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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 9 is respectfully acknowledged.

Allowable claim 5 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 3 and intervening claim 4, and allowable claim 9 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 3 and intervening claim 8.

In addition, independent claim 12 (which as pointed out by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action corresponds to claim 3 except that it uses "means for" language) has also been amended to incorporate subject matter corresponding to allowable claim 5 and intervening claim 4, and new independent claim 14 has been added corresponding to independent claim 12 rewritten to incorporate subject matter corresponding to allowable claim 9 and intervening claim 8. Still further, the claims have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 9, and 12, new independent claim 14, and claim 6 depending from claim 5 are all in condition for immediate allowance.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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