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MOVEABLE AND DEMOUNTABLE WALL PANEL SYSTEM

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Field of the invention

The present invention relates to a wall panel system. More particularly, the present invention relates to a moveable non-progressive mountable and demountable wall panel system.

Background of the invention

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Fixed wall systems, moveable wall systems, and non-progressive wall systems are very well known in the art.

Some problems associated with fixed wall systems are the inability to displace and/or move the fixed wall systems once they are mounted; the inability to readily install passthrough components (wiring, etc.) after the fixed wall systems have been mounted; and the inability to readily change aspects and features of the fixed wall systems once they are installed. Furthermore, fixed wall systems are also disadvantageous because their installing is quite lengthy. For example, for conventional gyproc walls, one must first install supporting studs, then affix gyproc panels thereto, then plaster thereon, wait for drying of the plaster, sanding subsequently and then finishing the surfaces of the gyproc walls. It is well known in the art that the mounting of such fixed wall systems usually extends over several days and requires a great deal of manual labour, which is thus very inefficient and very cost ineffective.

Some of the problems associated with moveable wall systems are that, very often, their components are over-engineered (e.g. too heavy), different and specialized tooling is required for assembling such moveable wall systems, and the moveable wall systems generally comprise various different components which are not readily interchangeable. As a results of the above-mentioned, installation of such moveable wall systems is generally quite lengthy and cumbersome. Furthermore, it is well known in the art that such moveable wall systems, by virtue of their design, offer generally very poor sound proofing, light proofing and/or vibration proofing.

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Some of the problems associated with non-progressive wall systems are the inability to independently change, move, and/or alter a particular component of the non-progressive wall system without affecting the other components operatively connected to said particular component. Indeed, by virtue of their design, non-progressive wall systems generally have several components which are intricately connected to one another and thus prevent one particular component thereof from being changed, moved, and/or altered without disturbing the other components of the non-progressive wall system.

Known to the Applicant are the following American patents which describe different wall panel systems: 3,040,847; 3,352,078; 3,363,383; 3,675,382; 4,167,084; 4,399,644; 4,640,072; 4,757,657; 4,825,610; 5,056,577; 5,159,793; 5,207,037; 5,379,560; 5,381,845; 5,491,943; 5,644,878; 5,735,089; 5,875,596; 6,112,485; and 6,122,871.

20 None of the above-mentioned patents seem to disclose or even suggest a movable non-progressive mountable and demountable wall panel system which would overcome several of the above-mentioned problems associated with the prior art.

25 <u>Summary of the invention</u>

An object of the present invention is to provide a wall panel system which would satisfy some of the above-mentioned needs, and would thus be an improvement over the wall panel systems known in the art.

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In accordance with the present invention, the above object is achieved by a moveable and demountable wall panel system comprising a plurality of panels

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used for defining an office space, each panel having a vertical axis and a horizontal axis, each panel comprising:

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opposite top and bottom distance channels, the distance channels extending along directions substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the panel; opposite left and right vertical posts, the vertical posts extending along directions substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel, the distance channels and vertical posts being affixed to one another by means of connecting studs for forming a rectangular support frame of the panel;

a panel covering removably mountable onto receiving means of the 10 rectangular support frame;

a ceiling rail operatively connected to a top portion of the rectangular support frame, the ceiling rail being used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame of the panel to a ceiling surface; and

an articulating floor channel operatively connected to a bottom portion of 15 the rectangular support frame by means of left and right glide assemblies mounted into receiving channels of the left and right vertical posts respectively, the articulating floor channel being used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame of the panel to a ground surface, the glide assemblies being further used for displacing the rectangular support frame with respect to the floor channel along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel;

wherein each vertical post comprises at least one receiving lip extending along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel, each receiving lip being removably connectable to another receiving lip of a vertical post of a neighboring panel by means of a connector for selectively and removably connecting together a plurality of panels in order to define said office space.

Preferably, the receiving means comprise receiving grooves disposed along the vertical posts in a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel and the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and vertical stiffeners, the vertical stiffeners being securely affixed to lateral sides of the outer panel shell of the panel covering and being removably connectable onto the

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receiving grooves of the vertical posts for removably connecting the panel covering onto the rectangular support frame of the panel.

Preferably, the receiving means comprise a receiving groove disposed along the top distance channel in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the panel and the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and a top stiffener, the top stiffener being securely affixed to a lateral side of the outer panel shell of the panel covering and being removably hookable onto the receiving groove of the top distance channel for removably hooking the panel covering onto the rectangular support frame of the panel.

Preferably, the vertical stiffeners each comprise a bracket and a flexible clip securely affixed onto one another, the brackets being further securely affixed to the lateral sides of the outer panel shell of the panel covering and the flexible clips being removably connectable into the receiving grooves of the vertical posts.

