



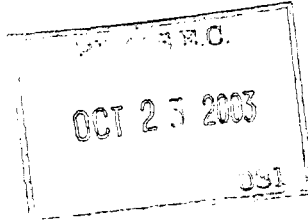
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC., 7.0% Noncumulative Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series B and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 23, 2003. Tentative listing date – October 27, 2003.

Sincerely,