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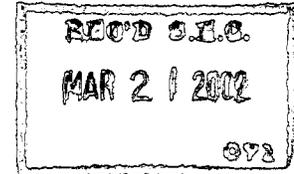
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Western Asset Premier Bond Fund, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest without par value. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 21, 2002. Tentative listing date - March 26, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Paras Madho".