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have invented certain improvements in

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**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MASKING  
LATENCY IN TEXT-TO-SPEECH SYSTEMS**

and executed a United States patent application therefor on

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