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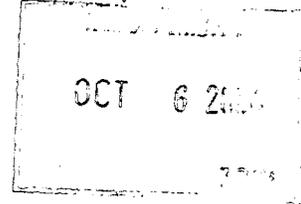
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC., Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 6, 2004. Tentative listing date - October 28, 2004.

Sincerely,

*James L. ...*