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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we Clark D. Nicholson of 5744 28th Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington 98105, Michael Y. Tsang of P.O. Box 50072, Bellevue, Washington 98015, Zhiyuan Zhao of 1413 222nd Place NE, Redmond, Washington 980533 and Haifeng Zhou of 17803 NE 34th Street, Redmond, Washington 98052 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TESTING SOFTWARE RELIABILITY OVER EXTENDED TIME" as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent filed March 31, 2000 as Serial No. 09/540,649;

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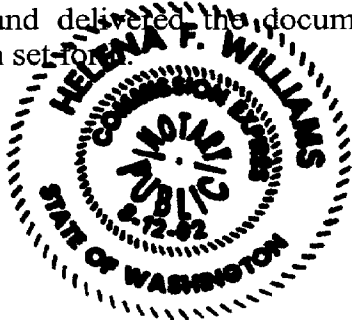
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Date 05/25/00

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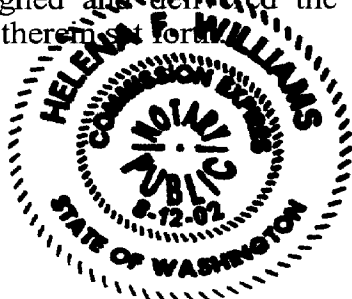
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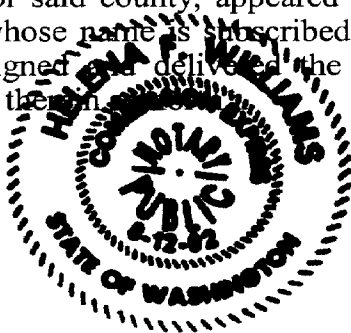
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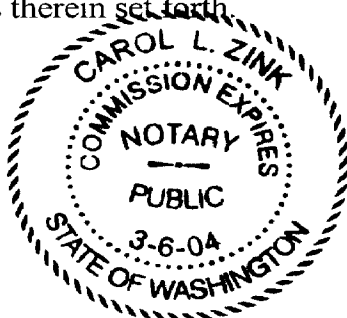
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