ALERT 96-25

Type: Suspicious Transactions Subject: Bank Guarantee Instruments

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

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has received inquiries regarding Bank Guarantee instruments issued by the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu. A copy of one such instrument is attached. The government of the Republic of Vanuatu has issued a PRESS RELEASE dated July 26, 1996, which indicates that all such instruments have been withdrawn and voided; copy attached. Please be guided accordingly.

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

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