

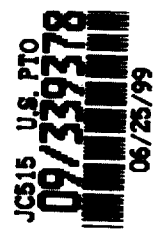
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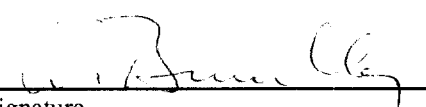
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have invented certain improvements in

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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

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