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Division of Supervision

Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *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 any of the listed entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

First Savings Bank
800 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 306
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Panacea Bank & Trust
P.O. Box 30054
Bellingham, WA

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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