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This is to inform your Office of a request for inclusion into the PCT Minimum Documentation list of the journal “Research Disclosure”(RD), and its electronic version “Research Disclosure Electronic”, which has been received from the publisher of the said periodical. In subsequent correspondence with the publisher, he stated that for the last thirty years a free copy of the RD journal (including the “IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin” as part of it) has been sent to every IP Office of which they are aware of. This free distribution does cover all of the current PCT Member States. The publisher confirmed his intention to continue the free distribution service of the RD journal in the case of its inclusion into the PCT Minimum Documentation list.

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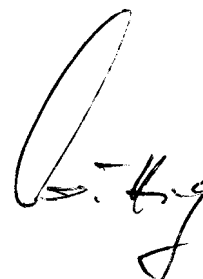
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