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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: **IMPLICIT LEADER ELECTION IN A DISTRIBUTED STORAGE NETWORK**

As a below named and undersigned 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 15/613,531 filed on June 5, 2017.

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.

I am aware of the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Whereas, I ("ASSIGNOR") have made certain inventions, improvements, and discoveries (herein referred to as the "Invention") disclosed in the above-identified patent application and further identified by the IBM Docket Number provided above in the header of this document;

Whereas, International Business Machines Corporation (herein referred to as the "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of New York having a place of business at Armonk, New York, desires to acquire, and I desire to grant to the ASSIGNEE, my entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to the Invention and in and to any and all patent applications and patents directed thereto;

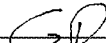
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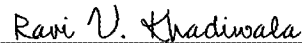
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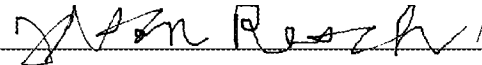
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