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that are the subject of an application for a U.S. Patent, (Application Number 09/936,871, filed September 12, 2001 ), which application is further identified as Rankin, Hill, Porter & Clark LLP Docket No. SCH/12597.

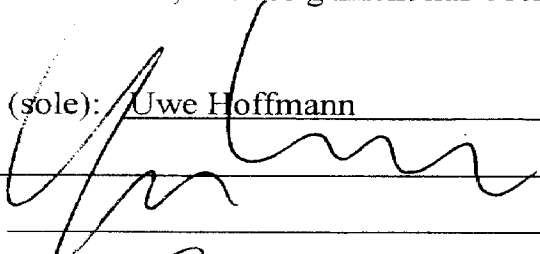
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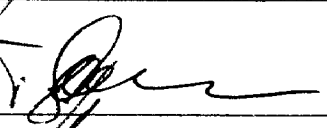
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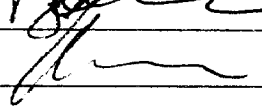
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