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U.S. Design Application No. 29/753,772, filed October 1, 2020, titled **Faucet Apparatus.**

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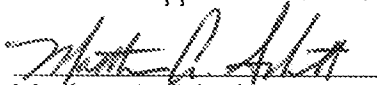
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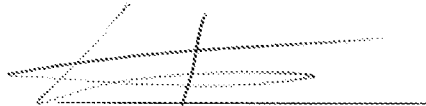
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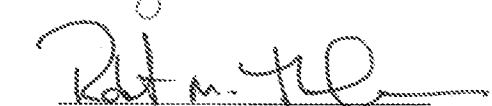
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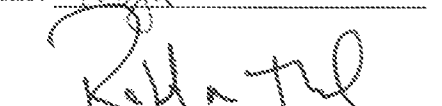
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