

EXHIBIT A

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December 17, 1998

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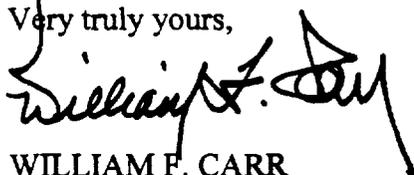
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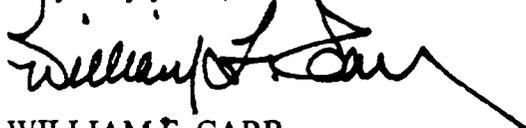
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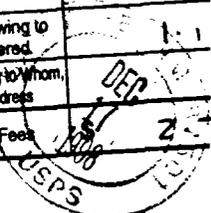
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7. Date of Delivery

12-21-98

5. Received By: (Print Name)

Yadira Navarrete

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)

X Yadira Navarrete

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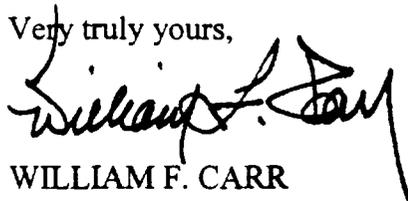
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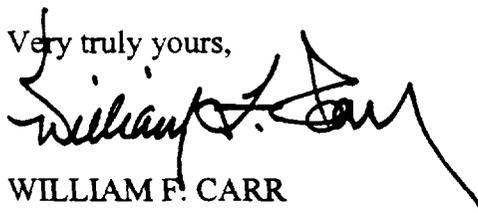
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