

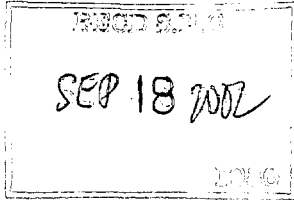
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HRPT Properties Trust, 8 3/4% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 18, 2002. Tentative listing date – September 20, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta

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