



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Additional Information About Fraudulent Bonus Checks For Non-Existent Jobs*

On March 28, 2002, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) issued an alert about individuals and banks being victimized by a scheme involving online job applications (see FIL-30-2002, dated March 28, 2002, <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2002/fil0230.html>.) This is to inform you that the FDIC has received responses to that announcement indicating that more individuals and banks are being victimized by the same scheme, and that checks appearing to be drawn on at least one other bank also are being used. The checks bear the name of California Bank and Trust, 465 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94104, as well as the routing number 021001024, which is invalid. A copy of one of the checks is attached for your information. The bank customer's name and the name of the payee have been deleted for privacy protection.

Any information you may have concerning this activity should be immediately reported to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The number may be found in your telephone book under U. S. Government, or on FBI's web site at <http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm>.

Information concerning this activity or similar activity 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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