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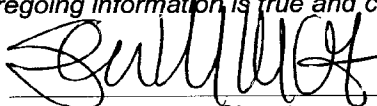
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(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ASSIGNOR), have invented and
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TITLE OF INVENTION:

BELT UNIT OF ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTING APPARATUS

WHEREAS

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