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Comptroller Hawke Addresses ABA Convention

WASHINGTON -- Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, Jr., addressed the annual convention of the American Bankers Association in Waikoloa, Hawaii today. His speech is available on the OCC's web site at www.occ.treas.gov.

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