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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**COMBINED DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT**

**Declaration**

Invention Title: METHODS FOR AUTOMATIC DATA STORAGE DEVICE ASSIGNMENT DURING SYSTEM INITIALIZATION AND DEVICES THEREOF

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that this declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or United States application number 15/143,029,  
filed April 29, 2016.

I hereby authorize the legal representatives for NetApp, Inc., of LeClairRyan, a Professional Corporation, 70 Linden Oaks, Suite 210, Rochester, New York 14625, who are associated with customer number 119915, to insert above this application U.S. application number and filing date, when known.

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 hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

I have reviewed and understood the contents of the application's specification and claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

**Assignment**

NetApp, Inc., a company organized under the laws of the country of the United States of America, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns ("NetApp"), is entitled to, and is desirous of, acquiring the entire and exclusive rights, title and interest in the invention and the application, which includes all other applications and patents derived therefrom, such as continuing applications, in and for the United States, its territories, and all foreign countries;

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer to NetApp the entire and exclusive rights, title and interest in the invention and the application, including the right to sue for past infringement, for which I have received adequate consideration, and I expressly disclaim any additional rights to royalties, consideration or other payments;

I agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of the invention and the application, for litigation regarding letters patent derived therefrom and for the purpose of protecting and perfecting title to the invention and the application.

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