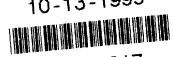
IN THE



101169917

...JEMARK OFFICE

Ę		
A &		E _o
ωC		6
2°C		2
6.6		16
c67	, <u>e</u>	
1	=	

In re patent application of)
John P. Miller et al.) Attorney Docket No.: E-861
Serial No.:) Date: September 29, 1999
Filed: Concurrently herewith)

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPENING AN ENVELOPE IN AN INSERTING

MACHINE

RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies) in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. Name of conveying party: 2. Name of receiving party: Pitney Bowes Inc. John P. Miller World Headquarters One Elmcroft Road William B. Riley Stamford, CT 06926-0700 3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Execution Date: September 13, 1999 and September 27, 1999 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. 6. Total Number of 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence Applications: 7. Total Recordal Fee: \$40.00 & concerning this document should be mailed: 8. Charge the \$40.00 Fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1885. Steven J. Shapiro Pitney Bowes Inc.

8/1999 TDADE1

40.00 CH Shelton, CT 0648

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. Shabiro

September 29, 1999

Total number of pages including this cover sheet: 3

PATENT REEL: 010296 FRAME: 0281

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 13^{+} 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;

- 1 -

PATENT r REEL: 010296 FRAME: 0282

11

AND we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with said corporation, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention to anyone except said corporation, that, prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals:

Zahar P. Miller	9-27-99	
Sohn Miller	Date	
William Rilan	9/13/99	
William B. Riley	Date	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Connecticut)

) ss. Shelton

County of Fairfield

On this $27^{+/-}$ day of September, 1999, personally appeared before me the above-named John Miller to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

NOTARY PUBLIC Angela Sanzo Altavilla My Comm. Exp. 7/31/01

State of New York

) ss. Ithaca

County of Jam skins)

On this 13th day of September, 1999, personally appeared before me the abovenamed William B. Riley to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

OTARY PUBLICGIES

State of NY, Tompkins County

My Commission expires July 31, 2000

2 – My Commission

PATENT RECORDED: 09/29/1999 REEL: 010296 FRAME: 0283