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APPARATUS FOR COVERING A FEEDING APERTURE OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER AND AN ANIMAL SHELTER

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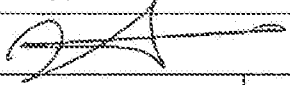
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