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have invented certain improvements in

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDEXING HARD DISKS BY USING A SCANNING PROBE

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (Date Inventor Signed Declaration) (1) 27 November, 2001.

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