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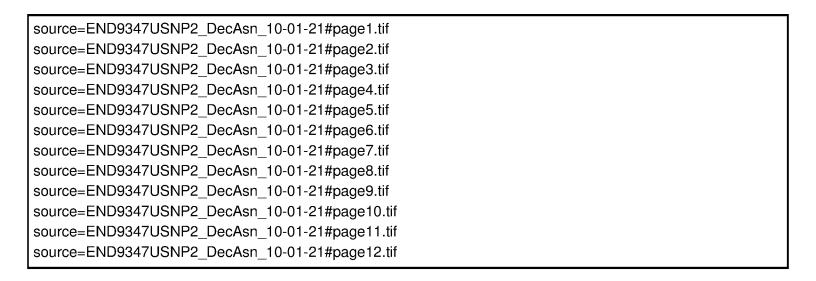
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I hereby acknowledge that I have assigne which is hereby conformed for recordation in the U	d the above-identified invention by previous assignment (attached hereto) to Assignee IS Patent Office and I confirm I have and do assign and transfer:
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I hereby (i) authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from the Application or any divisional, continuation, or reissue applications thereof, and any reexamination of any of such applications, to Assignee, and (ii) covenant that I have full right to convey the interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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