1.7M(TWENTY ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS)IN AN ACCOUNT THAT BELONGS TO ONE OF OUR FOREIGN CUSTOMER WHO DIED ALONG WITH HIS ENTIRE FAMILY IN AN AUTO CRASH IN THE YEAR 2000 ...

I AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN MY DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO MAKE THIS BUSINESS PROPOSAL TO YOU AND RELEASE THE MONEY TO YOU AS THE NEXT OF KIN OR RELATION TO THE DECEASED FOR SAFETY AND SUBSEQUENT DISBURSEMENT SINCE NOBODY IS COMING FOR IT AND WE DON'T WANT THIS MONEY TO GO INTO THE BANK TREASURY AS UNCLAIMED BILL.

WE AGREE THAT 30 % OF THIS MONEY WILL BE FOR YOU AS FOREIGN PARTNER,IN RESPECT TO THE PROVISION OF A FOREIGN ACCOUNT 10 % WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE BUSINESS AND 60 % WOULD BE FOR ME AND MY COLLEAGUES. THEREAFTER MY COLLEAGUES AND I WILL VISIT YOUR COUNTRY FOR DISBURSEMENT ACCORDING TO THE PERCENTAGES INDICATED. ...

I WILL NOT FAIL TO BRING TO YOUR NOTICE THAT THIS TRANSACTION IS HITCH FREE AND THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ENTERTAIN ANY ATOM OF FEAR AS ALL REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE TRANSFER.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

DR.GODFREY UGO.

2. My first response

Dear Mr. Ugo:

I am very interested in speaking to you about this fantastic opportunity!!! I didn't know I had any dead relatives in Africa, but who am I to argue? I do tan easily, so maybe grandpa took a little shore leave that grandma didn't know about. I heard he was a real ladies man, but I didn't believe the stories. If you ask me, he looked a lot like Ed Asner in drag, but then again, maybe your women there go for that type of guy. After all, did you ever get a real good look at Leon Spinks?

Anyway, I'm glad you hired someone to find me, but this whole thing has to be kept absolutely confidential, even from my family. Ever since I got that \$500,000 settlement from the milk truck accident, they've been trying to make me buy a lot of CDs. Now I ask you, what would a 70 year old man do with a half million dollars in Britney Spears albums? I'm still trying to get a replacement needle for my phonograph player so I can hear my LPs! By the time I build up a CD collection, they'll move on to some other new-fangled technology, and all that money will go to waste too. No sir, it's my money, and I'll damn well do what I please with it!!!

So, we need to be really careful that no one finds out about any of this. Address all your future emails to "Big Dick". I know your name is Ugo, but you call yourself "Little Dick" so I'll know it's from you, and not someone trying to steal my money. Pretty smart, huh?

This is going to be so GREAT!!! I can't wait to see my family's faces when I'm really rich!!!

Your friend,

Big Dick

3. Ugo wants a Big Dick

DEAR BIG DICK,

SEQUEL TO YOUR MAIL, I THANK YOU IMENSELY FOR YOUR KIND
ACCEPTANCE TO HAVE THIS FUNDS TRANSFERRED INTO YOUR ACCOUNT. ...

PLEASE FOR MORE ACTIONS STATE IN YOUR REPLY YOUR TELEPHONE
AND FAX NUMBERS FOR URGENT CONTACT WHICH WILL ENABLE US
COME IN CONTACT WITH

YOU FOR YOU TO MAKE IMMEDIATE APPLICATION TO THE BANK FOR CLAIMS.

APPLICATION LETTER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO NOW, YOU HAVE TO SEND THE APPLICATION TO THE BANK AND SEND A COPY TO ME URGENTLY BECAUSE WE MUST TRY AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BANK TRANSFERS THE FUND INTO YOUR ACCOUNT BEFORE THE END OF THE ELECTIONS.

CALL ME AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS APPLICATION FOR MORE CLEARIFICATION, MY DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE IS 234-1-7762610 HOPING TO HEARING FROM YOU SOONEST.

THANKS,
YOURS SINCERELY,
DR. DR.GODFREY UGO

BILL/EXCHANGE MANAGER (ADB) PLC.

4. There's no counter-code word, so an "Automatic Response" is generated

This response has been automatically generated by *Selective Software TM*: Messages addressed by: **DR.GODFREY UGO** to "**Big Dick**" are not recognized, and have been deleted from the spooler. Only messages from "**Little Dick**" will be allowed past the firewall.

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5. Little Dick gets the message

DEAR BIG DICK,

SEQUEL TO YOUR MAIL, I THANK YOU IMENSELY FOR YOUR KIND ACCEPTANCE TO HAVE THIS FUNDS TRANSFERRED INTO YOUR ACCOUNT. ...

HOPING TO HEARING FROM YOU SOONEST.

THANKS,

YOURS SINCERELY,
LITTLE DICK.

BILL/EXCHANGE MANAGER (ADB) PLC.

