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And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said HITACHI, LTD.

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