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The invention was made while I was an employee of the United States Department of Commerce and under such circumstances that applicable laws and regulations render the patent rights assignable to the United States. The United States of America, represented by the Secretary of Commerce, wishes to acquire these rights.

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