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**11/524,961**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration paid to me citizen of Japan by Hitachi Appliances, Inc.

a corporation organized under the laws of Japan,  
located at 16-1, Kaigan 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Hitachi Appliances, Inc.

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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on:

**Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-330167  
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A certified copy of said Japanese application is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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