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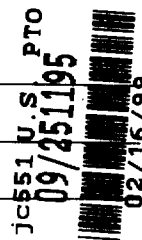
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hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Canon Kabushiki Kaisha and West Electric Co., Ltd.
corporations of Japan
having respective places of business at 30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan; and
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By: Shinji Hirata
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