This was a short bait - I was growing weary of his pre-written, long responses, so I cut this one off kind of short (I know, that's not my job but I had more interesting ones going on...)

FROM THE DESK OF DR. AHMED BOLA, CHAIRMAN INVESTIGATION DEPT. FEDERAL (OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR INVESTIGATION CARRIED TODAY BY THIS OFFICE (INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY).WE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT YOU

ARE NOT THE AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR WHO WORKED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT YOU HAVE GARDERED SOME VITAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONTRACT AWARDING COMMITTEE WHO WAS AT THE LAST GOVERNMENT, BUT NO WHERE TO BE FOUND AGAIN, THEY HAVE ALL RAN INTO A TIN AIR DUE TO THERE BAD COMMITMENT IN THEIR OFFICES. THOUGH, WE HAVE NOT REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENCY OFFICIALLY BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST WE HAVE IN SHARING THIS FUND WITH YOU IF YOU CO-OPERATE WITH US AND THE CONDITION WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU, AND FOR THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE SPENT SOME MONEY ON THIS TRANSACTION, OTHERWISE, I WOULD HAVE PUT AN OFFICIAL REPORT FOR GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER THE FUND AND YOU WILL LOSE THE FUND, BUT NO NEED. THIS IS THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS FUND EARLIER THAN THIS, FIRSTLY, YOU APPLIED FOR THE CONTRACT PAYMENT WITH THE SAME CONTRACT NUMBER USED TO PAY THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTOR WHO EXECUTED THIS SAID CONTRACT, RATHER YOU SHOULD HAVE APPLIED AS A SUB-CONTRACTOR, NOT AS A NEXT OF KIN. SO, EACH TIME THERE IS A CALL FOR YOUR PAYMENT, IT ALWAYS READY ON THE SYSTEM NO MATCH FOUND BECAUSE THE BONOFID BENEFICIARY OF THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN SETTLED AND THE SAME CONTRACT NUMBER CAN NOT BE USED TO PAY YOU OR ANOTHER CONTRACTOR. THIS IS TO SAY, THE CONTRACT NUMBER DOES NOT MATCH WITH THE PAYMENT AMOUNT.BE INFORMED THAT YOU ARE MAKING A VERY BIG MISTAKE BY YOUR DEALINGS WITH ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN RESPECT OF THIS FUND AND IT WILL BE TO YOUR OWN LOST IF YOU SPEND ANY MONEY IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE THE PROBLEM MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THIS PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AND NOBODY IS AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION EXCEPT MY HOMBLE SELF. BE AWARE THAT THIS PAYMENT IS STILL IN OVER AERE AND NOT IN OFF-SHORE CENTERS, O.K. WILL GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS PAYMENT WHEN I HEAR FROM YOU. FINALLY, DISREGARD ALL YOUR COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER OFFICES, BECAUSE YOU WILL CONTINUE SPENDING MONEY WITHOUT GETTING ANY RESULT. A PROBLEM KNOWN IS HALF SOLVED YOURS URGENT REPLY IS NEEDED.

MY CONDITIONS ARE STATED BELOW.

 (1) YOU MUST BE READY TO SHARE THE FUND WITH US
50/50
(2) YOU MUST NOT LET ANY BODY KNOW ABOUT THIS DEAL UNTIL WE MAKE ARRANGEMENT AND TRANSFER INTO YOUR NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT.
(3) YOU MUST SEND TO US AN AGREEMENT THAT OUR SHARE OF 50% IS SAFE WHEN THE FUND GETS INTO YOUR ACCOUNT.

YOURS FAITHFULLY, DR.AHMED BOLA. CHAIRMAN INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT FEDERAL. (OFFICE

I really don't understand what you want from me or what you are asking. Please provide me with more details.

