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Radio PSA – Nigerian Email Scams

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An email comes from someone claiming to be an official of a foreign country. He says he needs your help to get millions of dollars into the country, and he'll pay you for your time and trouble. That's a scam. Learn more about email scams at OnGuardOnline.gov. That's OnGuardOnline dot g-o-v.

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An email comes from someone overseas – maybe a foreign official or business person – asking for your help. The story is appealing: millions of dollars are sitting offshore, they say, and you can help them bring the money into the country – and be paid for your trouble. But it's a scam, with a con artist looking to take your money and your identity. Delete the message. Then find out how to protect yourself against email scams at OnGuardOnline.gov, the federal government's one-stop shop for computer security. That's OnGuardOnline dot gov-v.