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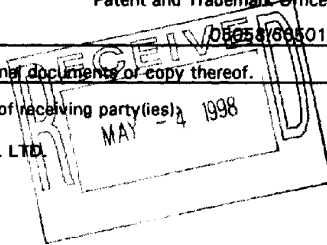
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Signed this 1st day of April, 1998.

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