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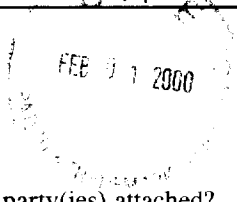


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METHOD OF INSERTING A WATERMARK AND AUTHENTICATING A DIGITAL SIGNAL

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on **November 30, 1999** under N° **09/450750**

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