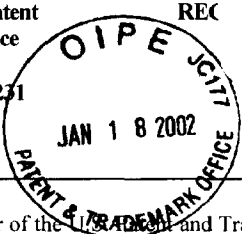


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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor, or each inventor if more than one, hereby assigns to **Rolls-Royce plc, a British company, of 65 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AT, United Kingdom**, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "said assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled: "**QUANTIFYING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AN INSPECTION PROCEDURE**", executed by the undersigned on the 15 day of November, 2001 and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

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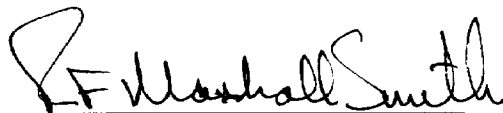
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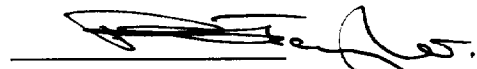
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