
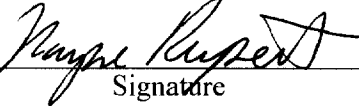


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Geoffrey Kidd, residing at 12943 Bridger Drive, Germantown, Maryland 20874, an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, have invented CONTAINER FOR DRYING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES, METHOD OF MAKING SUCH CONTAINER, AND METHOD OF USING SAME for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 08/717,114, filed September 6, 1996; and

WHEREAS, I am an applicant named in the above-mentioned application for Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, the conditions under which said invention was made are such as to entitle the Government under Paragraph 1(a) of Executive Order 10096 to the entire right, title, and interest herein, both domestic and foreign; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States is desirous of acquiring all domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in the above-mentioned invention described in the application for Letters Patent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign and transfer to the United States of America, represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, the full and exclusive rights in and to said invention in the U.S. and within each and every foreign country in which the Government elects to file and the entire right, title, and interest in and to such applications, and any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues or extensions thereof, and including priority rights as may be filed in the U.S. and foreign countries, and such Letters Patent as may be granted to be held by the Government to the end of the term for which the same would have been held by the inventors had this assignment not been made.

I further agree to make, execute, and deliver to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, upon request, any and all papers, documents, affidavits, or other instruments that may be necessary in the prosecution of any application or applications for improvements or reissues of Letters Patent, and to assist the Government in every way as may be requested in protecting said invention, provided that any expense of extending such assistance shall be paid by the Government.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of

July, 1998.

Geoffrey L Kidd
Geoffrey Kidd

STATE OF VA)
COUNTY OF Fairfax) ss.

On this 23rd day of July, 1998, before me personally appeared Geoffrey Kidd to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Milagros Osterholm
Notary Public
My Commission Expires November 30, 1999