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RACK FOR STORING PRODUCT

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Date December 13, 2000

Signature of Inventor *Rick E. Barrett*  
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Given under my hand and seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

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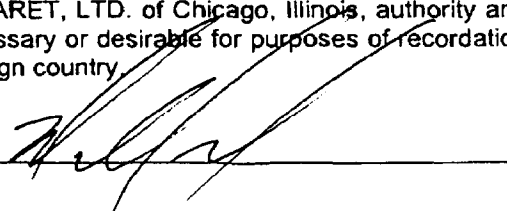
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