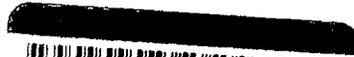


Feb-19-04 14:17 From-

Paras Madho
Manager
Securities Operations

T-714 P.003/003 F-078
20 Broad Street
New York, NY 10005

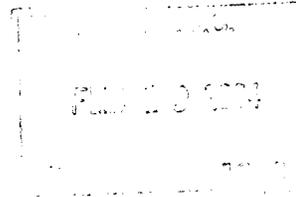


04007222

tel: 212.656.5026
fax: 212.656.5893
pmadho@nyse.com



February 19, 2004



Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, WINSTON HOTELS, INC., 8.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 19, 2004. Tentative listing date – February 24, 2004.

Sincerely,

PROCESSED

FEB 20 2004

**THOMSON
FINANCIAL**