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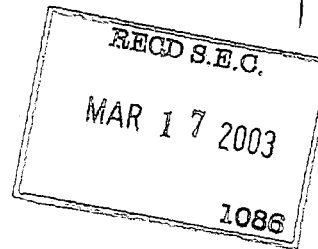


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Newcastle Investment Corp., 9.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 17, 2003. Tentative listing date – March 19, 2003.

Sincerely,