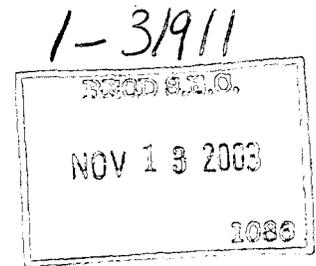


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, Common Stock, \$1.00 par value. 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 November 13, 2003. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paras Madho".