

ALERT 95-45

Type: Suspicious Transactions Subject: Counterfeit Certificates of Deposit

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: Information is being received that banks are being offered certificates of deposit in amount of \$25 million (U.S. dollars) purportedly issued by Banco Del Atlantico, S.A. to support various financial transactions. Copy of one such instrument is attached. Such instruments are reported to be counterfeited and with forged signatures. Banco Del Atlantico, S.A. is a legitimate bank headquartered in Mexico City, Mexico.

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

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