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and executed a United States patent application therefore on the following date(s):

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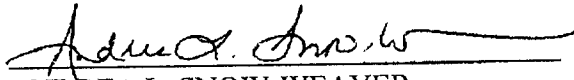
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