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for which an International Application was filed on 21 December 2001, PCT/JP01/11235, designating the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation with offices at 7-35, Kitashinagawa 6-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0001, Japan (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

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And I hereby authorize and request my attorney(s) of record in this application to insert the application number and filing date of this application in the spaces that follow: Application Number: _____, Filing Date: _____.

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