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Division of Supervision

SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *Fictitious Invoices*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that a number of financial institutions nationwide are receiving fictitious invoices from International Distributors LTD, P.O. Box 3841-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica, for 12 dozen "Ribbon Black NCR encoding MICR-80." The unit price on the invoice is \$82.15, for a subtotal of \$985.50. With a \$12.95 shipping charge, the total on the invoice is \$998.75. A copy of one such invoice is attached for your information.

To date, all of the invoices have been identical, including the invoice number 984771. Enclosed with each invoice is a self-addressed stamped envelope for sending the payment. The outside envelope has a U.S. postage stamp and is postmarked San Jose, CA. However, the address on the invoice and the return payment envelope indicates San Jose, Costa Rica.

If you have any information about these invoices, please notify your local U.S. Postal Inspection Service. You may also forward information to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429.

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