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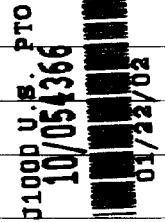
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Have invented certain new and useful improvements in

**A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING DUPLICATE  
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An invention which is fully described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by them this day; and

The **ASSIGNEE**, Hereby assigns to **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**, a New York corporation having its principal office at Armonk, New York, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

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