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Dear Dr. Henney, 095 '01 JAN 17 ATO:44

It is essential for the FDA to act now to ban all growth-promoting agricultural uses of antibiotics which have a role in human medicine.

Why "continue to study the problem" when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture as the principal cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria?

No need to increase the number of diseases which may be untreatable. Now is the time to act, before the day of the antibiotic is over — from overuse and incorrect use.

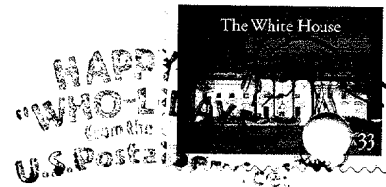
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