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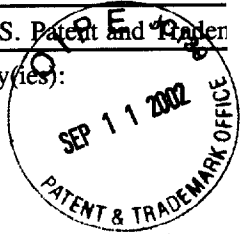
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MULTI-BEAM SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on June 27, 2002

and which has been accorded Application No. 10/180,079

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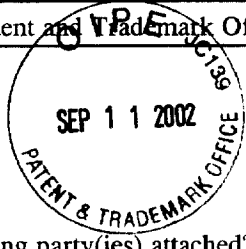
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