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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
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Members of the  
Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

In response to Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Treasury's Financial Management Service is serving as the key point for coordinating with federal agencies regarding federal payments and collections. We have given early focus to payments issued by the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration, and other agencies disbursing benefits. In this regard, we are asking for your assistance in distributing the enclosed announcement to your member agencies and to all member financial organizations regarding identification requirements for cashing benefit checks and the use of third-party drafts.

If you have any questions regarding our request, please don't hesitate to contact Cindy Johnson on 202-874-7006. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this critical matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth R. Papaj".

Kenneth R. Papaj  
Deputy Commissioner