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July 8, 2005

Mr. Brian Johnson
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Room 2531 – STOP 1004
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SLM CORPORATION, Floating-Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 8, 2005. Tentative listing date – July 11, 2005.

Sincerely,

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