

## REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of this application and especially the identification of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, and 11. By this amendment certain claims have been amended and other claims canceled from the application (including the previously withdrawn claims) to overcome the Examiner's rejections and more concisely claim and describe the present invention. Claims 3, 4, 11 remain in the application for reconsideration by Examiner Wendell. The Examiner's allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

### MATTERS RELATED TO THE CLAIMS

#### Rejections under Section 103(a)

Examiner Wendell has rejected claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Shapiro (US Patent Application Number 5,973,568) in view of Weigand (US Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0201423).

Claims 7 – 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Shapiro in view of Weigand and further in view of Matsuyoshi (US Patent Number (6,980, 831).

By this Amendment claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 - 10 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice to the Applicants filing another application incorporating these claims.

#### Objected-to claims

Claims 3, 4 and 11 have been objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants have amended claim 3 to independent form by incorporating the text from claim 1 from which it had previously depended.

Claim 4 had previously depended from claim 3 and remains dependent from claim 3.

The Applicants have amended claim 11 to independent form by incorporating the text from claim 7 from which it had previously depended.

The Applicants believe these changes address the Examiner's objections to claims 3, 4 and 11.

No additional claim fees are due as ten independent claims were paid for at the time of filing the application; only two independent claims remain in the application.

The Applicants have complied with all of the points raised in the Office Action and amended the claims to overcome the rejections. The Applicants believe the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims.

If a telephone conference will assist in clarifying or expediting this Amendment or these claim changes, Examiner Wendell is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. The undersigned hopes that he and the Examiner can engage in a cooperative search for allowable subject matter, as Director Kappos has suggested in his blog remarks. I am open to a telephone interview at any time during this process

Respectfully submitted,

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