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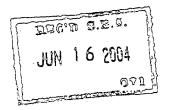


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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Host Marriott Corporation, 8 7/8% Class E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 16, 2004. Tentative listing date — Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

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