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 For: U.S. Application  
 By: Inventor

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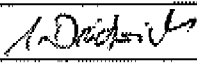
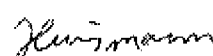
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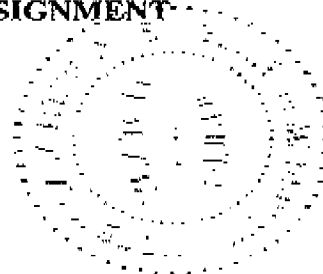
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