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Subject: Verification of "Advance"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Starting in 1995, my father, Mr. Noor Mohammed Lodhia, invested a substantial amount of money in properties in Bangalore through two land developers, Mr. A. Aziz Qader and his brother Mr. A. Majeed (alias Mohsin). My father was born in India in 1923 and was a citizen of the United States. My father passed away in 1998 but Mr. A. Aziz Qader and Mr. A. Majeed still have not returned my father's investments belonging to us. For years, Mr. A. Aziz Qader has been telling my family that all properties my father bought through them had lost value and could not be sold. We have repeatedly asked Mr. A. Aziz Qader and his brother to document all transactions involving my father's investments and settle this inheritance matter. They have refused to honor our requests.

All of a sudden, Mr. A. Aziz Qader sent an email dated January 23, 2008 acknowledging an "advance" he and his brother have in their books belonging to my late father. However, the amount he is claiming is a fraction of what my father invested. Furthermore, none of us received the written confirmation he promised to send via registered post. A copy of that email is attached for your records. He later threatened all of my brothers and sister to stop asking him any questions about my father's investments and warned us of serious consequences if we were to involve any government authority in this matter.

I suspect that Mr. A. Aziz Qader's acknowledgement and his threats are due to the letter, Reference #20071126-002, I sent you via Registered Mail on November 26, 2007. Your department received it on December 4, 2007. A copy of the letter and the proof of its receipt are attached for your records.

I firmly believe that both my family and the government of India have been the victims of a massive fraud perpetrated by these two gentlemen. My family has been a victim because, even after ten years, they continue to withhold my late father's inheritance consisting of his original investments in properties and all subsequent profits derived from those investments. The government of India has been a victim because they have manipulated their books to evade payment of taxes by not reporting as income the monies they received from my father.

In order to expose this fraud, I kindly request your Income Tax Investigation Department to summon Mr. A. Aziz Qader and Mr. A. Majeed and ask them to submit answers to the following items:

1. Total sum of money they received from my father.
2. How much of the money received was applied towards the sale of properties to my father?
3. How much of the money received was classified as an "advance" from my father?
4. All documents showing complete terms of the sale of properties to my father.
5. All documents showing complete terms of the "advance" such as date, amount and duration.
6. Their books showing how the sale of properties to my father's was recorded and reported to the India Income Tax Department since 1995.

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7. Their books showing how my father's "advance" was recorded and reported to the India Income Tax Department since 1995.
8. The definition of "advance" according to them and the Income Tax laws of India.
9. The economic reason for asking Mr. Noor Mohammed Lodhia for an "advance".
10. The name and location of the bank where they deposited the proceeds of the "advance".
11. Explanation of what they did with the "advance".
12. Explanation of why these two brothers kept this "advance" money for 10 years after my father passed away.
13. Explanation of why did they not transfer all of Mr. Noor Mohammed Lodhia's assets and properties to his heirs according to the inheritance laws of India.
14. All of their written record of communications with the widow and the heirs of Noor Mohammed Lodhia regarding this "advance" or any other matter regarding my father's property investments.
15. Since they are still carrying an "advance" in their books belonging to a person who has been dead for 10 years, they should produce documents authenticating individuals who still have outstanding advances in the accounting records of Mr. A. Aziz Qader, Mr. A. Majeed and all companies owned by them. How many of these people are still living or may even be fictitious?
16. Records of investments made within India or outside of India using the monies provided by my late father.

To assist your department and other government agencies in investigating this crime, I have collected all evidentiary documents my late mother Fatima Lodhia had saved over the years. I am in the process of publishing everything to a web site on the internet which will be made available to you once you start a formal inquiry.

My family wants a complete accounting of what happened to the life savings my father had trusted in the hands of Mr. A. Aziz Qader and Mr. A. Majeed. In his old age, my father was promised a very quick and high return on his property investments so his wife and children would have financial piece of mind after he left this world. It is sad that Mr. A. Aziz Qader and his brother violated this trust for their own personal benefit and continue to do so 10 years after my father's death.

I would be very grateful if your department can allow me to audit the personal tax records of Mr. A. Aziz Qader and Mr. A. Majeed and the business tax records of every company they own to verify the "advance" and trace all investment transactions they have engaged in using my father's money. On March 14, 2008, I asked Mr. A. Aziz Qader to set aside any money belonging to my late father in an escrow account pending further investigation but I have not received a reply. A copy of that email, Reference #20080314-001, is attached for your records. I am afraid that Mr. A. Aziz Qader and his brother will continue to hide and hope that their threats will make me and my brothers and sister stop pursuing this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Iqbal Lodhia

cc: Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes