

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

This is in response to your letter of July 9, 1993 to Commissioner Mary Schapiro concerning the correspondence you received from an officer in the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Finance. We apologize for our delay in responding.

We appreciate your writing to advise us of this information. We are always interested in hearing from members of the public, and you may be assured that the matter you have raised will be given careful consideration in view of the Commission's overall enforcement responsibilities under the federal securities laws. The Commission's policy, however, is to conduct its inquiries and investigations on a confidential basis. Accordingly, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, we cannot confirm or deny the existence of an investigation into the matters addressed in your letter.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Commission.

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