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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

Hidehiko OTA

who has made a certain new and useful invention, hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shiOsaka, 571-8501Japan

its successors and assigns (hereinafter designated "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. 100 in the invention entitled

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SIGNED on the date indicated aside my signature:

INVENTOR Hidehiko Ota

Hidehiko OTA

DATE SIGNED May 17, 2001