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**From:** Ed DeVilbiss <eddevilbiss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 7, 2016 8:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Virus Warning Hoax

A friend sent this correction in case you have received it. ED

**ORIGIN:** The 'Black [Muslim] in the White House' virus warning is yet another variant of the same basic computer virus hoax that has been circulating in various languages since at least 2000, with occasional changes along the way. The original form of this virus hoax was its incarnation as the "[Virtual] Card for You" hoax, then in time for the 2006 Winter Olympics someone dusted it off and reintroduced it as an "Olympic Torch" virus warning (also known as the "Invitation virus").

After the inauguration of Barack Obama in 2009, the same hoax was repackaged as a warning about a non-existent virus called "Black in the White House" (since modified to "Black Muslim in the White House"). In 2010, the same hoax was circulated yet again, this time with a tongue-in-cheek notice that virus mailings were accompanied by pictures of Gordon Brown (then the UK's Prime Minister) "actually smiling."

The bottom line is that no matter what the title du jour might be, this warning is pure hoax: No such (incurable) virus like the one described in this warning exists, has been identified by McAfee, or was reported on by CNN.

*"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."*

*-Winston Churchill-*

URGENT PLEASE  
CIRCULATE

In the coming days, DO NOT  
open any message regardless of  
who sent it to you **with an  
attachment called:**

**BLACK MUSLIM IN THE  
WHITE HOUSE.**

It is a virus that opens an  
Olympics torch that burns the  
whole hard disk  
of your computer.

Directions: You should send  
this message to all of your  
contacts. It  
is better to receive this e-mail 2  
dozen times than to receive the  
virus and open it.

If you receive a message called  
**BLACK MUSLIM IN THE  
WHITE HOUSE** even  
if sent by a friend, do not open  
and shut down your machine  
immediately.

It is the worst virus ever announced by CNN. It has been classified by Microsoft as the most destructive virus ever. This virus was discovered yesterday afternoon by McAfee. There is no repair yet for this kind of virus. This virus destroys the Zero Sector of your hard disk, where vital information function is stored.

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