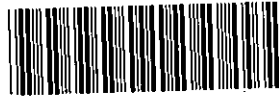


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND III, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$.01 par value per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 8, 2007. Tentative listing date -- Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta

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