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and  
(2) Scott Leonard Daniels of Cedar Park,  
County of Williamson and State of Texas,

and  
(3) Thomas R. Forrer Jr. of Round Rock,  
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(4) Daniel Eugene Pridgeon of Austin,  
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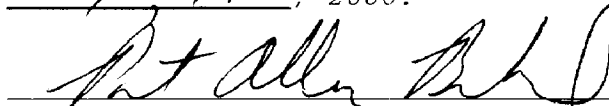
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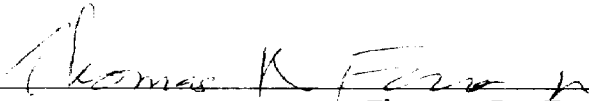
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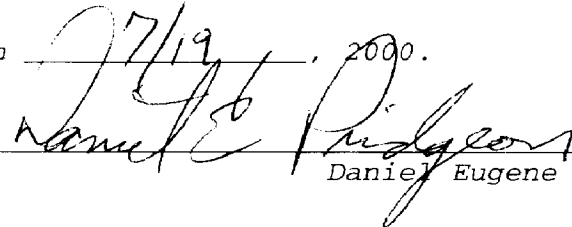
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