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ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS, I, Forrest Henry Ballinger, Citizen of Grain Valley, Missouri, residing at 33009 East Pink Hill Road have invented an improvement in AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTACT-LESS SWITCHING, File 145455/GETS 5327.1) and have executed an application for a United States patent based thereon simultaneously herewith.**

**AND, WHEREAS, GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY of One River Road, Schenectady, New York 12301, a corporation of the State of New York (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;**

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**AND I hereby agree for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;**

