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have invented certain improvements in

**SPEECH RECOGNITION APPARATUS AND COMPUTER SYSTEM THEREFOR,  
SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD AND PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR**

and executed a United States patent application therefore on the following date(s):

- (1) 2002/1/16
- (2) 2002/1/16

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