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Bank Secrecy Act Compliance

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *FinCEN Advisory*

Enclosed is a copy of the Department of the Treasury's January 1997 issue of FinCEN Advisory, published by the Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

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