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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to urge you to establish a national antibiotic reporting system to help identify and control the gross abuse of antibiotics in agriculture.

I remember back when I was working my way through college by spending weekends on a chicken farm. I always helped with the vaccinations because I was one of only two people who were not allergic. And I saw firsthand the widespread and uncontrolled use of antibiotics.

Since then, I have grown increasingly concerned about trends in public health that could be tied to this, including the enormous increase in allergies to peanuts – the death of the peanut and butter jelly sandwich at school is the death of an American tradition. Yet represents only the tip of what I am sure is a very deep and dangerous iceberg.

Again, I strongly urge you to address this issue with the urgency it deserves. In the absence of a plan to eliminate and ban these substances, a national reporting strategy is essential.

Yours sincerely,



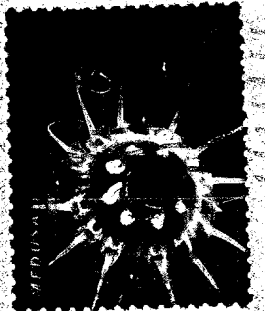
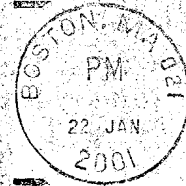
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