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Whereas, we,

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and
(2) Newton James Smith, Jr. of Austin,
County of Travis and State of Texas,

and
(3) Clifford Jay Spinac of Austin,
County of Travis and State of Texas,

have invented certain improvements in

ELECTRONIC KEY SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) Nov. 20, 2000, and
(2) 11/20, 2000, and (3) 11/20, 2000.

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(1) Signed at Austin on Nov. 20, 2000.

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