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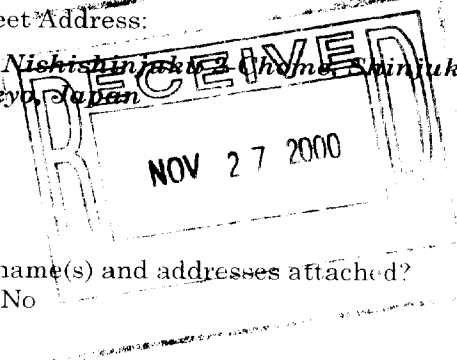
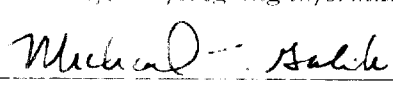
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AP080TP	09/549,854	April 14, 2000	Artifact Reduction Using Adaptive Nonlinear Filters

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