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WHEREAS, AESCULAP AG & CO. KG (hereinafter referred to as said Company), a German (state or country) corporation having a place of business at Am Aesculap-Platz, 78532 Tuttlingen, Germany (city, state, country) are desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

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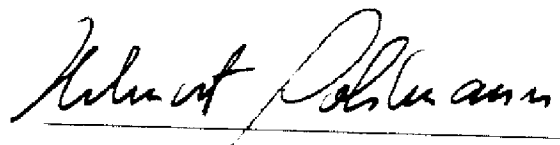
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