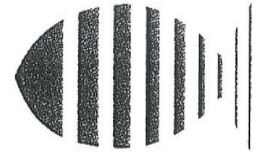


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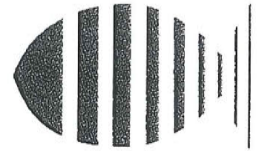
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fishing vessel crew member  
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(crew of  
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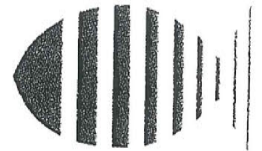
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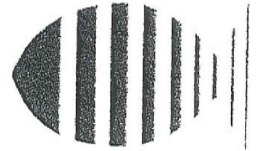
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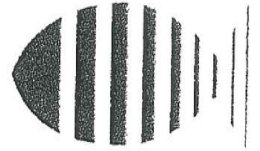
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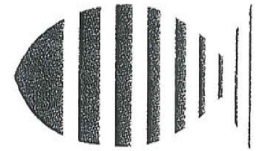
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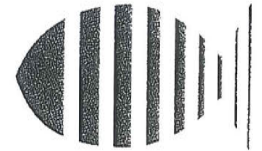
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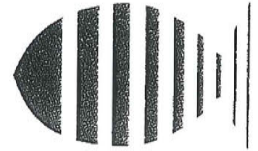
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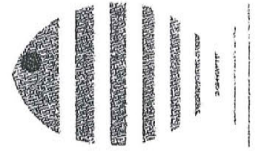
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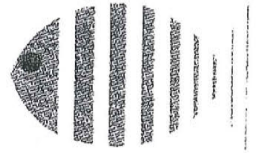
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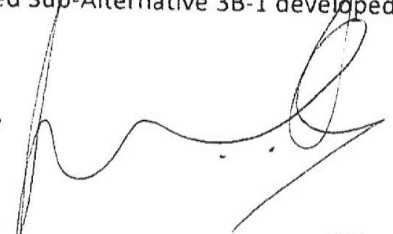
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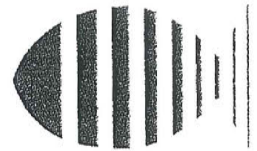
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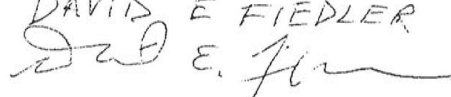
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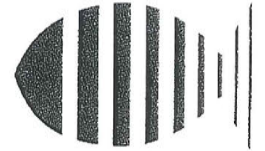
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*Ruben Dubon*

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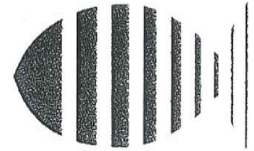
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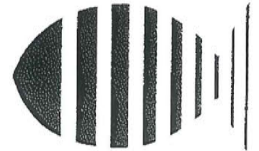
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Sincerely,

*John Deak*  
*F/V Relentless Thank You!*

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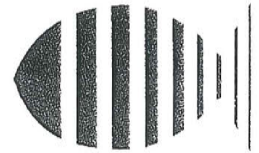
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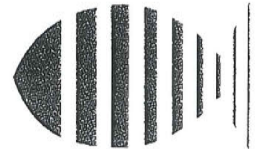
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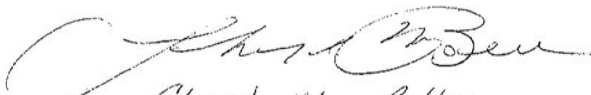
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