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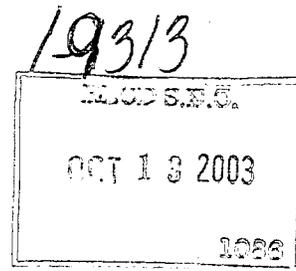
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Royce Value Trust, Inc., 5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 13, 2003. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Madhoo".