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SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *Sanborne Trust Company Bank - Fictitious Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that fictitious "certified" checks are in circulation. The checks bear the name Sanborne Trust Company Bank, 2501 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL. A telephone number, 205-250-7151, is printed on the checks as well as "Member FDIC." **The Sanborne Trust Company Bank does not exist.** The routing number used on the checks is assigned to Sanderson State Bank, Sanderson, TX, a legitimate banking institution. Endorsements indicate the items are being negotiated nearly nationwide. Photocopies of some of the fictitious checks are attached for your information.

Information about these checks or similar items may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. Information may also be transmitted electronically to alert@fdic.gov.

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