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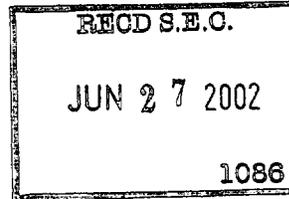
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, UnumProvident Corporation, 7.250% Public Income NoteES (PINES) due 2032 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 27, 2002. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Paras Mehta*