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County of OrangeCity of Chapel Hill
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and

Jerry Wayne Stevens,
County of Wake,City of Raleigh,
and State of North Carolina,

have invented certain improvements in

Method and Apparatus For Connecting Similar Stacks Without Using Physical Devices

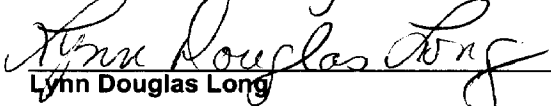
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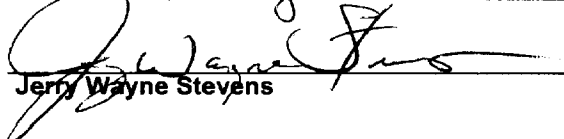
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Signed and sealed at:

(1) at Research Triangle Park on 11/25/98

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