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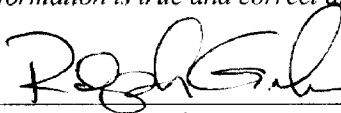
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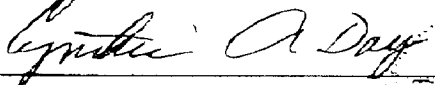
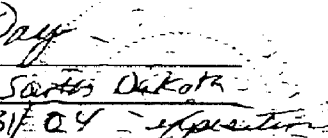
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June 4, 2003 
Robert W. Wakeman

State of South Dakota)
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This 4 day of June, 2003, before me personally came the above-named **Robert W. Wakeman**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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Bruce A. Buhler
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