

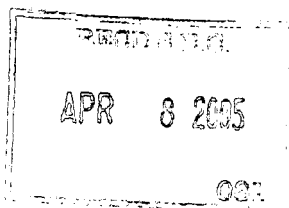
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HSBC USA INC., Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 8, 2005. Tentative listing date – April 12, 2005.

Sincerely,

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