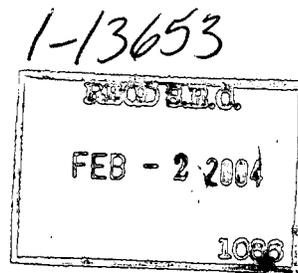


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, American Financial Group, Inc., 7-1/8% Senior Debentures due 2034 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 2, 2004. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'David Maano', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.