ALERT 98-7

Type: Suspicious Transactions

Subject: BANQUE de Petite MARTINIQUE

Date: February 18, 1998

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); District Administrators; District Counsel and Examining Personnel.

RE: BANQUE de Petite MARTINIQUE St. George's Grenada, West Indies

Information is being received that the subject entity, an offshore shell bank, is soliciting deposits on the Internet offering above market rate interest. Such deposits are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Further, its activities are neither regulated nor otherwise supervised by any bank regulatory agency in the United States.

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

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