



**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**  
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Division of Supervision

## Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SUBJECT: *Fraudulent Instruments*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that banks are receiving instruments entitled "Certified Bankers Checks" purportedly payable at United States Post Offices, the United States Treasury Department, and the Comptroller of the Currency. These instruments are deemed to be without financial value.

The FDIC has also received information that banks are being offered certificates of deposit in the amount of \$25 million (U.S. dollars), purportedly issued by Banco Del Atlantico, S.A., to support various financial transactions. These instruments have been reported to be counterfeit and contain forged signatures. Banco Del Atlantico, S.A., is a legitimate bank headquartered in Mexico City, Mexico.

Any information concerning these instruments should be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-612, Washington, D.C. 20429.

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