Greg Wilson

Dear Friend,

Tanks for your quick reply and acceptin te fact. Your fund documents was brought to my desk for proper investiation since each time it is your payment turn, it always cant go, reading on the system :NO MATC FOUND: until i discover the reason it has been like that for a some time and the officers in charge keep on demandin for one documents to another but to no avile, thinking that was the problem, not knowing the genesis of the fund or the history. In accordance with the tone of your previous mail, i want to beleive that you where not aware of the source of this contract fund.

You might have spent money in the past without good result because you coursed it. The only problem you have not receive this fund, is you. You have refused to open up to the officials how you came about this money and as such, no body knows how to be of help to you, but I promise you, it will be a different case now, a problem known is half solved ,ok?Like I said in my previous mail, you barely know the source of this fund, just the little info you received by officials to stand as the authorized beneficiary of the said fund, and you put a claim without knowing source of the fund. Incase you may know, this fund as acquired from an over invoice contract payment which the real contractor has been fully paid; expect the over invoiced to shared with you after wards. But most of the officials who planed strategize ran into tin air. This is to openly say that this fund does not belong to you, but to government. I am very sure of this, my investigation has proven it and it is the truth, expect you don't want to admit, then I will fill my official report to my office, but if you are ready to achieve this aim with me as you said, I have given you my 100% guarantee that this will be a success if you can only adhere to my instructions. I saw this as an opportunity for me and my entire family, which is the reason I do not want to report officially to my office (Office of The presidency) because of my personal interest to share the fund with you (50/50) Please, always remember, You must keep our communication secret until this fund is transferred into your account, We must share this fund 50/50 for our selves.and you must disregard every communication with all representatives over here and our offshore centers to avoid mistakes in this process.

To achieve this aim, we must work collectively as a good team not leaving any stone unturned to get thing done, I don't bit around the bush that is why I have told you categorically that you did not execute this contract with the federal government, but you received some vital information which was not enough to make this payment.

I will proceed to the office where this contract was originally executed to verify on how to obtain the rightful contract number that will match this payment for release. Like I said in my previous mail, the reason this payment has not been transferred was that the rightful contract number is not in your payment file, so any time is your turn to receive the fund, it always read in the system, No match found, then your payment file was brought to my office for proper investigation, until I find out the reason but did not officially report to my office that you are not the authorized beneficiary of the said fund because of my interest.

I will get back to you immediately I come back; Please draft the agreement between us with your letter headed paper of our sharing mode (50/50%) for my endorsement to avoid any problem once the fund is transferred into your nominated bank account. Meanwhile, forward to me your private telephone number to call immediately I return.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ahmed Bola

Greg Wilson

Dear Friend Greg Wilson,

As you may know, I don't beat around the bush; we are going to spend some money to get things done before the fund could be transferred into your account.

I have finalized with the Head of department where the contract was awarded. He said, it will cost us the total sum US\$17,500. That about US\$14,000 and there about will be used to get Customized Reprogrammed Diskette which will be used to reset a new contract number that will match the contract Payment and the remaining balance will be used to secure relevant documents to back up this claimed fund in such a way that it will not be traceable when the fund is transferred to you, the Deed of agreement will be signed and back dated as at the time original contractor (Mr. Larry Hansen) executed it. And you will apply officially as a sub-contractor when the new contract number is secured.

I have taken it upon myself to ensure we receive this Fund as it will definitely change my life and that of my entire families, otherwise I would have given a report to my office,(Office of The Presidency) about my findings and the this fund would have been confiscated and with your personal data's in your payment, you will be traced. As you can see, I have been working tirelessly to ensure every thing works for the better and get the fund transferred, I will not want you to bear the Borden alone as you explained you have spent so much money in the past to unknown persons, so, I am ready to assist us with some money to let us get this diskette as soon as possible and secure a new contract number. So, I will want you to start making arrangement before Monday on the sum of US\$8,750, while I will arrange for the balance of US\$8,750 as this is a collective effort as I said before, ok? And within the specified 7days, the fund would have been transferred.

