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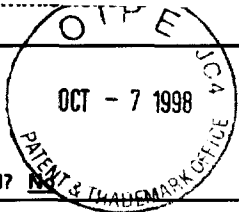
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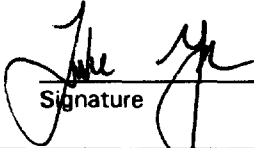
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A SLIDING GATE VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR USE WITH A VESSEL CONTAINING MOLTEN

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for which an application for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned

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