ALERT 96-45

Type: Unauthorized Banking Subject: Prime Bancorp

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: Prime Bancorp, Ltd. 82 Wall Street New York, New York

Information has been received that the subject entity may be operating a banking business in the United States without authorization. Further, the State of New York Banking Department has advised that the subject entity has not been granted permission to operate in New York.

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

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Daniel P. Stipano Director Enforcement & Compliance Division Date: December 12, 1996