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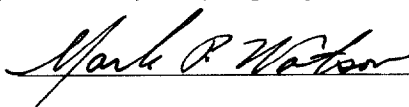
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AP148HO	10/368,234	February 18, 2003	Method and System for Finding a K Order Statistic in a Union of Sorted Sets

By its undersigned representative, the Assignor agrees

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