Preferably, the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and intermediate stiffeners, the intermediate stiffeners being securely affixed transversely onto the outer panel shell of the panel covering in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the panel.

Preferably, the connectors may comprise fins, may comprise flexible skirts, and may be provided with covering caps.

25 Preferably, floor channel is securely affixed to the ground surface by means of fasteners, and the ceiling rail is securely affixed to the ceiling surface by means of fasteners.

Preferably, each glide assembly comprises a substantially L-shaped glide 30 and a glide bolt. The substantially L-shaped glide preferably has an abutment flange and an insert, the insert being removably insertable into a receiving channel of a corresponding vertical post. Preferably also, the glide bolt is

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threadedly mounted into the abutment flange of the glide and has a pivot head articulately mounted to the floor channel by means of a rivet.

Preferably also, the pivot head of the glide bolt is positioned inside a longitudinal groove of the floor channel, and the rivet of the pivot head is constrained to slide along a transversal slot of the longitudinal groove of the floor channel. The insert of the glide preferably comprises two tongues removably mountable into respective receiving channels of a corresponding vertical post.

The invention and its advantages would be better understood upon reading the following non-restrictive description of preferred embodiments thereof, made with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Brief description of the drawings

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Figure 1 is an exploded perspective view of a solid wall panel according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view of a glass wall panel according to 20 a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 3 is an exploded perspective view of some of the components of the wall panel shown in Figure 1, said wall panel being shown in an exploded view with a base cover according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 4 is another exploded perspective view of what is shown in Figure

Figure 5 is a perspective view of an intermediate stiffener of the wall panel 30 shown in Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a cross-sectional view of the intermediate stiffener shown in Figure 5.

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Figure 7 is a partial sectional exploded view of some of the components of 5 the wall panel shown in Figure 1.

Figure 8 is a cross-sectional view of the bottom distance channel and the bottom stiffener of the wall panel shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 10 is a partial sectional perspective view of some of the components of the wall panel shown in Figure 1.

15 Figure 11 is another perspective view of what is shown in Figure 10.

Figure 12 is yet another perspective view of what is shown in Figure 10.

Figure 13 is an exploded perspective view of a stackable flyover 20 cooperating with two vertical posts according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 14 is a partial enlarged view of what is shown in Figure 13.

25 Figure 15 is a cross-sectional view of a connecting stud according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 16 is a side elevational view of the connecting stud shown in Figure 15.

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Figure 17 is a cross-sectional view of what is shown in Figure 14.

Figure 18 is a cross-sectional view of what is shown in Figure 17 according to another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 19 is a cross-sectional view of the stackable flyover shown in Figure 5 17.

Figure 20 is a perspective view of a punched solid panel vertical post according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

10 Figure 21 is a perspective view of a ceiling rail cooperating with a notched vertical post according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 22 is a top plan view of the ceiling rail shown in Figure 21.

15 Figure 23 is a sectional view of a glide assembly of the wall panel shown in Figure 1, said glide assembly being shown cooperating with a floor channel according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 24 is a perspective view of the glide of the glide assembly shown in Figure 23.

Figure 25 is a partial sectional view of two panel coverings 15 mounted onto a vertical post by means of a vertical stiffener according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 26 is a cross-sectional view of one of the vertical stiffeners shown in Figure 25.

Figure 27 is a wall panel assembly according to a preferred embodiment of 30 the invention.

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Figure 28 is a wall panel assembly according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 29 is a cross-sectional view of the connector shown in Figure 28.

Figure 30 is a cross-sectional view of a connector according to another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 31 is a wall panel assembly according to yet another preferred 10 embodiment of the invention.

Figure 32 is a cross-sectional view of the building module connector shown in Figure 31.

15 Figure 33 is a cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 34 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of a portion shown in Figure 33.

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Figure 35 is a cross-sectional view of the furniture module connector shown in Figure 34.

Figure 36 is a partial cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly 25 according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 37 is a cross-sectional view of the double glazing gasket shown in the wall panel assembly of Figure 36.

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Figure 38 is a partial cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 39 is a cross-sectional view of the center cap shown in the wall panel of Figure 38.

Figure 40 is a partial cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly 5 according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 41 is a cross-sectional view of a furniture module according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

10 Figure 42 is a cross-sectional view of a furniture module according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 43 is a cross-sectional view of a furniture module according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 44 is a cross-sectional view of a furniture module according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 45 is a cross-sectional view of a furniture module according to yet 20 another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 46 is a cross-sectional view of a glass vertical post according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

25 Figure 47 is a cross-sectional view of a vertical post according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention, said vertical post being shown with a weatherstrip holder mounted into the interseptum thereof.

