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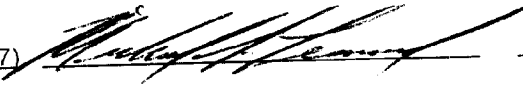
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disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, prepared by the firm of Hill & Simpson, A Professional Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, and executed of even date herewith, said application being identified in the office records of said firm as Case No. , and in our own records as Case No.

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Toyama, Japan, this 25th day of November, 1999.

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