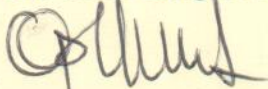


**May 4, 2023**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE USA "BOMBSHELLS" OF SAMUEL OKUDZETO ABLAKWA, MP:  
UNRAVELLING THE USA "IDENTITY THEFT" HOAX!**

- 1) Following the publication of the Vol 1 of the of the so-called "bombshells" on the National Cathedral's activities in the USA, the MP for North Tongu and Ranking member on Foreign Affairs in Ghana's Parliament, Hon Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa followed up with "Episode 2" this morning, Thursday May 4, 2023 at 6.09am
- 2) Titled "Episode 2 of "National" Cathedral Scandals — America Edition", it is prefaced, once again, by such lack of knowledge of the US system. As a Ghanaian, I find it extremely embarrassing to see these expressed by the Ranking Member of Foreign Affairs in the Country's Parliament. The main body of Episode 2, however, is the malicious accusation that the National Cathedral is guilty of the serious crime of "identity theft" in the registration of the National Cathedral Foundation in the USA. ([https://twitter.com/S\\_OkudzetoAblak/status/1654005225835884544](https://twitter.com/S_OkudzetoAblak/status/1654005225835884544)).
- 3) In arriving at this so-called Identity theft, the MP distorts the information on the registration documents by taking the **Taxpayer ID number: 86-3859197** (Appendix 1), and disingenuously changes it to the social security number, **SSN: 863-85-9197** belonging to a deceased named, Jose Salgado (Appendix 2). He then proceeds to accuse the National Cathedral of using the "stolen" identity of the deceased to register.
- 4) For the record, the Taxpayer ID Number is issued for corporations and is separated by one dash, to wit, **86-3859197**. This taxpayer ID Number is derived from the Employment Identification Number (EIN), which is applied for, as the first step in the application for a tax-exempt status (See appendix 3).
- 5) The Social Security Number (SSN), on the other hand, is issued to individuals, and is separated by two dashes, to wit, **863-85-9197**. Even if the numbers are the same, because of the dashes, they mean different things. Thus, the taxpayer ID (**86-3859197**) is **not** the same thing as the social security number (**863-85-9197**).
- 6) **But**, this distortion is neither the result of an accident, nor of ignorance. It reflects the *modus operandi* of the MP, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa. **All his so-called "National Cathedral scandals" are distortions of information on the project!**
- 7) As we have consistently argued, and repeated in our Press Release of yesterday May 3, 2023, "the National Cathedral Project has been implemented with integrity, and with no criminality. As with the recklessly-populist and reputationally-damaging accusations of the McCarthy era in the USA, **the misinformation and distortions on the National Cathedral project will – ultimately – unravel!**
- 8) **The unraveling of the so-called "Identity Theft" is just the beginning!**



**Dr. Paul Opoku-Mensah**  
Executive Director  
National Cathedral of Ghana



# APPENDIX # 1



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
PO Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

J. DANIEL BEIRUTE  
9315 S TOLEDO AVE STE B  
TULSA, OK 74137

Date:

12/13/2021

Taxpayer ID number:

86-3859197

Taxpayer or applicant name:

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF  
GHANA AND BIBLE MUSEUM  
FOUNDATION INC

Form or application number:

1023

Person to contact:

Name: Ms. Liyanage

ID number: 32069

Telephone: 877-829-5500

Dear Representative:

We're sending the enclosed material to you because of a power of attorney or other authorization we have on file.

If you have questions, contact the person listed at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

*Stephane A. Martin*

Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures:  
Letter 947

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P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF GHANA AND  
BIBLE MUSEUM FOUNDATION INC  
1090 VERMONT AVE NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Date:  
12/13/2021  
Employer ID number:  
86-3859197  
Person to contact:  
Name: Ms. Liyanage  
ID number: 32069  
Telephone: 877-829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
No  
Effective date of exemption:  
May 3, 2021  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
26053600003781

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.



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For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

We sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

*Stephen A. Martin*

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements


# APPENDIX #2

NAME / SSN

DOB / AGE

ADDRESS

REPORTED  REPORT

 **SALGADO, JOSE**  
863-85-XXXX

03/XX/1983  
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15091 PACIFIC ST  
APT B  
MIDWAY CITY, CA  
92655

10/10/2022



## VITAL STATISTICS

NAME:

**SALGADO, JOSE**

GENDER:

MALE

DOB:

03/29/1983

ENTITY ID:

P15642079071

AKA:

SALGADO-FITZ, JOSE ISABEL

SALGADO, JOSE I

SALGADO, JOSE ISABEL

SALGADOFITZ, JOSE

SALGADOFITZ, JOSE I



SHOW SOURCES

SSN:

863-85-9197

Experian, Equifax

Criminal & Court

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Experian, Equifax



# APPENDIX #3

 **IRS** DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
CINCINNATI OH 45999-0023

Date of this notice: 05-14-2021

Employer Identification Number:  
86-3859197

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF GHANA AND  
BIBLE MUSEUM FOUNDATION INC  
1090 VERMONT AVE NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

For assistance you may call us at:  
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE  
STUB AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

## WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 86-3859197. This EIN will identify you, your business accounts, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, payments, and related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), organizations must complete a Form 1023-series application for recognition. All other entities should file Form 1024 if they want to request recognition under Section 501(a).

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

Unless a filing exception applies to you (search [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File), you will lose your tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years. We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter.

For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities).