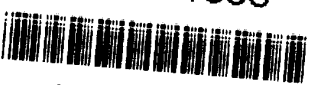




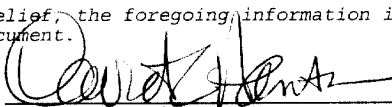
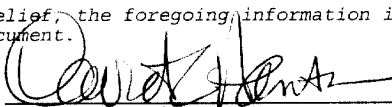
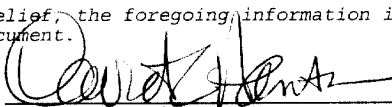


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The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, continuation-in-part, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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