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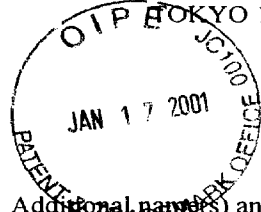
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_____, respectively, have
invented certain new and useful improvements in:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OUTPUT SHEET HANDLING CAPABLE OF
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for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on _____
(Application No. 09/685,031, filed October 10, 2000), and

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