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OCC Testifies on Challenges Faced in Combating Money Laundering

WASHINGTON – Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, testified today before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on the challenges that the OCC and other financial regulatory agencies face in combating money laundering.

His <u>oral</u> and <u>written</u> statements are available on the news release page of the OCC's web site at: http://www.occ.treas.gov/04RELLST.HTM.

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