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WHEREAS, I(we), Michael James Bartelme residing at 14273 Carmody Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347-1605 have invented and own the entire United States right, title and interest in an invention for:

COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PREVENTION OF DISCOLORATION OF DETERGENTS USING NONIONIC SURFACTANTS AND AN ALKALINE SOURCE

disclosed in my application for United States Letter Patent filed:

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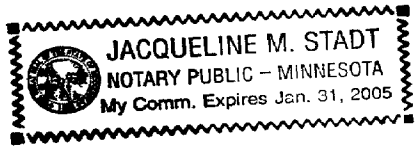
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Respectfully submitted,
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