

**A pirate recording of a conversation between Liliane Bettencourt & Patrice de Maistre.  
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**Patrice de Maistre**

Its my phone.. i don't want anyone to listen in.

**Patrice de Maistre**

I went to Geneva .. I went to check up on this bank account you have in Vevais, where there is 65 million euros

That is a lot of money...

I saw, « Mr Smurf », the solicitor who looks after all that.. and we have to take this account out of Switzerland, I am in the middle of organising it, because you can't leave it in Switzerland, because you know there is a law which will let the French know what is going on in Switzerland.

This law will let French authorities know if you have any money in Switzerland or not, so we have to close this account.

So I went to check up and you have 65 million euros.

That is a lot of money.

I am in the middle of organising sending the money to another country, either Hong Kong, Singapore or Uruguay. I am in the middle of sorting it all out and I hope that in the next eight days we will be able to get the Swiss solicitor over here, so that you can tell him you want to close the account and that you want to place the money elsewhere.

I will introduce this person to you so that .. so that you won't worry .. I think its a good idea because it leaves you free... because if you bring this money to France..things could start to get complicated.

There is always some kind of bribery ..

There are a lot of French people bringing money back into France at the moment, but I think that for you, it is not a great idea.

I have also looked into the fact that you pay taxes on your island in France, I also think that is a bad idea. I think it is a bad idea because it is too complicated and I am afraid that the tax authorities will discover what is going on ...

I have been to Geneva three times, I have seen specialist lawyers who specialise in these matters and I think they are nice, yes nice, but you know there in their .. there you have it , they are in their;. well ... you know ..

The solicitor in Vevais really respects you Madame Bettencourt, he will do anything for you .. he is a big fat Swiss, but a decent type.

Liliane Bettencourt

How old is he ? (LB)

**Patrice de Maistre**

He must be about 50, but it is his boss who started the company with Monsieur Letard-Voght.

You see .. and so for them it was very well done .. very well organised.

So I said to him yes, but Monsieur, I can't let Madame Bettencourt take this kind of risk; we can't stay there, I told him, when we know, you'll come and see Madame Bettencourt who will give you her orders, because sadly she can't stay in Switzerland, because it is too dangerous for you.

So that is what I wanted to tell you, so, if you agree, I'll carry on working on it and I'll introduce you to ..

I went with Gogel who knows people, because you already sent him ..

### **Liliane Bettencourt**

In your opinion, is evrything ok ? ... » (LB)

### **Patrice de Maistre**

Well there is the island, you know, you were at home, and some time ago you wanted to give to François Marie (*Benier*).

He created a foundation, and he dis some really stupid things, for example, he made you give 20 million from this account you have in Vévais to his new foundation.

But I didn't know .. you didn't tell me about that

### **Liliane Bettencourt**

« ..., ... » (LB)

### **Patrice de Maistre**

Well its done now.

I told him that you had to use the 20 million to pay for the upkeep of the island, but I can't undo that.. I can't undo it .. But you never told me about it ..

To be frank Gogel isn't stupid, but he lacks an overall intelligence, that is what I think..

No .. it lacks.. no its too technical .. I would never have done that .. never.

I told him .. listen you are crazy.

Ahh .. yes .. you not the first to say that, but Madame Bettencourt agreed.

I said yes, but is not Madame Bettencourt's job, where are here to protect her.

He didn't do it to be nasty, but it is stupid. Because, in the foundation .. now .. if I wanted to bring back the island everyone will see that you have another bank account from which you gave the foundation 20 million.. and everyone will know, and I don't want that.

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