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 John W. Sussmeier, et al) Attorney Docket No.: E-839
 Serial No.:) Date: December 28, 1999
 Filed: Concurrently herewith)
 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DOCUMENT INPUT CONTROL

RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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1. Name of conveying party: Kevin J. O'Dea John R. Masotta John W. Sussmeier	2. Name of receiving party: Pitney Bowes Inc. World Headquarters One Elmcroft Road Stamford, CT 06926-0700
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Execution Date: October 22 and 27, 1999	
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Kevin J. O'Dea, John R. Masotta and John W. Sussmeier have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DOCUMENT INPUT CONTROL** identified as File Number **E-839** in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, and said Kevin J. O'Dea has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 27th day of October, 1999; and said John R. Masotta has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 22 day of OCTOBER, 1999; and said John W. Sussmeier has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 22 day of October, 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;

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:

Kevin J. O'Dea
Kevin J. O'Dea

10/27/99
Date

John R. Masotta
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State of Connecticut)
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On this 27th day of October, 1999, personally appeared before me the above-named Kevin J. O'Dea 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.

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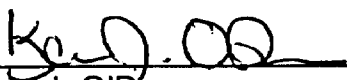
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