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hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co, Triftweg 21-26, 16547 Birkenwerder, Germany, a German corporation, the whole right, title and interest in and to a certain invention or improvement in

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disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, prepared by the firm of Schiff Hardin & Waite of Chicago, Illinois, and executed of even date herewith, said application being identified in the office records of said firm as Case No. P00,1748, and in our own records as Case No. F780 and in and to the United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued, together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all rights and privileges under the Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including the right to claim the benefit of an earlier filing date for the same invention in a foreign country.

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DATE: 1. 19. 00

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