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Subject: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

It is imperative that you grant The Farm Sanctuary's petition, making it against the law to sell sick or injured animals at the nation's stockyards.

A farm animal protection group documented hundreds of cases of downed animal cruelties at livestock facilities across the country:

- In South Dakota, a downed cow was dumped alive into a cart full of garbage.

- In New York, a day-old calf was dragged into a stockyard by his ears.

- In Pennsylvania, a living sheep was dumped on a stockyard "dead pile."

- In Texas, a cow with a broken back was abandoned at an auction.

- In Minnesota, incapacitated pigs were left in pens, and slowly starved to death.

Unless laws are enacted to protect downed animals from being brought to stockyards, the inhumane, brutal practice will continue at the 1,600 stockyards across the country. Your comments on this issue are requested.

Yours truly,

Leslie Lebeau

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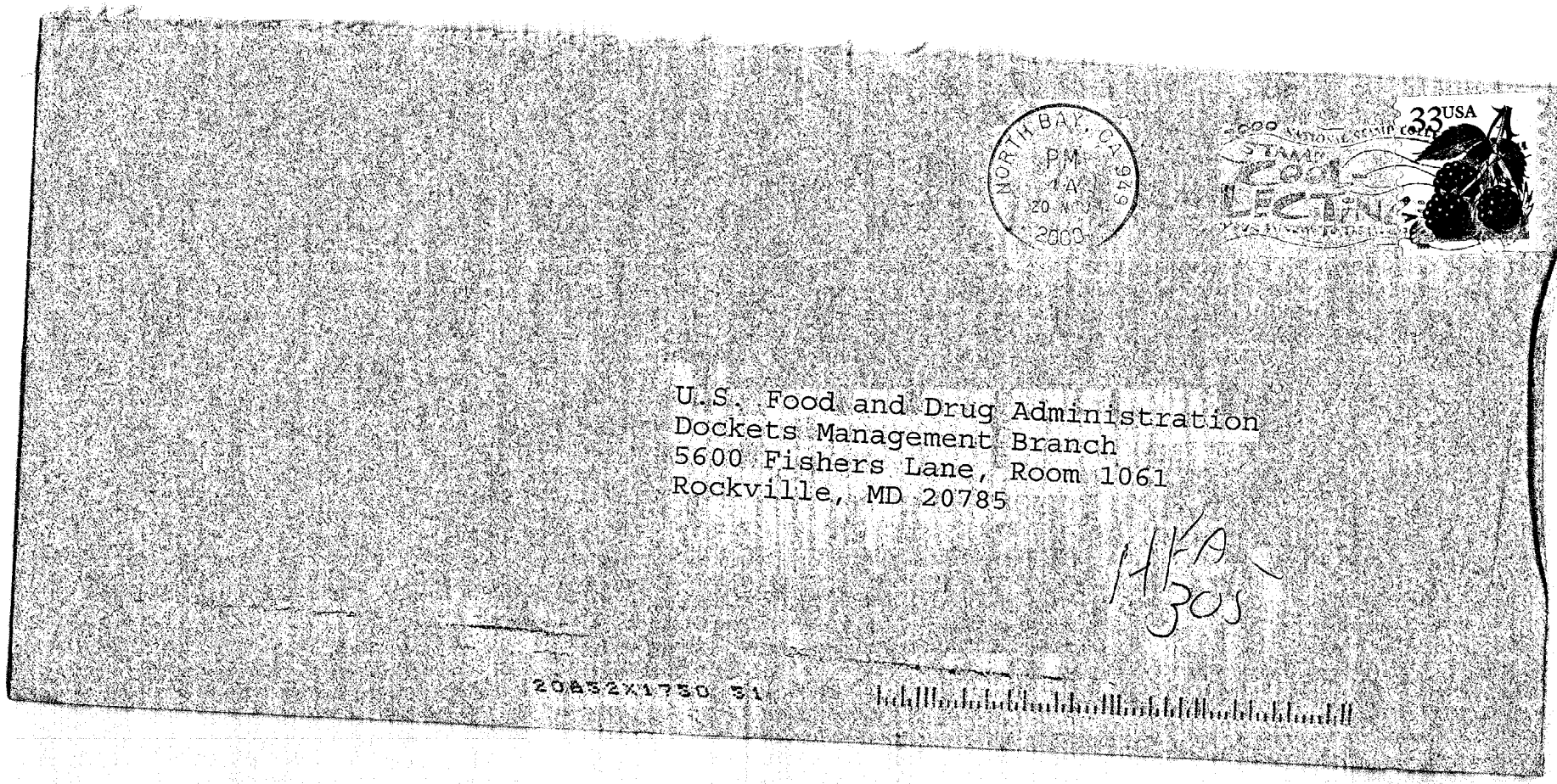

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