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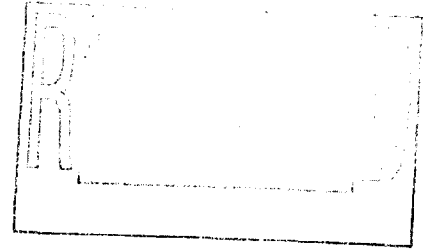


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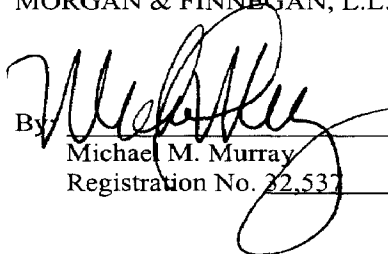
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(AFTER APPLICATION FILED)**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS FOR THE UNITED STATES**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, We, Yasuo OKUTANI and Masayuki YAMADA

citizens of Japan  
residing respectively at 985, Chitose, Takatsu-ku, Kawasaki-shi,  
Kanagawa-ken, Japan; and  
c/o Canon Miyazakidai-ryo, 1-3, Miyazaki 6-chome,  
Miyamae-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan

hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Canon Kabushiki Kaisha  
a corporation of Japan

having a place of business at

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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

SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
THEREFOR

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on

August 30, 1999 and which has been accorded Application No. 09/386,052

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 the United States to issue all Letters  
Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for  
patent or other form of protection for said inventions, the benefit of the right of priority 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 without further written or oral  
authorization from us.

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of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose  
and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of  
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any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND we hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein  
assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

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AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection for said inventions in the United States.

By: Yasuo Okutani  
Yasuo OKUTANI

Date: October 7, 1999

By: Masayuki Yamada  
Masayuki YAMADA

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