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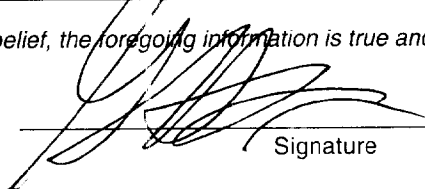
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U.S. Patent No. 5,666,431, issued September 9, 1997, entitled  
**"Volume Control for a Personal Computer Internal Speaker"**

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