Be aware, as soon as the issue is resolved, this Payment will be coming through First Bank Nig. Plc as they have are newly elected by office of the Presidency to handle all foreign contract payment. In accordance with the first contractors meeting held by His Excellency Chief Umar Y. the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the Federal eagle venue Abuja, this year 2008, which consist of the International Monitory Fund (IMF) delegates, Paris Club of London, United Nations Delegates (UN), World Bank Delegates and some Contractors. In the meeting mandate was given to the First Bank Nigerian .Plc. To handle all Foreign Payments due to the inability of CBN, Ministry Of Finance and other financial institutes to settle contractors in the past, so, to that effect First Bank Nigerian .Plc was mandated to handle this excise in person of Dr. Urmar Yahaya the Foreign Operation Manager and was agreed by contractors that was present in the meeting, so let no man or woman deceive you by trying to pay this fund through CBN or Ministry of Finance because they are all corrupt, or Inland revenue Board, ok? As soon as we are able to secure this diskette and obtain a new contract number that will match with the payment, I will personally obtain an irrevocable presidential Order from my office, which makes it impossible to stop this payment when transferred to your account. It is very important you get back to me fast with your own part of the fee, so that we can start updating your file to enable the First Bank Nigerian Plc effect payment without any problem, which will be my greatest joy, ok?

I look forward hearing from you as regards, ok? Make sure you send the Agreement letter attached with your pass port.

Thanks,

Yours Truly,

Dr. Ahmed Bola. CHAIRMAN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE ON PAYMENTS, (OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY)

Thank you for yet another long-winded, nonsensical email. There is no way I can come up with that kind of money. I didn't realize it would be so much money up front. You would be better off looking for a new partner because I don't think I can help.

Sorry,

Greg

From the Desk of Dr. Ahmed Bola, Chairman Investigation Dept. Federal (Office of the Presidency)

Attn: Greg Wilson,

This is not a time for augments as time is not an essence, I will advise you to adhere with my instruction in working collectively to achieve our aim. Send part of the needed money while I make up the balance as I have said. If you can tell your self the truth, you will also know I have

not lied to you but just told you the gospel truth as to enable us finalize immediately. I do want you compare me with imposters that wants to extract money from you or that you have been dealing with in the past, knowing it now that this fund belongs to us and I must do something to see this great dream through, which is making every available strategy to actualize this goal. You might have spent money in the past in pursuit of this Payment because you are ignorant of the fact, (1) You did not execute the contract because the fund was acquired from an executed contract (2) You are suppose to apply as a sub-Contractor to this fund and not real contractor or next of kin since you are to claim over invoiced Payment.(3) The contract number you applied with does not match with the Payment because it has been used to settle the Original Contractor who executed this contract with the Federal Government. You would have been paid if the contract number matches with the payment, that is to say, you did not build in a solid foundation, come to think of it as a lay man, is it possible to make such payment to anybody if you are asked? To pay some that his contract payment does not correspond with the payment he claims? No, tell me? I assure you, there is no way we can get this payment release into your Account without correcting this issue of new Contract number except you wants to continue fooling yourself with those imposters that has been deceiving you, then, I will leave you to goahead see how the fund will be released to you.

I would not want Mr.Chukwu Bueze the head of department where this contract was originally executed to see me as an unserious person, do you understand that? Since he has made up his mind to assist us, let's comply as well because i told him i will come over to meet with him this week with the money for the programming of the new contract number on their general system that is purchasing the re-programming diskette, ok? I believe by now you would have known the truth which I do not want you to start comparing me with these same people that kept you in this situation without telling you the truth, I must confess to you, I will be the last person to paint issues for a person I wants to transact a deal with that is why I have opened up everything to you as to enable you believe me as a friend and a brother who are in pursuit of same goal. To be frankly speaking, since I have known that you are not the real contractor, I would have looked for a way to secure this fund on my own purposes, but there is no way I can do it except with you because your name has been in the payment scheduled and has known as the beneficiary of the said fund, so there Is nothing I could do than to involve you as to share the fund among ourselves. A word is enough for the wise. I pray that God should open your eye to see who is telling you the truth, but one thing I hate so much in my life is repeating my self. I have given you my word and my word is my bond, I want you to tell me when exactly you are sending your own part of the bill for the Customized Reprogrammed Diskette which will be used for the new Contract number, ok? and once that is done, it is as good as the fund been transferred into any account of your choice, And for our sharing mode. Be informed that nothing good comes easily, No pain, no pay. Don't consider the huddles now, but looking at the end, which is our success. Please, do not forget the agreement and your international pass port as I requested from you as a guarantee of my 50% share with you.

