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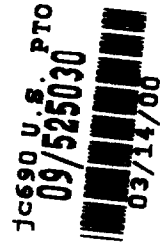
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citizens of Japan by HITACHI DENSHI KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation organized under the laws of Japan,

located at 1 Kanda Izumi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0024, Japan,

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Shogo KOSUGE and Takahiro SHIMIZU,

do hereby sell and assign to said HITACHI DENSHI KABUSHIKI KAISHA,

~~their~~ successors and assigns, all our right, title and interest, in and for the United States of America, in and to "MICROSCOPE IN-FOCUS STATE DETECTING METHOD AND APPARATUS"

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