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Dear Commissioner Henney,

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Genetic engineering leads us further from meaningfully addressing the underlying social and economic roots of disease and despair. The "genetic revolution" has sparked an unprecedented consolidation of corporate control over all aspects of food and medicine. The most significant impact of biotechnology may be the industry's drive to commodify all that is alive. Vegetarians and religious dietary restrictions and allergic persons face the prospect of eating foods that contain genetic material from animals, including humans. By patenting the genes they discover and the living organisms they create, a small corporate elite will soon own and control the genetic heritage of the planet.

I am opposed to genetic engineering of foods!

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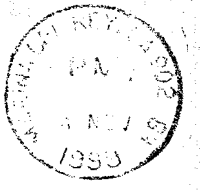

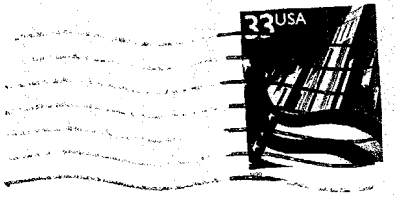

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