Finally, the contract Awarding certificate and contract completion certificate will be ready tomorrow and i shall send it for your perusal.

Thanks and god bless you and give you wisdom as we run this race and achieve it this week and be happy with ourselves. Please, let me know how much you have and when it will be complete, wile I make arrangement for more money. Yours Truly,

Dr. Ahmed Bola.

Greg Wilson

Dear Friend,

This is my advice to you, make sure you look for the balance fee US\$7,500, so that we can conclude this deal and be happy be family once the fund is transferred into your account this week.

According to my proper investigation, you would have received this fund long ago if you had opened up to the officials whom has been handling your payment that you are not the real authorized beneficiary to the said fund, maybe, they would have arranged for the disk Kette with the moneys you claimed you spent and get the fund released into your account once the new contract number has been installed in their general system that reflect to the other offices, but you did not know that, that was the problem, and nobody could be able to dictate this fault until your payment file was brought to my table for proper investigation, and I found out what has held your payment since, which I took as an opportunity for me and my family to leave a better life and I did not make an official report to my office (Office of the presidency) against you or the fund. Please, as we have agreed to work as a good team in pursuit of this aim, do not disappoint me by sitting on my 50% when the fund has been transferred or pass out these payment information to other people, because that could be used against us. Again, I am still in active service and as a head of investigation department, I do not suppose to venture in this transaction, but due to my low level of finance, I saw this as a dream come through in my life. I would have loved to settle every modality here, knowing fully well that once the fund is transferred, we will have enough to use and settle our depts., but I do not have this money any way, nor have anybody willing to assist any longer, otherwise, I would have borrowed it in the knowledge that immediately the fund gets into your account, you will send the money borrowed, also my share as planed. As advised, please make sure you look for some one to borrow you this balance before Friday, so that we can complete this transfer and be a happy people when the fund has been transferred, ok? If it requires you to borrow this balance with an interest, please do, because immediately the fund gets into your account, you will first of all before sharing removed the borrowed money and the interest, then we will disburse the rest. Finally, do not be deceived again by any official as regards this fund, telling you the fund is in so, so and so place, because this fund is right here. Though, we are making some payments through our off shore centers as the case maybe, but your payment is not inclusive because your payment file is not positioned well, not until the issue of the new contract number is settled, then, it will be

transferred either from any of the centers or direct through KTT transfer into your account. I wait your prompt reply as to enable us conclude this week, ok? Try as much as you can and let me know.

Thanks,

Ahmed Bola.

I don't even have close to that amount of money. I wouldn't dream of cheating you of your half, nor do I think I will be able to put up my share. I already spent a lot of money on this and I am about out, and there is no one I can borrow from. I don't know what to do. The only thing I have of real value is my car, but I need that for work. What can I do?

Greg

Dear Greg,

No, I wouldn't advice you to sell your car, but if there is anyway you can borrow it as soon as possible, you better do so, knowing fully well that once the fund is transferred into your account, we will have enough money to use and to settle all the monies borrowed for the execution of this deal.

Please, Greg for the interest of this transaction, tell me how much you can be able to raise and I will see what I can do immediately to help this situation.

Finally, give me your private telephone number for important issues.

I wait your urgent reply.

Ahmed Bola.

