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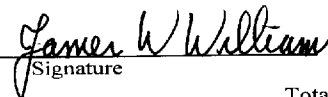
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Hideyuki KANBAYASHI

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-Chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee) the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled

IMAGE READING DEVICE, AN IMAGE READING METHOD, A
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It is hereby authorized and requested that the Commissioner of Patents issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee.

Further, it is agreed that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, and reissue patent applications; execute all rightful other papers; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection.

Signed this 31st day of May, 2000.

Hideyuki Kanbayashi
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