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Sample E-mail

-----Original Message-----

From: Internal Revenue Service [mailto:notice@irs.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 5:17 AM
To: Steve M. Mott
Subject: [BULK] Notice of Deficiency #83-51840-400586-973
Importance: Low

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Date of this Notice: May 23 2008
Letter Number 531(DO)
Form: 1040

Esteban Mottsky
9999 Equator Place
(555) 555-5555

-NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY-

Dear Steve Mott,

We have determined that you owe additional tax and other amounts, or both, for the tax year(s) identified above. This letter is your NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY, as required by law. The enclosed statement shows how we figured the deficiency.

If you want to contest this determination in court before making any payment, you have 90 days from the date of this letter (150 days if addressed outside the United States) to file a petition with the United States Tax Court for a redetermination of the deficiency.

Please click here to download a Copy of the Order, Letter, Notice and Other Document Being Appealed(**LINK REMOVED FOR YOUR PROTECTION**)

If you decide not to sign and return the waiver, and you do not file a petition with the Tax Court within the time limit, the law requires us to assess and bill you for the deficiency after 90 days from the date of this letter (150 days if this letter is addressed to you outside the United States).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Charles O. Rossotti

Commissioner by
Roger K. Burgess CR
District Director

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