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have invented certain improvements in

BATTERY-BASED SECURED STORAGE BINDING SYSTEM

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (Date Inventor Signed Declaration) (1) Oct 31, 2001; (2) 10/29/01, 2001; and (3) 10/24/2001; and (4) 10/29/01, 2001.

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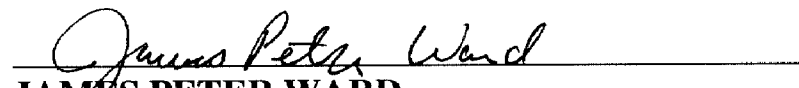
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