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(1) GERALD GEORGE KIERNAN

City of San Jose

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have invented certain improvements in *(Title of Invention)*:

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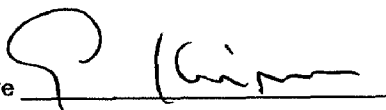
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(1) Inventor: GERALD GEORGE KIERNAN

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Date

Jan. 5, 2001