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Whereas, we,

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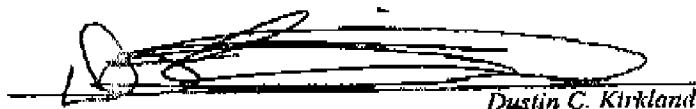
have invented certain improvements in

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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) 11 DECEMBER, 2003,
(2) 11 DECEMBER, 2003, and (3) DECEMBER 11, 2003.

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of
New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter
called IBM), desired to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the
said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents
to be obtained therefore;

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IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the
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said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to
issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said
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