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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, BNY Capital V, 5.95% Trust Preferred Securities, Series F (and the Guarantee by The Bank of New York Company, Inc. with respect thereto) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 2, 2003. Tentative listing date — May 7, 2003.

Sincerely,

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