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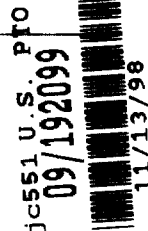
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Whereas, we,

(1) WALTER LLOYD PRATER
County of SANTA CLARA

of SAN JOSE,
and State of CALIFORNIA,

have invented certain improvements in

FERROFLUID SEAL FOR ACTUATOR BEARING

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) 11-1-98.

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(1) Signed at San Jose on Nov 1, 1998.



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