

Charles In Charge

This is one of the many scambaits I've had with the infamous Charles Soludo. Notice in the first email that he misspells his own last name – I hate it when I do that! Also, quite humorous was how “he discovered my precious name” in the second email.

ATTN: Dear Beneficiary,

IMMEDIATE CONTRACT PAYMENT.CONTRACT #:MAV/NNPC/FGN/MIN/009.

From the records of outstanding contractors due for payment with the Federal Government of Nigeria, your name and company was discovered as next on the list of the outstanding contractors who have not received their payments.

I wish to inform you that your payment is being processed and will be released to you as soon as you respond to this letter. Also note that from my record in my file your outstanding contract payment is US\$32.7 million dollars (Thirty-two million seven hundred thousand united states dollars).

Please re-confirm to me if this is inline with what we have in your record and also re-confirm to me the followings:

- 1) Your full name.
- 2) Phone, fax and mobile #.
- 3) Company name, position and address.
- 4) Profession, age and marital status.
- 5) Scanned copy of int'l passport.

As soon as this information is received, your payment will be made to you in a certified bank draft or wired to your bank account directly from Central Bank of Nigeria and a copy will be given to you for you to take to your bank and confirm it.

You must call me on my direct number as soon as you receive this letter for a serious discussion with me.

Regards,

Prof. Charles Soludu.

Executive Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)

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I have no idea what this is all about - please explain.

Thomas

Hello Sir,

I hope you must have read our first letter to you indicating, how lucky you were to be discovered by the system to be among the beneficiaries. your precious name was discovered in our database file. If you can

credit us with some basic intelligence, you found out that this is based on mutual trust and confidence. You should kindly provide us with the following information,age,sex,occupation,your scanned passport to enable us update our file in our system and process your immediate payment.

Thanks for your understanding.

yours in service,

Prof.Charles C Soludo,

Executive Governor Central Bank of Nigeria.

I would like to know what this is all about and why are you contacting me? Who is sending me money? And why?

Thomas

Dear Beneficiary,

This is to inform you that we receive your mail and We can't answer you with such a childish question we are only here to make sure that you receive your fund we do not come here for a joke and we do not beg any one to relieve his/her fund if you are having double mind in this transaction so be it,

But bear in mind that i well not going to be held responsible for any lost fund here, so all we need is all your informations to enable us proceed in this transaction, to your nominated bank account, for security reason so that another person may not come to claim it for more improve here is my working id including my passport, please do not have double mind we will be very happy to have you in our service and to offer you the best of service, for more information call my direct Tel 234-706-655-7095

Looking forward to hear from you

THANKS

YOURS SINCERELY,

PROFESSOR CHUKWUMA .C. SOLUDO

GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA (CBN)

All I asked you was what this was all about. What childish questions do you refuse to answer? Maybe you are confusing me with another one of your victims, oops, I mean clients?

Thomas

GREETINGS MY DEAR FRIEND,

SOMETIME LAST YEAR, OUR REFINERY WAS GENERALLY SERVICED AND MANY OTHER CONTRACTS WHERE ALSO AWARDED IN THE OIL SECTOR AFTER AN OUT BREAK OF FIRE.THERE WAS ASSISTANCE FROM WORLD BANK, I.M.F. AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DAMAGED EQUIPMENT AND THE REFINERY AS A WHOLE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, A LOT OF CONTRACTS WAS AWARDED TO SO MANY INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS. ALL THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTORS HAS JUST RECEIVED THEIR FINAL PHASE OF THEIR PAYMENT LEAVING A TOTAL SUM OF \$14MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS FLOATING IN THE FILES OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNCLAIMED. THIS IS AS A RESULT OF THE OVER INVOICING WE DID

DURING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED OKAY; THIS SUM OF \$14MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS I WILL LIKE TO TRANSFER TO YOUR ACCOUNT NOW, WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS TO PROVIDE ME WITH:

- (1) YOUR FULL NAME,
- (2) ADDRESS AND COMPANY ADDRESS IF ANY
- (3) YOUR PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IMMEDIATE CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION TO DISCUSS FURTHER.
- (4) MARITAL STATUS
- (5) OCCUPATION
- (6) SEX/AGE

AS THE CONTRACT AWARD CHAIRMAN, I WILL PREPARE DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR NAME AS SUB-CONTRACTOR WHO DID THIS JOB. AND THE MONEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED IN YOUR COMPANY NAME OR PERSONAL NAME INTO YOUR ACCOUNT.. FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND COMPENSATION IN THIS TRANSACTION I WILL OFFER YOU 30% OF THE TOTAL MONEY: 10% SET ASIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL EXPENSES DURING OUR TIME OF EFFECT OF THE TRANSFER AND 60% FOR ME AND MY COLLEAGUE...

