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TOP PORTION AND TOOL HANDLE

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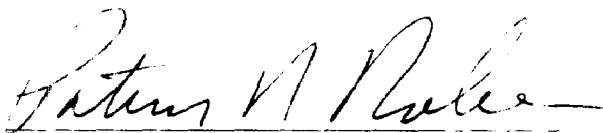
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**ASSIGNMENT**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the undersigned

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who have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed concurrently herewith and is entitled

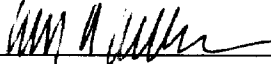
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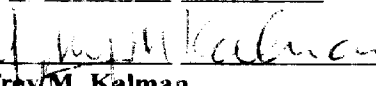
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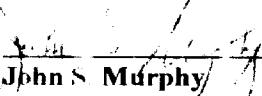
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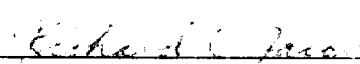
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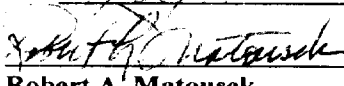
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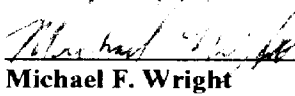
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