I only have about \$300 dollars in the bank and I get paid today, but my rent is due on the first. I don't know what I'm going to do. I know where my mother has \$3000 hid in her house, but she wouldn't loan it to me because she won't even talk to me anymore. I just don't know what I can do. I'm so sorry, I know I am delaying this deal, but what can I do?

Greg

(I throw the \$3000 out there to see if he asks me to steal it from my mom!)

Dear Partner and friend,

I received your mail and content well noted. It is not even better for me over here but I am trying my possible best to ensure all in done well as regards the fund transfer this week. I will advise you to make arrangement as to make it total sum of UD\$4,000 and I will through the aid of my friend in London to complete my side the total sum of US\$13,000. Please, where ever you can lay hand on this needed fund, please do in the knowledge that as soon as possible the fund is transferred into your account, you will immediately remove from the account and settle who ever that has borrowed us this money even with an high interest ,ok? I want you to get back to me immediately that the said US\$4,000 is available so that I can give you directive on how to send it immediately for the completion of this transaction so that we can have a new lease of life financially and our family will never lack money again.

I wait your reply.

Thanks and God give you wisdom and understanding to know the kind of person I am as we conclude this transaction successfully.

Ahmed Bola.

I'm sorry, but it looks like you'll have to find someone else to help you. I couldn't get a loan if I wanted to, my credit is too bad. I have never paid back a loan in my life. I'm sorry this didn't work out; I really could have used that money.

Greg Wilson

Dear Greg Wilson,

I am Sorry for the little delay is response to your mail, I was waiting for a reply from my friend before I could contact you. Anyway, there is good new! My friend in London as promised to raise additional money for me from his wife. As I am talking to you now, this transaction must be close as soon possible and e will rejoice and be a happy bi family, ok? Do not look at the huddles we are going through now, but see the end which is a total success.

I want you to immediately send to my friend in London the sum of US\$1,100 so that he can send together the balance to me for the conclusion of this transaction. You are advised to send US\$1,100 to my friends name Mr. William James, Address: London . As soon as you send it, please forward to me, the name and address of the sender, control number for collection. If you can send it today, definitely on Monday, we should be rounding up this transaction and be happy wit our selves, ok?

I wait your urgent compliance for the completion of this deal.

Finally, let me have your private telephone number as requested before.

Thanks and god bless,

Ahmed Bola.

Amazingly, he hasn't asked me to steal from my mother! Let's see what he says if I throw in some more options...

Apparently, you have been too busy writing your long, poorly written emails to take the time to read my emails properly. I explained that I only have \$300 in the bank but I need to pay my rent. If you were any good in math, you would realize that \$1100 is more that \$300. To come up with that kind of money I would have to either rob the convenience store down the street again, or could possibly pimp myself out to horny, rich 80-year old women. Other than that, I don't see how it would be possible to come up with that much money. Any ideas?

Greg

We need to complete this deal because time is no longer on our side. I want you to send the \$300 that you have to Mr. William James and send me the MTCN and scan of the payment receipt.

I wait your urgent compliance for the completion of this deal. Finally, let me have your private telephone number as requested before. Thanks and god bless, Ahmed Bola.

Dear Akmed Ebola;

You are not going to believe this! All of our problems are solved! I won the MSN/Yahoo/TeenSpankers.com Email Lottery! It seems that all I have to do is pay them the \$300 that I have, which coincidentally was all I told them I have. They said I would have the money within 48 hours and receiving the payment, so I rushed down to Western Union and sent it right away. Once I collect the \$800,000, I will pay for all of the expenses from this transaction. Do you hear me? It's all on me! I'll even buy you a new car. Are you a fan of the MuguBishi Idiotica? I'll let you know when I collect my winnings! Hooray for us...

Greg

Needless to say, this was the last time I heard from him. These are funny baits when the scammer judges inaccurately what you can afford and then will whittle down the amount lower and lower until it reaches your financial situation. I am still surprised that he didn't ask me to steal the money from my mom - I've had many baits where they did - justifying it by saying, "...you can return the money once we receive our fund and no one will know...".