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Suspicious Activity Reports

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Attached is a copy of the Department of the Treasury's June 1999 issue of *SAR Bulletin*, published by the department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The publication is the first of a series of overviews of trends and patterns in money laundering derived from the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) database. It may provide financial communities with information that can help financial institutions prevent and detect financial crime. For more information about FinCEN programs, you may visit the FinCEN Web site at <http://www.fincen.gov>.

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