



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *Entities That May Be Conducting Banking Operations in Canada or the United States Without Authorization*

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) of Canada has published the attached issue of "Monthly Warning Advisory" (Issue No. 16), which contains the name of an entity recently brought to OSFI's attention through an inquiry or complaint. Each "Monthly Warning Advisory," beginning with Issue No. 4, and OSFI's latest cumulative "Warning Circular," which is also attached, may be found at [http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index\\_e.aspx?ArticleID=166](http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index_e.aspx?ArticleID=166).

If these entities, or persons purporting to represent them, are operating in Canada, they may be violating provisions of the Bank Act (Canada) or other Canadian federal financial institution regulations. They may also be conducting unauthorized banking transactions in the United States. Any proposed transactions involving these entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

We were informed that the Bank of North America, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is not associated in any manner with the Bank of North America (Canada); the United Security Bank, Spokane, Washington, is not associated in any manner with the United Security Bank Limited (Canada); the First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, is not associated in any manner with the First United Bank (Canada); and the First American International Bank, Brooklyn, New York, is not associated in any manner with the First American International Bank, Ltd. (or Inc.) listed on the attached circular.

Any information about these entities should be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429.

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Attachment:

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Warning Circular

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