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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, TS&W / CLAYMORE TAX-ADVANTAGED BALANCED FUND, Common Stock. 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 April 27, 2004. Tentative listing date – April 28, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dado', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.