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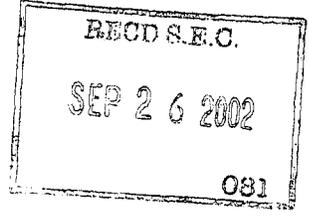


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Duane Reade Inc., Preferred Share Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 26, 2002.

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Sincerely,

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