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PART I. THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892
2. Information Disclosure Citation, PTO/SB/08
3. _____

PART II. SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- 1a. Claims 1-60 are subject to reexamination.
- 1b. Claims _____ are not subject to reexamination.
2. Claims _____ have been canceled.
3. Claims _____ are confirmed. [Unamended patent claims]
4. Claims _____ are patentable. [Amended or new claims]
5. Claims 1-60 are rejected.
6. Claims _____ are objected to.
7. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable are not acceptable.
8. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved. disapproved.
9. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d). The certified copy has:
 - been received. not been received. been filed in Application/Control No 95001789.
10. Other _____

NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Introduction

This Office action addresses claims 1-60 of United States Patent Number 7,921,211 B2 ("Larson"), for which it has been determined in the Order Granting *Inter Partes* Reexamination accompanying this non-final Office action (the "Order"), that a reasonable likelihood was established in the request for *inter partes* reexamination, filed on October 18, 2011 (hereafter the "Request") that the requester will prevail with respect to at least one of the claims 1-60 in the Larson patent.

Issues Raised in the Request

A total of ten references, in certain combinations, have been asserted in the Request as providing teachings relevant to the claims of the Larson patent.

Solana, E. et al., "Flexible Internet Secure Transactions Based on Collaborative Domains," Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Vol. 1361, at 37-51 (1997), attached to the Request as Exhibit X1 ("Solana").

U.S. Patent No. 6,557,037 to Provino, attached to the Request as Exhibit X2 ("Provino").

U.S. Patent No. 6,496,867 to Beser, attached to the Request as Exhibit X3 ("Beser").

Atkinson, R., IETF RFC 2230, "Key Exchange Delegation Record for the DNS," November 1997, attached to the Request as Exhibit X4 ("RFC 2230").

Eastlake, D. et al., IETF RFC 2538, "Storing Certificates in the Domain Name System (DNS)," March 1999, attached to the Request as Exhibit X5 ("RFC 2538").

Kent, S. et al., IETF RFC 2401, "Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol," November 1998, attached to the Request as Exhibit X6 ("RFC 2401").

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Eastlake, D. et al., IETF RFC 2064, "Domain Name System Security Extensions," January 1997, attached to the Request as Exhibit X7 ("RFC 2065").

Postel, J. et al., IETF RFC 920, "Domain Requirements," October 1984, attached to the Request as Exhibit X8 ("RFC 920").

Guttman, E. et al., IETF RFC 2504, "Users' Security Handbook," February 1999, attached to the Request as Exhibit X9 ("RFC 2504").

Reed, M. et al., "Proxies for Anonymous Routing," 12th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference, Sand Diego, CA (December 9-13, 1996), attached to the Request as Exhibit X10 ("Reed").

The third party requester also cited six prior art patents and printed publications to demonstrate the knowledge in the field of the invention.

Goldschlag et al., "Hiding Routing Information," Workshop on Information Hiding, Cambridge, UK, May 1996, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y1 ("Goldschlag").

Mockapetris, P., RFC 1035, "Domain Names – Implementation and Specification," November 1987, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y2 ("RFC 1035").

Braken, R., RFC 1123, "Requirements for Internet Hosts – Application and Support," October 1989, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y3 ("RFC 1123").

Atkinson, R., RFC 1825, "Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol," August 1995, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y4 ("RFC 1825").

Housley, R. et al., RFC 2459, "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and CRL profile," January 1999, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y5 ("RFC 2459").

Mockapetris, P., RFC 1034, "Domain Names – Concepts and Facilities," November 1987, attached to the Request as Exhibit Y4 ("RFC 1034").

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