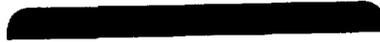


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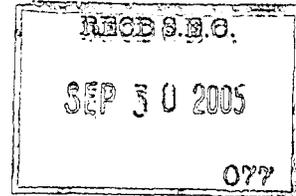
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HIGHLAND HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, 7.875% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (Liquidation Preference \$25.00 Per Share) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 30, 2005. Tentative listing date - October 4, 2005.

Sincerely,

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