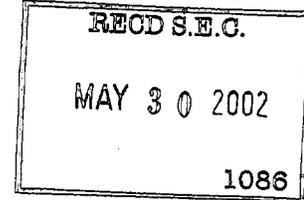


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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The CATO Corporation, Class A Common Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 30, 2002. Tentative listing date – June 13, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Dasgupta

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