6. Big Dick is pleased

Dear Little Dick

I'm really glad you wrote me back !!! I was beginning to get worried that you didn't understand the code.

You said you wanted to come to my country so we could talk, and I think that's a really good idea. I'm going to take out \$20,000 to make room in my account for some of the money you're bringing over. I figure no one would get suspicious if I start taking out my money now. I'll withdraw another \$20,000 Friday, and \$20,000 more every two days until the whole half a million is out. We can then replace it with the money you're bringing. Pretty smart, huh? No one will be the wiser. The only problem is, I've got to keep all that cash in my house. I'll hide it in the closet next to my wife Hilda's turquoise jumper. She used to wear it all the time, but then someone said she looked like Liberace on steroids, so she never wore it again, which is really a shame, because she has much nicer legs than he does, and a lot less hair above her lip.

By the way, when you come to America, there's no need to stay in a hotel. I've got some extra space in the spare room over my garage. We used to rent it out to college students, but every time we did this funny smell kept coming from under the door. Hilda would get out the Lysol, but it never made a difference, so the room is empty now, and you're welcome to stay as long as you need.

Remember, we can't tell anyone about this, not even my wife Hilda. I'm really good at keeping secrets, so I hope you are too. There's a few things I did when I was young that even Hilda don't know about, which is a good thing because we both found the Lord, and I'm pretty sure He don't condone the misuse of small animals, no matter how strong your urges.

I can't wait to meet you. You are the answer to my prayers!!!

Your friend,

The Big Dick

7. Little Dick is excited — (but still hasn't learned how to spell)

DEAR BIG DICK,

WITH BLISS TO YOUR MAIL AND RESPONSE TO ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU ARE MAKING REGARDING THIS TRANSACTION AND MY COMING TO AMERICAN, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE SAID FUND WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND UPON CONFIRMATION FROM YOU. ...

I WILL IMMEDIATELY LEASE TO YOUR COUNTRY, NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE BANK FIRST AND ALSO STATE TO ME YOUR TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBER FOR BRIEFING ON TONES ON EACH OTHER.

WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS TO FILL THE TEXT OF APPLICATION AND SEND IT TO THE BANK FOR UNWARD PROCESSING AND ALSO SEND A COPY TO ME FOR MY

CONSUMPTION,

PLEASE NOTE THE YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM HOW TO FOLLOW YOUR CODE.

I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR URGENT RESPONSE.

THANKS,
FAITHFUL,

MR. LITTLE DICK

8. Big Dick responds to the application

Dear Little Dick

I reply to you with equal bliss and solitudes of great happiness as we embark upon this exciting adventure!!!

Just like you asked, I am confirming that it is o-kay to transfer your funds to me. I'll put it in my account at the First National Bank of Wachassau Indiana, where I've been a customer ever since my first wife Gladys left me back in 1946 for a one-legged dwarf.

At first I was really depressed about it, but then I met my present wife Hilda at the Sadie Hawkins Day cookout over in Gurney. She's a good woman and quite a looker, if you don't mind those extra fingers and toes on her right side, We've been married forty-seven years Tuesday, and have four children — not counting the two I left behind in Viet-nam, Won Hung Lo and his sister, Shee Bang Hard.

Anyway, I wasn't clear if you were going to bring the money with you when you come to America, or send it to me first. I'll clean out some extra space in the upstairs closet just in case. Please let me know when you're coming to town, so I can change the sheets in your room. My youngest boy Peter likes to go in there for hours at a time with an armful of magazines, and we've noticed that the bed linens can get a little crunchy.

As for sending you my phone number, I don't think that would be a good idea. I don't use the phone since I went deaf in both ears from swimming in Lake Gofugyself, where I got a bad case of ear worms that dug into my head like in that Star Trek episode with Ricardo Montalban. The doctors said my hearing could be saved by a cochlear implant, but by the time I found out that cochlear meant "ear", it was too late to have the operation. Now the only sound I hear is the neighbor's dog barking, which sounds a lot like Michael Jackson passing gas.

So, the best way to reach me is by email. I'm on my computer most all the time, although I don't let Hilda see the websites I visit. I still get those urges from time to time, but now I only look at the pictures. I think that's okay, don't you? If the Good Lord didn't want me to have those thoughts, he wouldn't have made livestock so attractive, would He?

Thank you again for finding me. My prayers have been answered!!

Your friend,

Big Dick

9. Little Dick writes back

DEAR BIG DICK,

THANKS YOU FOR YOUR URGENT RESPONSE, AS A MATTER OF URGENT. I WILL LIKE TO GO IF YOU HAVE SEND THE TEXT OF APPLICATON TO THE BANK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO FILL THE TEXT OF APPLICATION AND SEND TO THE BANK FOR THEM TO PROCESSING YOUR NAME AS THE BENEFICIARY NEXT OF KIN.

WE HAVE TO TIME TO DELAY THIS TRANSACTION WILL ONLY LAST FOR 9 WORKING DAY SO YOU HAVE TO ACT FAST AND FILL THE APPICATION. ALSO SEND A COPY TO ME.

