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General Manager In Your Office.

Manager, Sir:

For your information and application, we put at your disposal the CALENDAR OF SUSPENSION OF ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC BY THE BANKING SYSTEM, adopted for the year 2002. We will appreciate that you impart the pertinent instructions to withdraw one sample from the counter of delivery and reception of correspondence of the Superintendency of Banks, located at 8th Floor, HSBC Tower, former Hong Kong Bank Tower, from December 15, 2001.

Likewise, we inform you that the above-referred calendar may be accessed from this date in our site in the Internet www.superbancos.gob.pa.

We thank you for your attention, and remain,

Yours truly,

[Illegible signature]
Delia Cárdenas
Superintendent

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