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## A S S I G N M E N T

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have invented certain improvements in

**METHOD USING A MASTER NODE TO CONTROL I/O FABRIC CONFIGURATION  
IN A MULTI-HOST ENVIRONMENT**

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on  
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) 9/27, 2005,  
(2) 9/29, 2005, (3) 9/27, 2005,  
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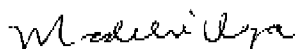
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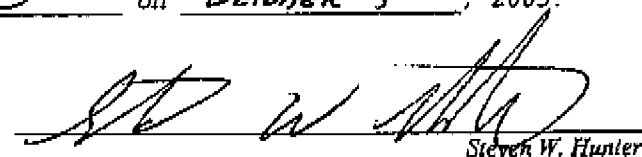
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