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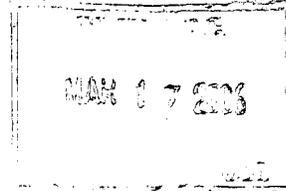


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, USB Capital IX, 6.189% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal Income Trust Securities of USB Capital IX (and the Guarantee of U.S. Bancorp with respect thereto) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 17, 2006. Tentative listing date - March 20, 2006.

Sincerely,

Paras Madho

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