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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the 5.900% Subordinated Debentures due 2056 of W. R. BERKLEY CORPORATION under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,