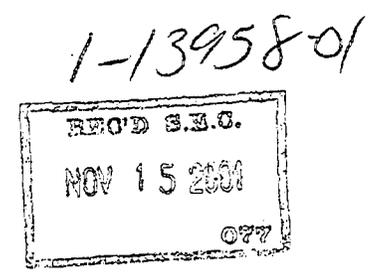


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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Hartford Capital III, Trust Originated Preferred Securities ("TOPrS"), to be issued by Hartford Capital III and the Preferred Securities Guarantee by The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. with respect thereto and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on November 15, 2001. Tentative listing date - November 19, 2001.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta

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