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Whereas I. Gary Paul Noble

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have invented certain improvements in

## A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATION VIA A COMPUTER NETWORK

and have executed a United States patent application therefor on 1874 by 2002

And whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

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