

# Julius Baer to Angela Merkel

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## Julius Bär

Mrs Angela Merkel

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Dear Mrs Merkel,

We would like to let you know to close all accounts with Julius Baer, Zuerich and Guernsey. It is not our policy to hid funds in offshore accounts which obviously are used to excute payments to German politicians. The last few payments in the amount of USD 1'200'000 was even paid to a number account with Credit Suisse. Those payments miss all reasons and therefore those are suspicious transactions we are forced to report to the authorities.

We kindly request to sign attached confirmations and close in particular your Trust and the Trust of your husband with Julius Baer, Guernsey.

Regards,

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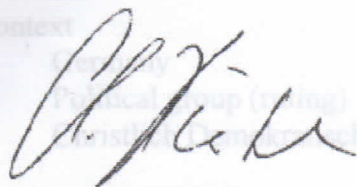
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## Summary

Purported Sep 2007 fax from Bank Julius Baer (Zurich) to the German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The document asks Mrs. Merkel to close her accounts following an unexplained 1,200,000 USD transfer to a Swiss numbered account. This document appears to be a forgery. However the identity of forger and their motivation remain of strong journalistic interest and it is possible that some other circumstance explains the forgery related features, which are almost "too obvious" to be true.

On Jan 23, 2008 Bank Julius Baer's lawyer in Los Angeles, Evan N. Spiegel of Lavelly and Singer (<http://www.lavellysingler.com/>), claimed to WikiLeaks' Palo Alto lawyer Julie Turner (<http://www.julieturnerlaw.com/>) in a telephone conversation (however, refused to put this in writing) that former Cayman Islands BJB employee, Rudolf Elmer was the true author of the document.

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