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:

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Enforcement & Compliance Division
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