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which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by me (us) of even
date herewith; and

WHEREAS, OLYMPUS CORPORATION, 43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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