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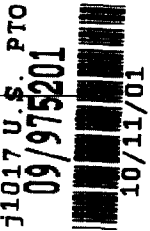
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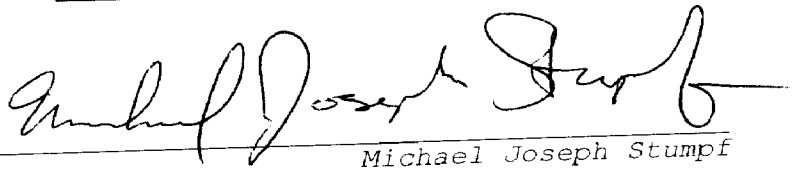
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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on
 (Date Inventor Signed Declaration) (1) October 10, 2001.

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