



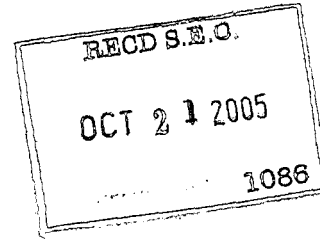
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October 21, 2005

Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 2531 – STOP 1004
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, HSBC USA INC., Depository Shares (Each representing one-fortieth of a share of Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series G) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 21, 2005. Tentative listing date – October 25, 2005.

Sincerely,

Patricia Madho

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