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have invented certain improvement in


System and Apparatus for Eliminating User Interaction During Hardware Configuration at System Boot

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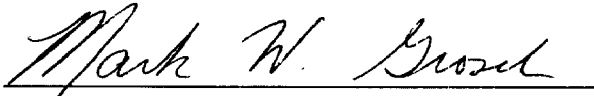
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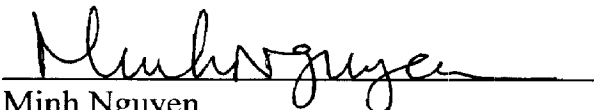
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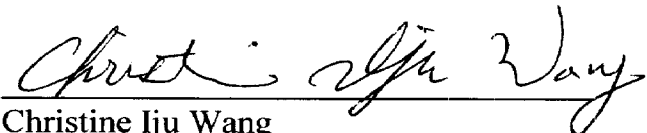
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