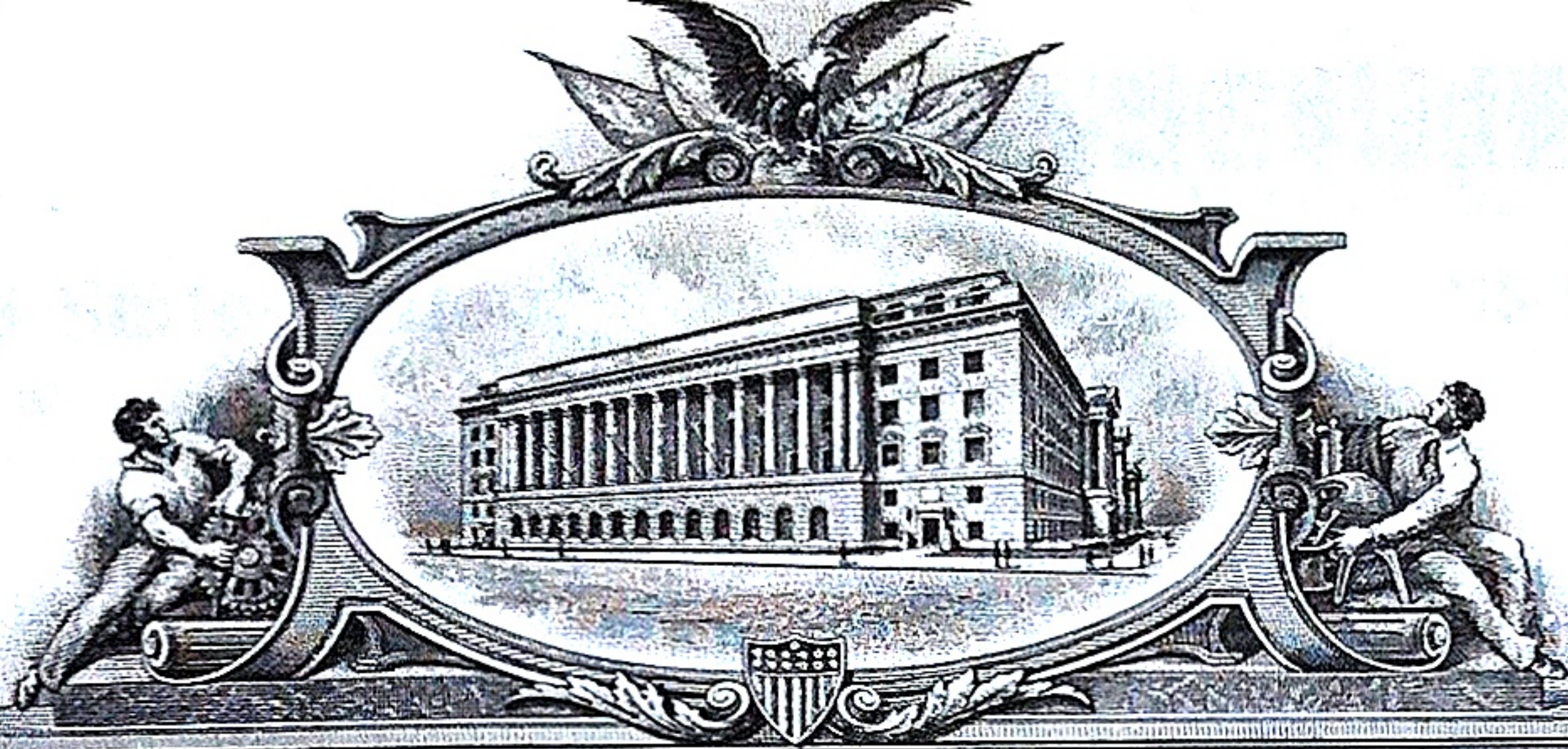


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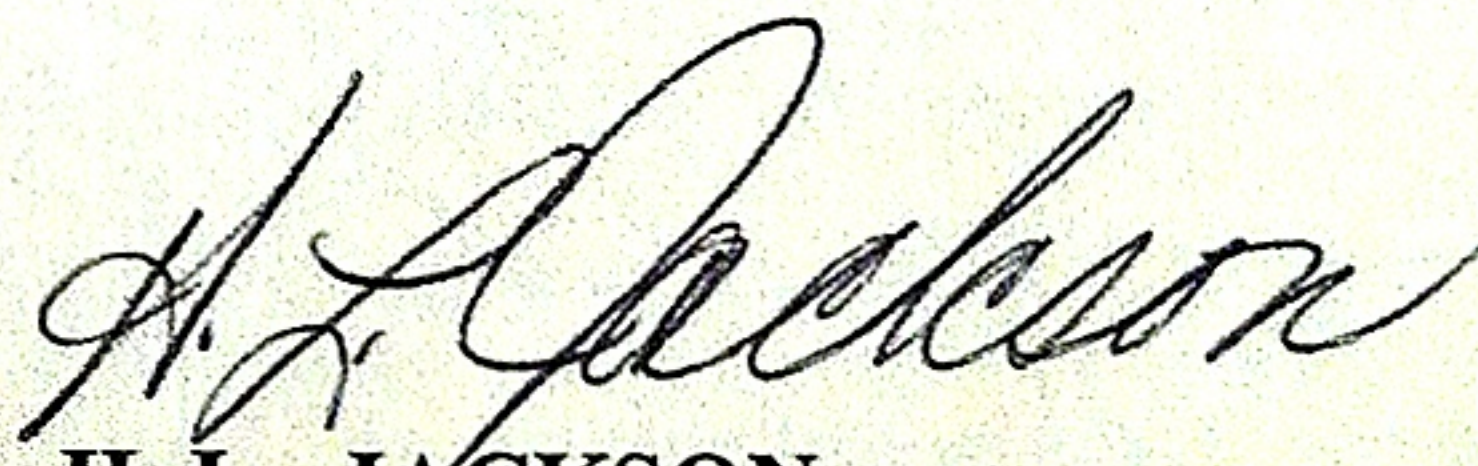
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A composition for the treatment of natural bodies of water
comprising

- A) beneficial aerobic microorganisms,
- B) an effective quantity of at least one water-soluble
colorant; and, optionally,
- C) a growth accelerator for component A).

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