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Whereas, HITACHI, LTD., Marunouchi Center Building, 1-6-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8220, JAPAN (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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