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who, has/have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been:

[]	executed concurrently herewith		
[]	filed on	and assigned application number _	and is
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STERILIZING CONTAINER LID INTERIOR

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