Alert 2001-2 OCC Alert Type: Unauthorized Banking Subject: British Bank of Commerce Date: February 21, 2001

TO: Chief Executive Officers of All National Banks; All State Banking Authorities; Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Deputy Comptrollers (Districts); Assistant Deputy Comptrollers; District Counsel and Examining Personnel

RE: British Bank of Commerce a.k.a. British Bank of Trade & Commerce 499 Park Avenue, Ste 621 New York, NY 10022

Information has been received that the subject entity may be operating a banking business in the United States without authorization. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has not granted a national bank charter to this entity and the state of New York has not granted permission for it to operate a banking business.

Any information which you may have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of:

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