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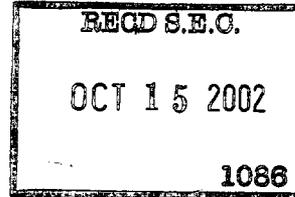
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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Plains Exploration & Production Company, Common Stock, par value \$0.01. 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 October 15, 2002. Tentative listing date – October 18, 2002.

Sincerely,

Parat Madho

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