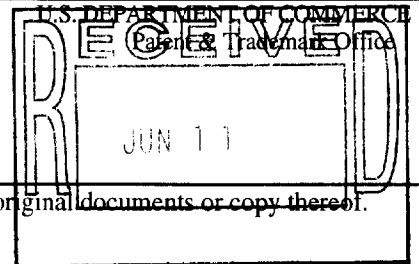


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WHEREAS, we, **Lenox Brassell** and **John W. Miller**, having post office addresses of 881 Eighth Avenue West, Kirkland, Washington 98033 and 2021 First Street, Apt. A-8, Seattle, Washington 98121, respectively, (hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNORS**), are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "**Natural Language Information Retrieval System**," as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent and assigned the serial number 09/258,651.

WHEREAS, **Microsoft Corporation** (hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **ASSIGNORS** hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said **ASSIGNEE**, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of **ASSIGNEE** and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNEE** and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNORS** had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. **ASSIGNORS** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to **ASSIGNEE**. **ASSIGNORS** agree to execute all

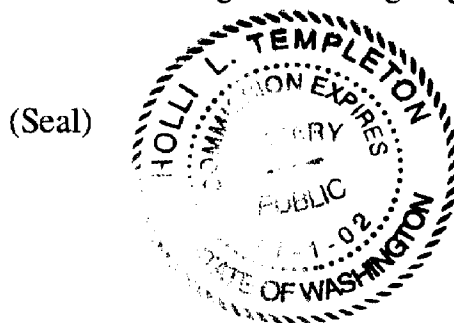
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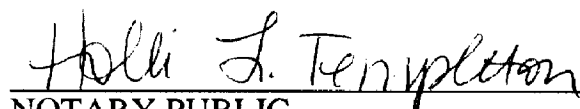


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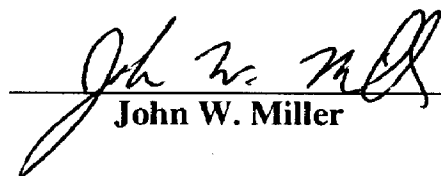
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