I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE.

THANKS,

MR.LITTLE DICK.

10. Dick Hurtz makes his entrance

Dear Little Dick

Okay, I understand what to do now, but we may have a problem. I caught Hilda snooping around my computer, and she saw one of your emails. I deleted it before she could read it, but I think she's on to us, so we have to be really careful! She doesn't understand important financial stuff like I do. If she finds out what we're doing, she may try to stop me.

It's a good thing we used code, because right now Hilda thinks I'm talking to my friend Dick Hurtz, who I sometimes call "Little Dick", and he calls me "The Big Dick." (It's not a gay thing, really. We're just good friends.)

I know Hilda will read my next email from you, so here's what you need to do. Send me a fake email and sign it "Dick Hurtz" instead of "Little Dick". **DON'T TALK ABOUT THE MONEY!!!** Just pretend we're friends. I had a vasectomy in April, so you can ask me about that, because having your family jewels cut open is something Dick Hurtz would surely know about.

Once Hilda reads the fake email, she won't bother me again. Then we can get down to business!!! Pretty smart, huh?

Your friend,

The Big Dick

11. Dick Hurtz writes back

DEAR BIG DICK,

HOW ARE YOU DOING? I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOUR RESPONSE SINCE,
HOW IS YOUR BODY NOW?

HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU.

THANKS,

DICK HURTZ

NOTE: Message number 10 was sent with the subject line "CONFIDENTIAL!!!" Little Dick Ugo replied WITH THE SAME SUBJECT LINE (Hilda would never be suspicious of that!). Not only that, he couldn't even compose a coherent sentence in a two line paragraph. And this guy REALLY thinks I'll send him my bank account information?

12. Hilda joins the conversation

Dear Dick Hurtz

This is Hilda, The Big Dick's wife. I saw your email, and wanted you to know that your sympathetic message touched The Big Dick in a deep, personal way.

He doesn't have many friends since that incident with our neighbor's Poodle a few years back. It's a terrible shame, since he was only looking out for my best interests. He said he was practicing his own version of the Heimlich maneuver in case I ever got something stuck in MY throat --- but the police arrested him anyway. Technically, he was never charged with a crime, so I don't see why the papers made such a big deal out of it. You'd think Katie Couric had nothing better to do than to lead with that story, but I guess it was a slow news day.

I am worried about my husband, though. Ever since his vasectomy The Big Dick has been limping around the house, feeling empty and deflated. The money from the milk truck settlement is almost gone. The accident happened while we were on vacation in Tijuana, and we thought we were being paid in dollars, not pesos. It turns out that 500,000 pesos is equivalent to about \$150 in American money. No one has had the heart to tell The Big Dick he's totally broke, so we keep letting him think he's rich. We hope that this kind of positive thinking will eventually get The Big Dick up again, so please don't do anything that will leave a bad taste in his mouth. We wouldn't want Dick Hurtz to be the reason he couldn't function properly.

Anyway, it was so very good to hear from you. Please write again, and tell me how your wife, Fanny is doing. Did that hemorrhoid problem of hers ever bottom out? I'm itching to find out.

Sincerely,

Hilda

13. Little Dick hasn't got the message yet that The Big Dick has no money

DEAR BIG DICK,

I HOPE NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEND THE TEXT OF APPLICATION TO THE BANK. MATTERS ARE URGENT AND WE MUST PROCEED WITH NO DELAY OR LOSE IT ALL. ...

I EMPLOY TO ACT FAST AND FILL THE APPLICATION. AND ALSO SEND A COPY TO ME.

I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE.

YOUR FRIEND,

MR.LITTLE DICK.

14. The Big Dick finally blows him off

Dear Little Dick

I'm sorry to inform you that this will be our last correspondence. I must be the luckiest guy in the world, because since you first contacted me, I've gotten similar offers from the following people:

** William Johnson offered me \$126 million

** Engr.Kingsely Oge offered me \$56 million

** Frank Obi (Esq) offered me \$38.6 million

** Hassan Bello offered me \$28.6 million

** Dan Uzoamaka offered me \$21.5 million

** Part Obi offered me \$20.5 million

** Engr: Kumalo Diliza offered me 14.3 million.

I've got to be honest and tell you that you're coming in low at \$21.7 million. Unless you're prepared to come up with a few million more to sweeten the pot, it looks like I'll have to go with Billy J. Of course, if you other guys are prepared to get together and pool your money, I could still do business with you. But right now, it looks like Mr. Bill's got the best offer, so I'll be writing to him.

Then again, because you all think I'm a fucking idiot, you can keep passing my email address around, and send me more incredibly stupid offers. Who knows, I may fall for it one day and actually write you back with a serious reply. But then again, I'd have to be a certified moron to give you any confidential information, not just a fucking idiot. But keep trying. We elected Clinton twice, so anything's possible.

With fondest regards,

Big Dick