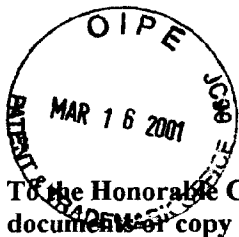


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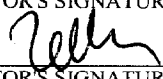



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AND ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers that may be necessary to file applications in the United States and foreign countries for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said applications and securing Letters Patents thereon.

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