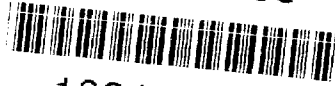


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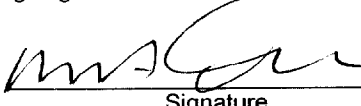
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**WHEREAS**, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS, CENTRAL MANAGING APPARATUS, TESTING METHOD, REMOTE MANAGING SYSTEM AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM, set forth in a patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith; and

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