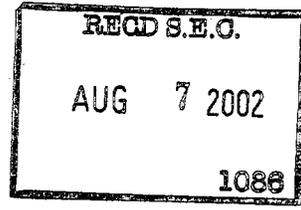




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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4  
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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, BAC Capital Trust III, Capital Securities of BAC Capital Trust III (and the Guarantee related thereto) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 7, 2002. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

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