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Washington, D.C. -- A news release on the Y2K readiness of financial institutions was recently issued by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council on August 2. It is available on their web page at www.ffeic.gov. If you have any questions on it or would like to talk to a Y2K expert at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the regulator of national banks, please call Dean DeBuck at (202) 874-5770.

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