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(a) for which an application for a United States patent was filed on _____, Application No. _____,

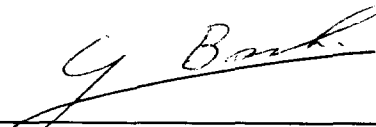
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Guy BACH