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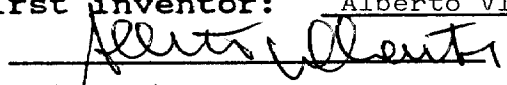
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In consideration of value received, I, having a residence and post office address as stated below next to my name, the sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of an invention described in an application for United States patent, entitled:

"A method for the preparation of salts of carboxylic acids"

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