MORE SO, I WILL COME OVER TO MEET WITH YOU A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MONEY IN YOUR ACCOUNT TO TAKE CARE OF MY SHARE AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR COMMISSION OF 30%. IF YOU WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ME TO HAVE THIS MONEY TRANSFERRED THROUGH YOUR ACCOUNT BEFORE THE GIVEN DEADLINE BY THE PRESIDENCY TO PAY UP FOR THIS YEAR 2006 SECOND QUARTER, WRITE ME BACK IMMEDIATELY BY PROVIDING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, SO THAT I CAN FEED YOU WITH INFORMATION AND MODALITIES FOR THIS TRANSACTION.

NOTE: THIS TRANSACTION IS SMOOTH AND SECURED, AS ALL ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN PERFECTED.

KINDLY ENSURE THAT YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER AND FAX IS INCLUDED IN YOUR RETURN MAIL AND ALSO DO ENSURE THAT YOUR REPLY IS SENT TO IMMEDIATELY YOU GET THIS EMAIL.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.
I AWAIT YOUR URGENT REPLY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
Prof.Charles C Soludo.
Executive Governor Central Bank Of Nigeria
CHAIRMAN CONTRACT AWARD COMMITTEE
www.centbank.org

So, what you are saying is that my name wasn't on a list or in your database, that you are just looking for someone to help you steal this money. Is that correct?

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

The answer to your question is YES. If you agree to assist me you should let me know so that I can commence the process of the will in your favour as the Beneficiary to the fund.

Regards,
Prof.Charles C Soludo,
CBN Governor
www.centbank.org.

Now was that so hard to tell me the truth? Instead of pretending that this transaction was something else, you could have been straight up with me and told me all this first. I know it must be difficult for you to be truthful, but if you expect me to help you, then it is the one thing I will insist on. So the answer is yes, I will take on this endeavor as long as you are up front with me about everything.

Thomas

Atten: Thomas Payne,

Dear partner,

How are you today, anyway i have expect to hear from you to give you the details of everything going on well, Sequel to your coming to Nigeria you will also need an attorney here in Nigeria to endorse the three classified document. Moreso, i have looked at it coming down here to pick an attorney and making it double, So i have yesterday apply for one of the accredited attorney in Nigeria National petroleum corporation (NNPC) whom will assist you overhere to endorse the document as the original beneficiary of this fund usd14M

However, please write to him with a power of attorney telling him you want him to represent you here as a local representative to endorse the three classified document of your contract entitlement fund executed with the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, he will notify you as well. but please never tell him this is a deal, it is only both of us and my colleague knows that this is a deal, but the accredited attorney believe you are the original contractor that does the contract. So, contact him so that he will assist you to procure / to obtain the document.

Moreso, please use his office contact to reach him immediately you receive this mail.

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Please, use his contact information to reach him immediately and get back to me.

Awaiting your response.

Regards.

Prof.Charles C.Soludo
Executive Governor Central Bank Of Nigeria{CBN}

I'm sorry, I will not give a lawyer who I have not met or don't know a Power of Attorney – that would be foolish. I will either find my own lawyer or come there myself to conduct this transaction.

Thanks,

Thomas

Dear Thomas Payne,

How are you doing I do hope fine. please give response to my mail, this is because the accredited attorney from (NNPC) Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, the Attorney is waiting to hear from you for him to start the processing of the three classified document.

I will call you later today for discussion.

Awaiting to hear from you soonest.

Regards.

Prof.Charles C. Soludo.....

I don't care if he is the Grand Poobah of all lawyers on Earth. I would never hire a lawyer who I knew nothing about. Do you realize how stupid this would be? I might as well through my money out of the freaking window. I will find my own lawyer – who are they to tell me I have to use their lawyer. That is ridiculous!

Thomas

Atten: Thomas Payne,

Dear Partner,

Based on your e-mail to me as regards hiring a lawyer yourself or you come down to Nigeria, I have the honour to inform you that you cannot hire a lawyer yourself, why, because the lawyer must me an accredited legal consultant to CBN and must be a notary public officer and a registered member of Nigeria Bar Association{NBA}.Therefore Mr. Thomas, I am in a better position to tell you what to do regarding this transaction.

Thanks for your understanding awaiting your urgent respond.

Yours in service,

Prof. Charles C. Soludo

Governor CBN.

Ok, good luck to you then.

Thomas

please use his office contact to reach him immediately you receive this mail.

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Awaiting your response.

Regards.

Prof. Charles C. Soludo

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You misunderstand my meaning. I mean 'good luck to you then' as in go find some other patsy to help you. I will not use a lawyer that I don't know and if you insist on this then good luck in your search for a new person to help you.

Thomas

I did this to get him off his script and force him into unfamiliar territory. I figured he would beg me to come back and figure out another way to induce the fees, etc. into the scam. But I have not heard from him since! Oh well, taking the hard line stance like I do with these idiots, you're bound to lose a few... Did you like that slip that he didn't say anything about when I referred to myself as "one of his victims, oops, clients"? He didn't even bat an eye at that!