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Dear Clients and Friends:

The government is earning interest on money that might rightfully be yours. Billions of dollars are just sitting there, waiting to be claimed.

The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) has set up www.unclaimed.org to link you to the department in your state that holds funds for things such as forgotten apartment security deposits, uncashed overtime checks, lost insurance refunds or abandoned safe deposit boxes. You should also try www.missingmoney.com. Be sure to search every state where you've lived and check every name you've used.

For unclaimed savings bonds, the Treasury Department has a simple search website at www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tools/tools_treasuryhunt.htm.

Everybody looks forward to getting an income tax refund check. The IRS now provides a "Where's my Refund?" feature on their website, www.irs.gov. By entering the amount you are owed plus your Social Security number you can find out the status of your refund.

Were you expecting benefits from a life insurance policy? Try www.mibsolutions.com. MIB, a private company, has 170 million insurance inquiries you can search for \$75.

For failed bank or credit union accounts, go to <http://www2.fdic.gov/funds/index.asp> or www.ncua.gov/resources/assetmgmtcenter/unclaimed.aspx. How about a pension from a company that went under? Try www.pbgc.gov/wr/trusteed/plans.html. And finally, to locate a listing of retirement plan account balances that have been left unclaimed, you can visit www.unclaimedretirementbenefits.com.

For assistance with any of these searches, you may contact my assistant, Tara. Her direct number is (800) 616-2338.

Happy searching,



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