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The Bedford County Sheriff's Office would like to alert the citizens about a possible email phishing scam that citizens have reported receiving.

The email claims it is from the US Department of Treasury stating that Jacob "Jack" Lew, Secretary of Treasury, will release \$500,000 to your bank account and all you have to do is provide \$150 and your bank account information.

Any email from any government agency (federal, state, or local) will require you to come in person or verify your identity before discussing any sensitive information with you. There is not a single government agency that will ever request bank account or sensitive information via email or request payment over email. Don't be scammed!

If you look carefully at the sample email below you will see that the "From", "Reply-to", and "To" information lists the email accounts as coming from gmail.com or qq.com. QQ.com is a foreign domain. This information is known as the 'header' information. You can use this information to determine if the message you receive is legitimate or not.

Also note in the sample at the bottom the request to respond to 'infotreasury@terra.com'. Terra.com is also a foreign based website.

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Subj: **Re: This Is For Your Notice**
Date: 8/20/2014 3:53:25 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: infotreasury@gmail.com
Reply-to: infotreasury@qq.com
To: infotreasury@gmail.com

The US Treasury has their own domain (treasury.gov) Their email addresses would never use gmail or qq.com (which isn't even in English)

U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.
Website: <http://www.treasury.gov>
Date: 08/20/2014

Attn: Sir

Please I urgently need your acknowledgment of this mail to avoid cancellation of your United Nations Compensation payment valued at \$500,000.00.

I am Jacob "Jack" Lew the Secretary of the Treasury under the U.S Department of the Treasury. The executive agency responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of the United States. By virtue of my position as the Secretary of the Treasury, I have irrevocably instructed Federal Reserve Bank, which is the authorized paying bank to release your \$500,000.00 United Nations Compensation payment via SWIFT telegraphic bank transfer into your provided bank account.

However, as a former White House Chief of Staff under the Obama Administration, I wish to state categorically that your fund transfer valued at sum of \$500,000.00 will be transferred into your provided account within 24 hours. All cost associated with the fund transfer has been pre-paid by the United Nations. The only cost associated with your fund release is the cost of processing a "Fund Clearance Certificate", which is estimated to the value of \$150. The "Fund Clearance Certificate" is required in accordance with the U.S Monetary Policy; and it is the ONLY expenses you will incur before the fund will be reflected into your account.

For your information, the "Fund Clearance Certificate" is a valid document required to certify that the \$500,000.00 in question has been cleared and certified by the U.S. Federal authorities as a legitimate compensation payment approved by the United Nations.

You can get more facts about the U.S. Department of the Treasury on this link
<http://www.treasury.gov/about/Pages/Secretary.aspx>

Please kindly respond via: infotreasury@terra.com

Yours Sincerely,

Jacob "Jack" Lew
Secretary of the Treasury

Terra.com is a site based in another country as well. It's easy to use Google to check the domains location.

If you receive this email please contact the US Department of Treasury directly to report it. The US Treasury does not send unsolicited requests and does not seek personal or financial information from members of the public by email.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from or involving the Internal Revenue Service (IRS):

[report it to reporting@irs.gov](mailto:reporting@irs.gov) according to these instructions.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, report it to the Treasury Office of Inspector General Hotline by:

[online form](#)

Email: <mailto:hotline@oig.treas.gov>

Call 1-800-359-3898 (toll free)

Above information from <http://www.treasury.gov/services/report-fwa/Pages/Report-Email-Scams.aspx>

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