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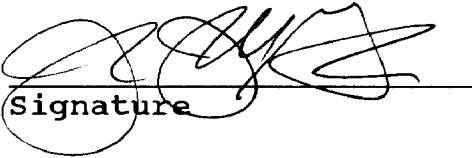
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ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, YOSHINARI, Hirota
Residing respectfully at: 1-1-15, Oohara, Urawa-shi, Saitama, Japan

have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled:
SHEET FIXING DEVICE

for which they are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America:

AND, WHEREAS, TOTO KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
located and doing business at: 1-chome, 5-ban, 12-go, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku,
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(hereinafter referred to as Assignee) is desirous of acquiring an interest herein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States;

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