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FORM 24F-2NT

Registration of securities by certain investment companies. Declaration of election Rule 24f-2 notice.

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HANCOCK JOHN STRATEGIC SERIES

CIK: **792858** | State of Incorporation: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **0531**
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July 27, 1995

John Hancock Strategic Series
101 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02199

Re: Rule 24f-2 Notice for John Hancock Strategic Series:
- John Hancock Strategic Income Fund
- John Hancock Utilities Fund
- John Hancock Independence Diversified Core Equity Fund
(File Nos. 33-5186; 811-4651) (0000792858)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the filing of a Notice pursuant to Rule 24f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, making definite the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of 8,980,711 shares of Class A and 9,883,638 shares of Class B of the series John Hancock Strategic Income Fund; and 3,085,752 shares of Class A and 4,745,699 shares of Class B of John Hancock Utilities Fund; and 3,969,193 shares of John Hancock Independence Diversified Core Equity Fund, for a total of 30,664,993 shares of the John Hancock Strategic Series (the "Fund") sold in reliance upon said Rule 24f-2 during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1995; it is the opinion of the undersigned that such shares were legally issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

In connection with this opinion it should be noted that the Fund is an entity of the type generally known as a "Massachusetts business trust." Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of a Massachusetts business trust may be held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. However, the Fund's Declaration of Trust disclaims shareholder liability for obligations of the Fund and indemnifies any shareholder of the Fund, with such indemnification to be paid solely out of the assets of the Fund. Therefore, the shareholder's risk is limited to circumstances in which the assets of the Fund are insufficient to meet the obligations asserted against such assets.

Sincerely,

JOHN HANCOCK ADVISERS, INC.

/s/ Avery P. Maher

Avery P. Maher
Assistant Secretary
Member of Massachusetts Bar

July 27, 1995

United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Rule 24f-2 Notice for
 John Hancock Strategic Series - John Hancock Strategic Income Fund,
 John Hancock Utilities Fund and John Hancock Independence Diversified
 Equity Fund
 Registration No. 33-5186
 SEC Filing Fees Account #0000792858

Dear Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you within two (2) months of the end of Registrant's Fiscal Year of the number of Registrant's shares sold during the last fiscal year which are to be registered pursuant to Rule 24f-2 and to pay the appropriate registration fee.

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The information required by the above referenced rule is as follows:

Fiscal Year: June 1, 1994 to May 31, 1995

Number of Shares previously Registered
 Other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2

Remaining Unsold at Beginning of Fiscal Year: Total: -0-

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Breakdown by series and class:	Class A	Class B	Class C
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<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Hancock Utilities Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
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	-0-	-0-	-0-

Number of Shares Registered During Fiscal Year

Other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2: Total: -0-

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Breakdown by series and class:	Class A	Class B	Class C
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John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Hancock Utilities Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
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Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year: Total: 30,664,993

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Breakdown by series and class:	Class A	Class B	Class C
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John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	8,980,711	9,883,638	N/A
John Hancock Utilities Fund	3,085,752	4,745,699	N/A
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	3,969,193	N/A	N/A
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	16,035,656	14,629,337	N/A

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Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year
 Pursuant to Rule 24f-2:

Total: 30,664,993

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Breakdown by series and class:

	Class A	Class B	Class C
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	16,035,656	14,629,337	N/A
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Attached to this Rule 24f-2 Notice, and made part hereof, is an opinion of counsel indicating that the Securities, the Registration of which the notice makes definite in number, were legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable by the Registrant.

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In accordance with subsection (c) of Rule 24f-2, a registration fee for John Hancock Strategic Series of \$34,548.84 is due. The fee computation is based upon the following:

Aggregate Sale Price for Shares Sold During Fiscal Year in Reliance Upon the 24f-2 Declaration (Based on aggregate sale price for all shares sold of \$247,416,990 less aggregate sale price of shares registered pursuant to Rule 24e-2 of \$ None)

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John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	\$ 133,477,729
John Hancock Utilities Fund	\$ 63,762,556
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	\$ 50,176,705

Total:	\$ 247,416,990

Reduced By:

(1)	Aggregate Redemption Price of Shares Redeemed During the Fiscal Year and,	
	John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	\$104,667,054
	John Hancock Utilities Fund	\$10,670,843
	John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	\$31,887,473

	Total:	\$147,225,370

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(2) Aggregate Redemption Price of Redeemed Shares Previously Applied by Fund Pursuant to Rule 24e-2 (a) Filings Made Pursuant to Section 24(e) (1) of Investment Company Act of 1940

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John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	-0-
John Hancock Utilities Fund	-0-
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	-0-

	\$ -0-

Net Sales Applicable for fee:

John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	\$ 28,810,675
John Hancock Utilities Fund	\$ 53,091,713
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	\$ 18,289,232

	\$100,191,620

Rate: 1/29 of 1%

Computation of Registration Fee:

Registration Fee:

John Hancock Strategic Income Fund	\$ 9,934.72
John Hancock Utilities Fund	\$ 18,307.49
John Hancock Indep. Diversified Core Equity Fund	\$ 6,306.63

Total Registration Fee:	\$ 34,548.84

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Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to William H. King, Associate Treasurer, John Hancock Advisers, Inc., 101 Huntington Avenue, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02199-7603, (617) 375-1668.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William H. King

William H. King
Associate Treasurer