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**DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. 1.63) FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 C.F.R. 1.76) AND ASSIGNMENT**

**Title of Invention: FLEXIBLE UTILIZATION OF BLOCK STORAGE IN A
COMPUTING SYSTEM**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to the attached application, or (if following box is checked):

☐ United States application or PCT international application number _____
filed on _____.

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application, including the claims.

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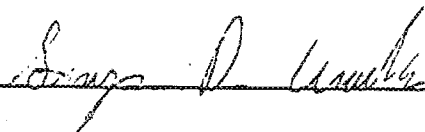
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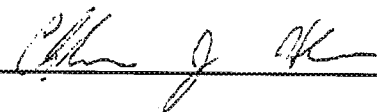
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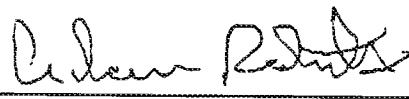
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