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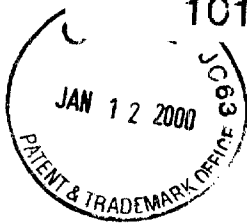


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CLEANING FRAME, PROCESS CARTRIDGE WITH THE SAME, AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ONTO WHICH THE PROCESS CARTRIDGE IS DETACHABLY MOUNTABLE

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