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2. Name and address of receiving party:  
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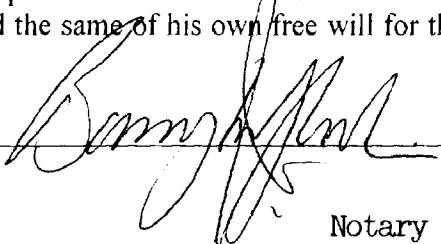
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Signature:  Date: 15th June 2000  
Name: Michael Donovan

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2000, personally appeared Michael Donovan, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

[SEAL]

  
Notary Public London

Signature: [Signature]  
Name: Marc Hlavacek

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2000

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2000, personally appeared Marc Hlavacek, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Signature: [Signature]  
Name: Gordon Walker

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2000

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2000, personally appeared Gordon Walker, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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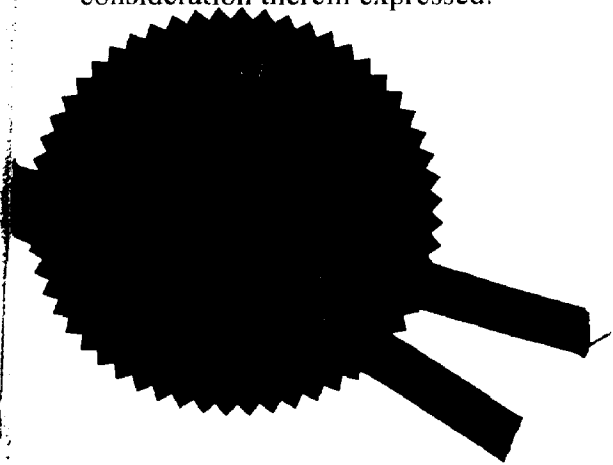
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Name: John C. Williams

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