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Print or Type Name: David P. KIPPHE

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2<sup>nd</sup> Inventor Signature: [Signature]

Print or Type Name: William E. FOXENBERG

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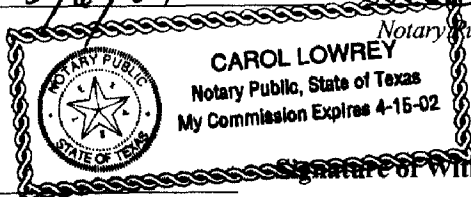
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Dated: 8/6/01

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