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Scam Alert

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We have become aware of a fraudulent scheme that wrongfully uses the “Random House” name. In this fraud, a call is placed to an intended victim advising him that he has won a large sum of money in the “Random House Sweepstakes.” The victim is then given contact telephone numbers for alleged Random House employees, the Federal Trade Commission and Lloyd’s of America. When the victim calls these numbers, individuals confirm the contest award and instruct the victim to send one percent (1%) of the award amount to a contact person at Lloyd’s of America to insure delivery of the prize money. All of this is untrue and violates state and federal criminal laws.

The Federal Trade Commission is aware of these frauds and has placed a warning on its Internet Website. Federal authorities have been contacted and are conducting an investigation. If you are contacted in connection with this fraud, please contact Kevin Shay, Director of Security at (212) 782-9129.