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January 24, 2014

Via First Class Mail

Frances Molarious
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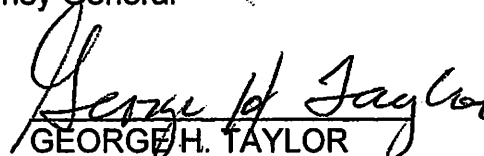
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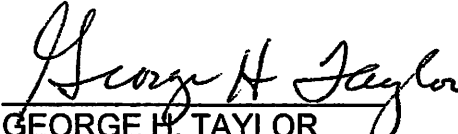
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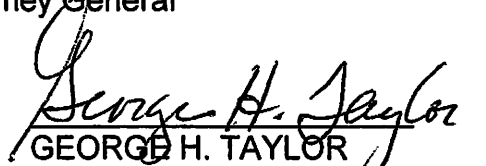
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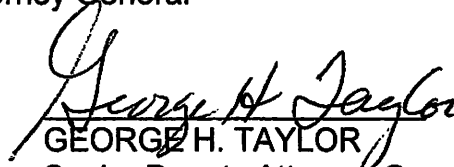
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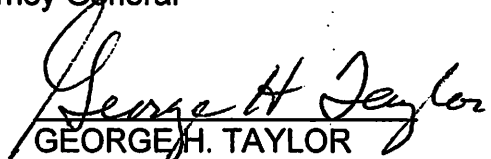
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Via First Class Mail

Colleen P. Cann
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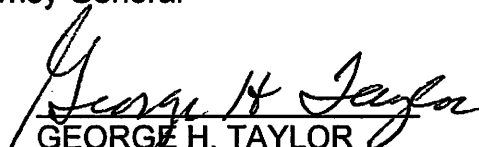
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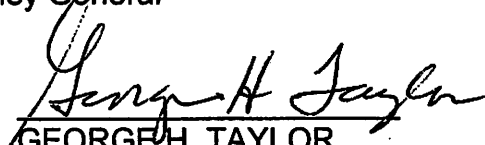
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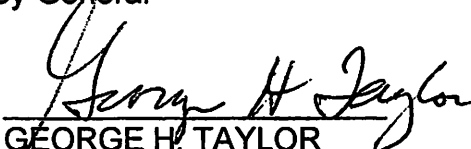
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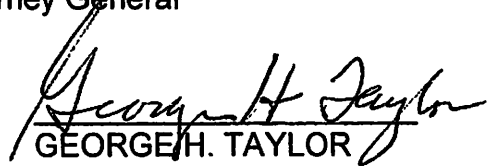
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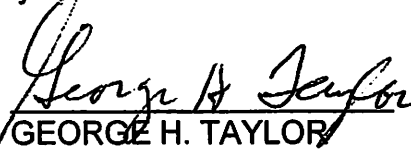
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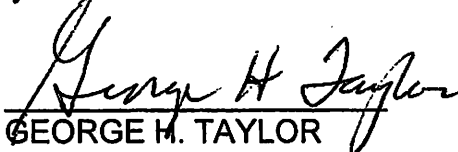
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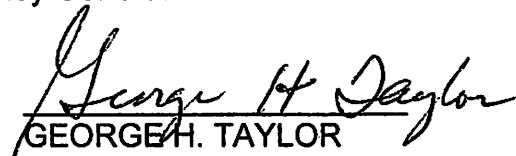
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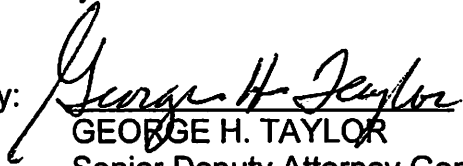
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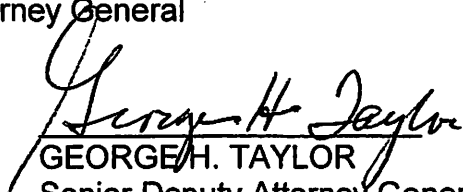
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Via First Class Mail

