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3. INTEREST CONVEYED: Assignment
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- EXECUTION DATE: May 5, 2003
4. PROPERTY(IES): New Application attached hereto
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Respectfully submitted,

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And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE.

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