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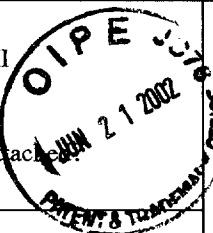
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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on April 23, 2002

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