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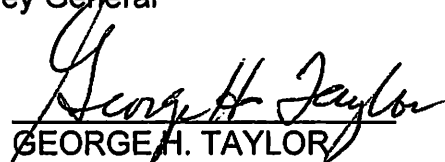
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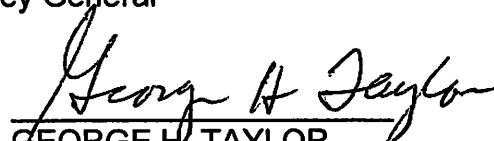
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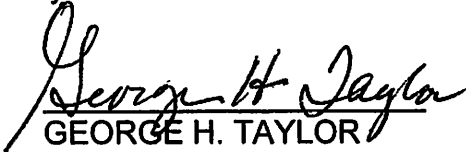
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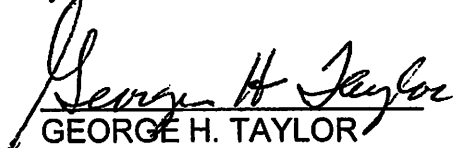
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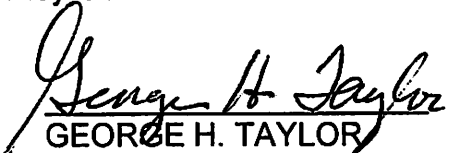
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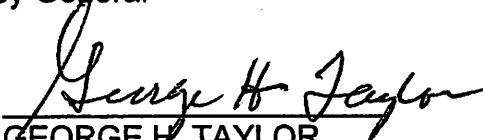
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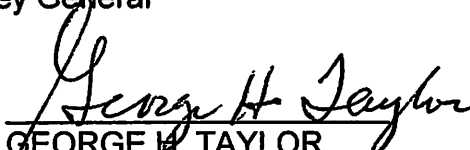
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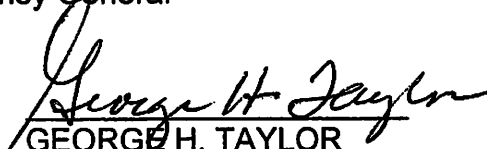
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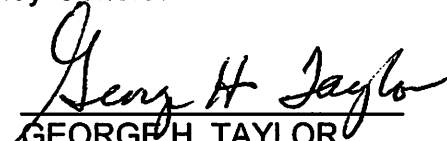
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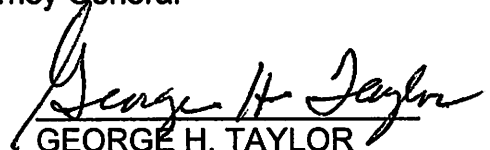
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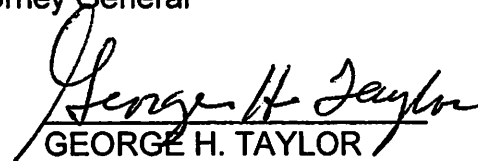
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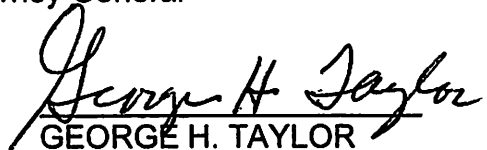
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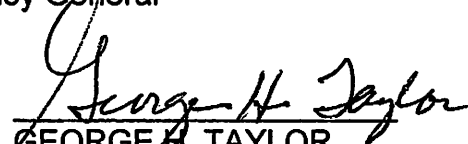
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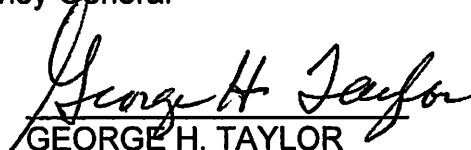
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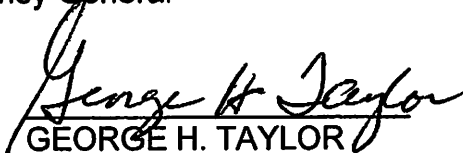
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