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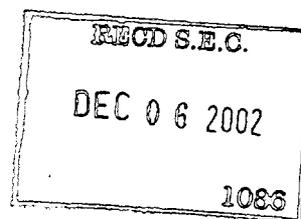
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, PLAINS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 10 together with Amendments No. 1 and 2 received on December 6, 2002. Tentative listing date – December 9, 2002.

Sincerely,