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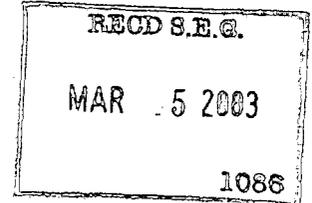
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION, 6.75% Subordinated Notes due 2043 (Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due 2043) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 5, 2003. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,