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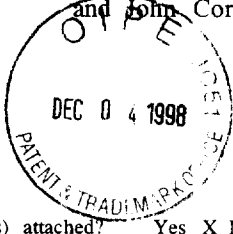
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To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please attach the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): Kevin Button,
Douglas McLean
and John Corradini

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Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Bell & Howell Cope Company

Internal Address: _____

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment Merger

Security Agreement Change of Name

Other _____

Execution Date: November 1998

Street Address: 3791 Alston Avenue

City: Durham State: NC ZIP: 27709

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____

A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/157,744

B. Patent No.(s) _____

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ 40.00

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Charles T. Riggs Jr., Esq. Charles T. Riggs Jr. 12-2-98

Name of Person Signing Signature Date

A S S I G N M E N T

Serial No.: 09/157,744

Filed: September 21, 1998

WHEREAS, Kevin Button, Douglas McLean and John Corradini have made certain new and useful inventions in a "**STAGE AND THREAD ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH SPEED ENVELOPE PACKING APPARATUS**" and have disclosed the same in an application for Letters of Patent in the United States of America therefor, said application having been executed by us this 11 day of November, 1998;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable considerations to us, paid by Bell & Howell Cope Company, a Delaware corporation, of 3791 Alston Avenue, Durham, North Carolina 27709, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, Kevin Button, Douglas McLean and John Corradini, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in and to all said application, including all priority rights for other countries arising from said application; and in and to all substitutions, divisions and continuations thereof; and in and to all Letters Patents, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions; and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the duly constituted authorities of foreign countries to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted on said inventions, on any applications related thereto, and on any substitute, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications, or any of them, to said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein and thereto.

And we hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert this Assignment date and serial number of said application when officially known.

And for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby, for us and for our legal representatives, covenant and agree with the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that we have full and unencumbered title to the inventions and application above described and hereby assigned, which title we warrant unto the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns; that we have not granted to any others any license to make, use or sell said

inventions or performed any act; and that we will not execute any instrument or perform any act in conflict herewith.

And for the consideration aforesaid we hereby, for us and our legal representatives covenant and agree with the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that upon request we will execute substitute, divisional, continuing or reissue applications, amended specifications, or rightful oaths; communicate to the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us relating to the said inventions or the history thereof; execute preliminary statements; testify in any interference or other legal proceedings involving said inventions; execute and deliver any application papers, assignments, or other instruments, and do all other acts which, in the opinion of counsel for the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, may be necessary or convenient to secure the grant of Letters Patent to the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, or its nominees, in the United States and in all other countries where the said Bell & Howell Cope Company may desire to have the said inventions, or any of them, patented, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by counsel for the said Bell & Howell Cope Company and to vest and confirm in the said Bell & Howell Cope Company its successors, legal representatives and assigns, or its nominees, the full and complete legal and equitable title to all such inventions, applications, and Letters Patent, and to enable it to record said title, without further consideration than now paid but at the expense of the said Bell & Howell Cope Company, its successors, legal representatives or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 11 day of NOVEMBER, 1998.


Kevin Button

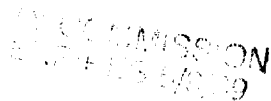
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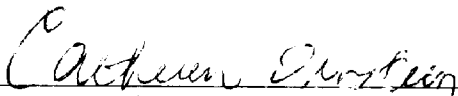
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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 11 day of Nov, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Kevin Button who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to Kevin Button the contents thereof. he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.




Notary Public

