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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission file (IRS Employer of incorporation) number) Identification Number)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 774-6400

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Exhibit 99 -. Notice required by Rule 104(b)(2) of Regulation BTR

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Item 11. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.

The notice provided in Exhibit 99, which is incorporated herein, is being provided to executive officers and directors of the Registrant on September 8, 2003. The Registrant received notice of the dates of the blackout period on September 2, 2003.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

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By: /s/ Hunter R. Hollar

Hunter R. Hollar

President and

Chief Executive Officer

Dated : September 8, 2003