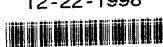
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and

(2) <u>Jimmy M. D. Hsu</u> County of <u>Travis</u> of <u>Austin</u>, and State of <u>Texas</u>,

have invented certain improvements in

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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) Dec 8, and (2) Dec 8, 1998.

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