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have invented certain new and useful improvements in: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE FORMING CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY REGULATING A TONER LAYER, DEVELOPING MECHANISM FOR THE APPARATUS, AND A PROCESS CARTRIDGE PROVIDED IN THE APPARATUS

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