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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (Date Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) May 10, 2000, (2) 5-15, 2000, (3) May 15, 2000, and (4) May 15, 2000.

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