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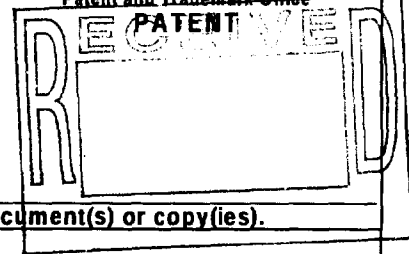
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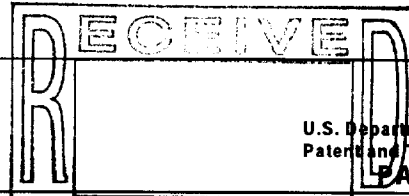
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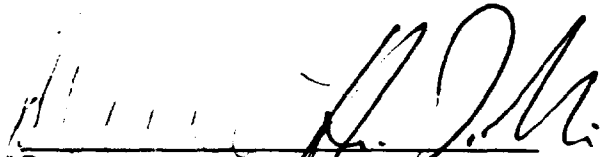
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Whereas, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky, a Delaware corporation whose post office address is 1500 Brown & Williamson Tower, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the application for United States Letters patent on this invention and Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, the entire right, title and interest in said application and the invention disclosed therein and for all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may be granted thereon, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor. We also agree to

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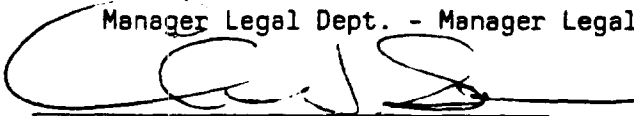
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