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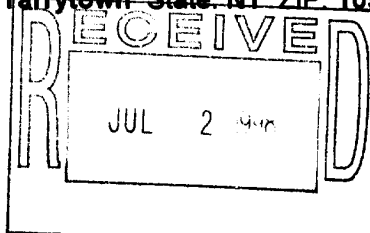
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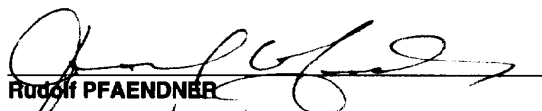
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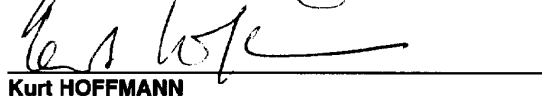
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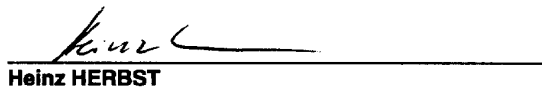
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Signed on *February 24, 1997*

  
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