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have invented certain new and useful improvements in **INTERPOSER WITH ELECTRICAL CONTACT BUTTON AND METHOD**

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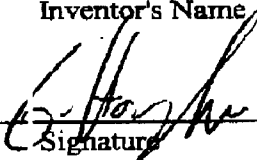
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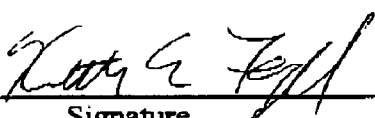
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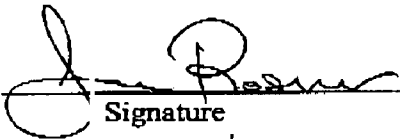
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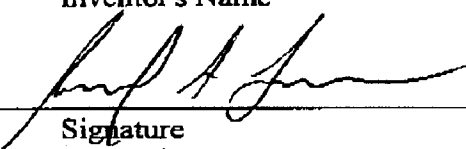
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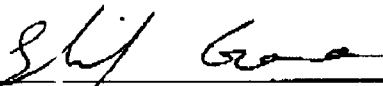
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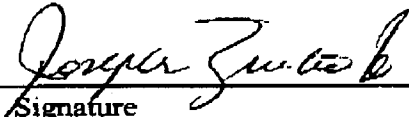
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