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Dear President Clinton, 2358 '99 SEP 14 AM 10:14

I am writing you this letter to insist that legislation be passed into law that will require genetically engineered foods to be labeled as such, regardless of whether the food is in its whole form or as an ingredient in processed foods.

Genetically engineered crops are not the same as those produced by typical hybridization. Since the FDA, USDA and EPA are ~~[illegible]~~ negligent in protecting the rights of the US public, I ~~aka~~ ask you to act legislatively in support of public interest; a majority of 81% of Americans in a January 11, 1999 "Time" magazine poll want genetically engineered food labeled as such.

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Furthermore, I do not wish to consume Bt toxin (Bacillus thuringienis)

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which stays in the cell stucture of the plants and is deadly enough to kill insects. Nor do I want to eat "Roundup Ready" soybeans or tomatoes that contain the gene of a fish!

So again, pass legislation to label all genetically engineered foods.

Similar labeling legislation has already been passed in Europe and Australia.

Sincerely,

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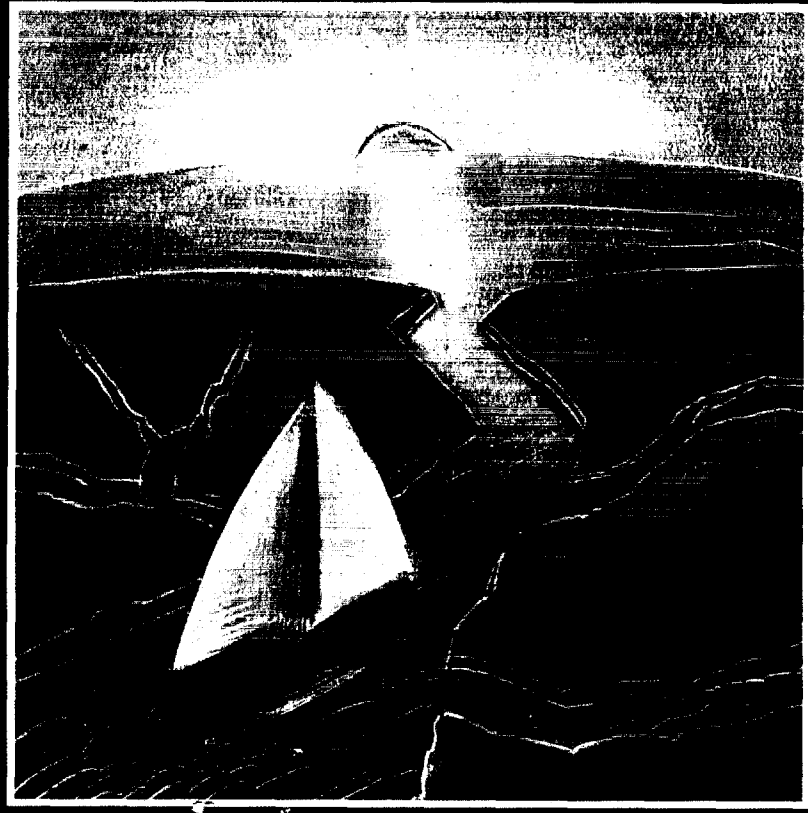

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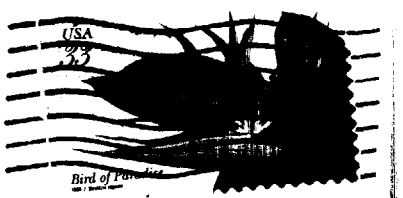

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