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Whereas I/we

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have invented certain improvements in

**TITLE: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCING COMPLEX TREE STRUCTURES TO
SIMPLE TREE STRUCTURES BASED ON RELEVANCE**

Application No/Filing Date: I/we hereby authorize and request the attorneys of IBM, and any law firm/attorney engaged by IBM to manage this patent application, to insert here in parentheses the filing date and application number of said application when known: (____,____).

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the above named, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and in all foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and I request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the inventions set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and I hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and I will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

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