

ALERT 99-2

Type: Suspicious Transactions

Subject: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks

Date: February 24, 1999

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); Assistant Deputy Comptrollers; District Counsel and Examining Personnel.

RE: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks

Information has been received that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on City Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii, are in circulation. A copy of a counterfeit instrument is attached. Please note that the counterfeit checks: are in the number range of 1988## to 1997##; the check number is printed in black; the "VOID" security feature does not appear when copied; and the background color is light brown. To date, counterfeit items have been presented for payment in California, Nevada, and the Kingdom of Tonga.

The bank has requested that Darrin Lum, Security Officer, be contacted about this matter (telephone 808-535-2911, fax 808-535-2887). Any information which you may have concerning this matter should also be brought to the attention of:

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Attachment□