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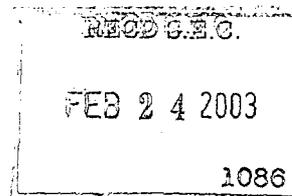
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, BLACKROCK PREFERRED OPPORTUNITY TRUST, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest. 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 February 24, 2003. Tentative listing date - February 26, 2003.

Sincerely,

