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 hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Canon Kabushiki Kaisha
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 having a place of business at
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 its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title
 and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

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 and which has been accorded Application No. 09/038,695
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