Figure 48 is a cross-sectional view of a solid vertical post according to yet 30 another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 49 is a cross-sectional view of a building module according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 50 is a cross-sectional view of a corner post according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 51 is a cross-sectional view of a distance channel according to a preferred embodiment of the invention, said distance channel being shown provided with a connecting stud.

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Figure 52 is a partial cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 53 is a cross-sectional view of a distance channel according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 54 is a cross-sectional view of a distance channel according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 55 is a cross-sectional view of a distance channel according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 56 is a cross-sectional view of a distance channel according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 57 is a cross-sectional view of a transition channel according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 58 is a cross-sectional view of a wall post according to a preferred 30 embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 59 is a cross-sectional view of a wall panel assembly according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 60 is an exploded view of a door panel assembly according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 61 is a partial sectional perspective view of the door assembly shown in Figure 60.

10 Figure 62 is a cross-sectional view of the wall assembly shown in Figure 61.

Figure 63 is a cross-sectional view of the door bumper shown in Figure 62.

15 Figure 64 is a cross-sectional view of the door strike shown in Figure 62.

Figure 65 is a perspective view of the door pivot shown in Figure 60.

Figure 66 is a perspective view of the top pivot bushing shown in Figure 20 60.

Figure 67 is a cross-sectional view of a vertical post according to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention, said vertical post being shown with an opening filler strip mounted into the interseptum of the vertical post.

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Figure 68 is a perspective view of an assembled wall panel system according to a preferred embodiment of the invention, said assembled wall panel system being shown with glass panels and a door assembly such as the one of Figure 60.

Detailed description of preferred embodiments of the invention

In the following description, the same numerical references refer to similar elements. The embodiments shown in the figures are preferred only.

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Moreover, although the present invention as exemplified hereinafter was primarily designed for wall systems, it could be used with other objects and for other purposes, such as with furniture applications, for example, as apparent to a person skilled in the art. For this reason, expressions such as "wall" and any other references and/or other expressions equivalent thereto should not be taken as to limit the scope of the present invention and include all other objects and all other applications with which the present invention could be used and may be useful.

Similarly, expressions such as "wall" and "panel", as well as any mutually equivalent expressions and/or compound words thereof, may be used interchangeably in the context of the present description. The same applies for any other mutually equivalent expressions, such as "covering" and "shell" and "screw" and "bolt" for example, as also apparent to a person skilled in the art.

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In addition, although the preferred embodiment of the wall panel system 1 as disclosed hereinafter comprises various components such as intermediate stiffeners 47, gaskets, connecting studs 21, transition channels 9, 11, glide assemblies 25, solid panels 3, glass panels 3, stackable flyovers 81, etc., which are useful and present several substantial advantages, not all of these components are essential to the invention and thus should not be taken in their restrictive sense, i.e. should not be taken as to limit the scope of the present invention. It is to be understood, as also apparent to a person skilled in the art, that other suitable components and cooperations thereinbetween may be used for the wall panel system 1 according to the present invention, as will be explained hereinafter, without departing from the scope of the invention.

Broadly described, the wall panel system 1 according to the preferred embodiment of the invention as it is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, is a wall panel system 1 comprising a plurality of panels 3 used for defining an office space. Each panel 3 has a vertical axis 5 and a horizontal axis 7. Each panel 3 has opposite top and bottom distance channels 9, 11, opposite left and right vertical posts 13, a panel covering 15, a ceiling rail 17, and an articulating floor channel 19. The top and bottom distance channels 9, 11 extend along a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis 7 of the panel 3. The left and right vertical posts 13 extend along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis 5 of the panel 3. The distance channels 9, 11 and vertical posts 13 are affixed to 10 one another by means of connecting studs 21 so as to form a rectangular support frame 23 of the panel 3. The panel covering 15 is removably mountable onto receiving means of the rectangular support frame 23. The ceiling rail 17 is operatively connected to a top portion of the rectangular support frame 23 and is used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame 23 of the panel 3 to a 15 ceiling surface. The articulating floor channel 19 is operatively connected to a bottom portion of the rectangular support frame 23 by means of left and right glide assemblies 25 mounted into receiving channels 27 of the left and right vertical posts 13 respectively. The articulating floor channel 19 is used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame 23 of the panel 3 to a ground 20 surface. The glide assemblies 25 are also used for displacing the rectangular support frame 23 with respect to the floor channel 19 along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis 5 of the panel 3. Each vertical post 13 has at least one receiving lip 29 extending along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis 5 of the panel 3. Each receiving lip 29 is removable 25 connectable to another receiving lip 29 of a vertical post 13 of a neighboring panel 3 by means of a connector 31 for selectively and removably connecting together a plurality of panels 3 in order to define the office space. By virtue of its design and its components, the present wall panel system 1 is a moveable nonprogressive mountable and demountable wall panel system 1.

