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Copies of the Application for hearing and COG's C-108 Application for Authorization to Inject are enclosed.

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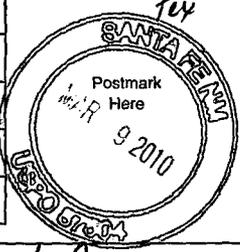
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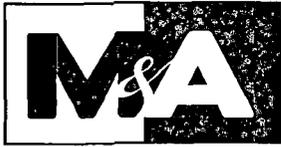
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