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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Continuous recovery of (meth)acrylic acid

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on

(Application No. 09/362,912 filed July 29, 1999), and

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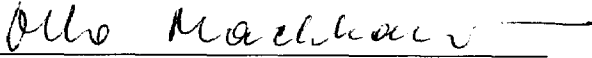
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