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John P. Miller et al.) Attorney Docket No.: E-861
Serial No.:) Date: September 29, 1999
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPENING AN ENVELOPE IN AN INSERTING MACHINE

RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

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<p>1. Name of conveying party:</p> <p>John P. Miller William B. Riley</p>	<p>2. Name of receiving party:</p> <p>Pitney Bowes Inc. World Headquarters One Elmcroft Road Stamford, CT 06926-0700</p>
<p>3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Execution Date: September 13, 1999 and September 27, 1999</p>	
<p>4. Property Conveyed: This document is being filed together with a new patent application. The execution date of the application is September 13, 1999 and September 27, 1999.</p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning this document should be mailed:</p> <p>Steven J. Shapiro Pitney Bowes Inc. 35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000</p>	<p>6. Total Number of Applications: 1</p> <p>7. Total Recordal Fee: \$40.00 €</p> <p>8. Charge the \$40.00 Fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1885.</p>

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9. Statement and Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Steven J. Shapiro

September 29, 1999

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, John P. Miller and William B. Riley have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPENING AN ENVELOPE IN AN INSERTING MACHINE** identified as File Number **E-861** in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, and said John P. Miller has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 27th day of September, 1999; and said William B. Riley has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 13th day of September, 1999;

AND WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation the entire right, title and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention, said application and any and all patents (including extensions thereof, and all the rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including the right to claim for any foreign patent application the priority date of the corresponding U.S. patent application) of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue or other patent application based in whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said corporation, its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the respective terms of which said patents or any of them have been or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States application or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said corporation;

AND we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said corporation fully to secure to said corporation, its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

