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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to  
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