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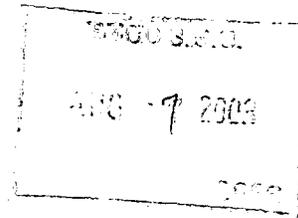
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, EQUITY INNS, INC., 8.75% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 6, 2003. Tentative listing date – August 11, 2003.

Sincerely,