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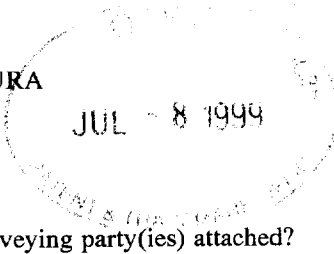
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A. Patent Application Number: 09/290,266

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B. Title of Invention:

DEVELOPING APPARATUS, APPARATUS UNIT,
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
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its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for
the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

DEVELOPING APPARATUS, APPARATUS UNIT, AND IMAGE FORMING
METHOD

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. 09/290,266

and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United
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