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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, HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 7 7/8% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 1) received on July 8, 2003. Tentative listing date – July 10, 2003.

Sincerely,