Special Alert

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TO:CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERSUBJECT:Entities That May Be Conducting Banking Operations in the United States
Without Authorization

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has advised us that the following entities may be conducting banking business in the United States illegally or without authorization. Proposed transactions involving the listed entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

- Midland Credit & Guarantee Bank 67 Wall Street New York, New York
- Prime Bancorp, Ltd. 82 Wall Street New York, New York

Please forward any information concerning these entities to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-612, Washington, D.C. 20429.

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