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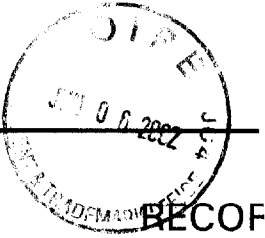
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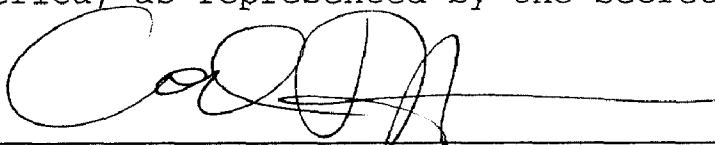
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WHEREAS, we, Carl J. Houtman, T. Kent Kirk, and Gary M. Scott residing respectively at 226 Potter Street, Madison, WI, 53715; 3145 Timber Lane, Verona, WI, 53593; and 200 Scottholm Boulevard, Syracuse, NY, 13224; have jointly invented, **Method of Producing Pulp**, for which we are making application for Letters Patent of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the worldwide patent rights in said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of our having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render said patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

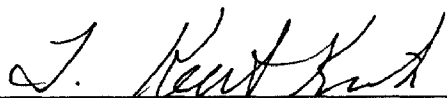
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, we hereby assign said worldwide patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture;



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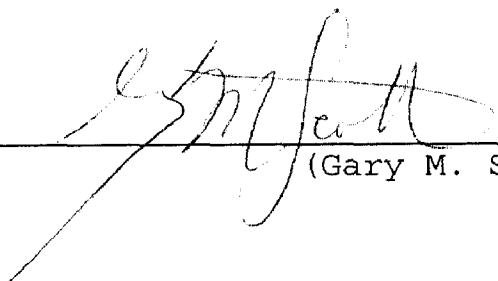
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