Substitute Form PTO -1595

RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET

Attorney Docket No. PATENTS ONLY JP920000057US1 To The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): Execution date: Kohji Serizawa 05/07/2001 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): 3. Nature of conveyance: International Business Machines Corp. Assignment Merger **New Orchard Road** Security Agreement Change of Name Armonk, New York 10504 Other 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): Execution/Filing/Issue Date New Patent Application, execution date of application 04/18/01 **Execution Date** Patent Application Number: Filing Date Patent Number: Issue Date 5. Name and address of party to whom 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: correspondence concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$40.00 Andrew J. Dillon, Esq. □ Enclosed Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. Suite 350 Lakewood on the Park Authorized to charge any deficiency to deposit account 7600B North Capital of Texas Highway Austin, Texas 78731 8. Deposit account number: 512/542-2100 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Jo Ann Rix Name of Person Signing Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: 2

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments Washington, D.C. 20231

PATENT

REEL: 011808 FRAME: 0302



ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I,

(1) Kohji Serizawa of Kanagawa-ken

of <u>Yokohama-shi</u> and of <u>Japan</u>,

have invented certain improvements in

APPARATUS FOR ERASING DATA STORED ON A MAGNETIC DISK

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (Date Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) April 18, 2001.

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, the above named, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

(1) Signed at Fujisaws on April 18, 2001.

Kohji Serizawa
Kohji Serizawa

RIXJ\0144AD\045568 AUSTIN\65361.1

RECORDED: 05/14/2001

PATENT REEL: 011808 FRAME: 0303