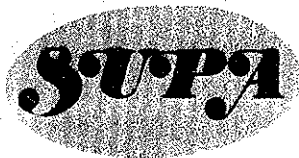


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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Woodrow".

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Enclosures