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have invented certain improvements in

**METHOD, APPARATUS, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO
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and have executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

Dates

Inventors (1) June 20, 2000.

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Inventor at Rochester, MN

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on June 20, 2000.

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