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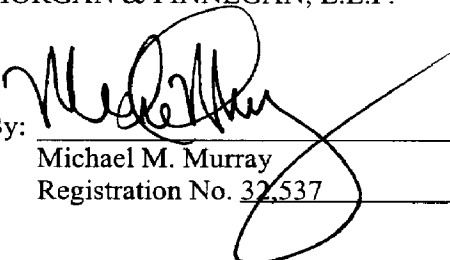
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS FOR THE UNITED STATES

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, We, Hidekazu SHIMOMURA, Hiroshi SATO,
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hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Canon Kabushiki Kaisha
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30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by each of us, respectively,
on the date indicated below and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations
thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and
extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks of
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AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any
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provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any
convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority
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AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal
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By: Hidekazu Shimomura Date: June 30, 1999
Hidekazu SHIMOMURA

By: Hiroshi Sato Date: July 2, 1999
Hiroshi SATO

By: Seiichiro Satomura Date: July 5, 1999
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