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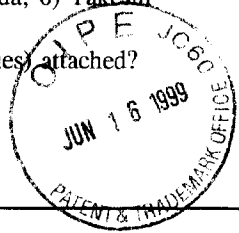
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the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to SHEET FEEDING APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS HAVING SUCH SHEET FEEDING APPARATUS

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on April 13, 1999  
and which has been accorded Application No. 09/290,402

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