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Preferably, the receiving means comprise receiving grooves 33 disposed along the vertical posts 13 in a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis 5 of the panel 3 and the panel covering 15 comprises an outer panel shell 35 and vertical stiffeners 37, the vertical stiffeners 37 being securely affixed to lateral sides of the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15 and being removably connectable onto the receiving grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13 for removably connecting the panel covering 15 onto the rectangular support frame 23 of the panel 3, as better shown in Figures 1, 3, 4, 7 and 12.

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10 Preferably, the receiving means comprise a receiving groove 39 disposed along the top distance channel 9 in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis 7 of the panel 3 and the panel covering 15 comprises an outer panel shell 35 and a top stiffener 41, the top stiffener 41 being securely affixed to a lateral side of the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15 and being 15 removably hookable onto the receiving groove 39 of the top distance channel 9 for removably hooking the panel covering 15 onto the rectangular support frame 23 of the panel 3, as better shown in Figures 1, 3, 4, and 7.

Preferably, the vertical stiffeners 37 each comprise a bracket 43 and a 20 flexible clip 45 securely affixed onto one another, the brackets 43 being further securely affixed to the lateral sides of the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15 and the flexible clips 45 being removably connectable into the receiving grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13, as better shown in Figures 25-27.

25 Preferably, the panel covering 15 comprises an outer panel shell 35 and intermediate stiffeners 47, the intermediate stiffeners 47 being securely affixed transversely onto the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15 in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis 7 of the panel 3, as better shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4.

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Preferably, the connectors 31 may comprise fins 49, may comprise flexible skirts 50, and may be provided with covering caps 51, as better shown in Figures

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7 and 27-35. The connectors 31 are preferably shaped and sized to provide proper sound proofing, light proofing and vibration proofing to the wall panel system 1.

Preferably, the floor channel 19 is securely affixed to the ground surface by means of fasteners, and the ceiling rail 17 is securely affixed to the ceiling surface by means of fasteners, as better shown in Figures 21 and 22.

Preferably, each glide assembly 25 comprises a substantially L-shaped glide 53 and a glide bolt 55. The substantially L-shaped glide 53 preferably has an abutment flange 57 and an insert 59, the insert 59 being removably insertable into a receiving channel 27 of a corresponding vertical post 13. Preferably also, the glide bolt 55 is threadedly mounted into the abutment flange 57 of the glide 53 and has a pivot head 61 articulately mounted to the floor channel 19 by means of a rivet 63, as better shown in Figures 10-12 and 23.

Preferably also, the pivot head 61 of the glide bolt 55 is positioned inside a longitudinal groove 65 of the floor channel 19, and the rivet 63 of the pivot head 61 is constrained to slide along a transversal slot 67 of the longitudinal groove 65 of the floor channel 19, as better shown in Figure 12. The insert 59 of the glide 53 preferably comprises two tongues 69 removably mountable into respective receiving channels 27 of a corresponding vertical post 13, as better shown in Figures 11, 12 and 24.

25 Preferably, the wall panel system 1 further comprises a base cover 71 and the base cover 71 preferably comprises a base cover insert 73 for removably mounting the base cover 71 onto the floor channel 19 of the panel 3, as better shown in Figures 3, 10-12, and 23.

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Preferably also, at least two connecting studs 21 are respectively and securely affixed at opposite ends of each of the top and bottom distance channels 9, 11, as better shown in Figures 1, 2, 10, 11, 15 and 16.

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Preferably, each distance channel 9, 11 and each vertical post 13 comprise at least one interseptum 79, so that accessories of the panel system 1 can be removably mounted onto said intersepta 79, as shown in several of the accompanying drawings.

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Preferably, each panel 3 is stackable onto another panel 3 by means of stackable flyovers 81 inserted and fastened into the receiving channels 27 of the vertical posts 13 of the stacked panels 3, as better shown in Figures 13, 14, 17 and 18. Preferably also, the stackable flyovers 81 comprise interference ribs 83, as better shown in Figure 19.

Preferably, the vertical posts 13 may comprise punched marks 85 extending longitudinally along the vertical posts 13, the punched marks 85 being used for hooking accessories onto the vertical posts 13 of the panel system 1, as 15 better shown in Figure 20.

Preferably also, the moveable and demountable wall panel system 1 according to the present invention may also comprise a door assembly 87, as better shown in Figures 60-67. 20

Referring now to Figure 1, there is shown an exploded perspective view of a solid wall panel 3 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. As can be seen, the wall panel 3 preferably comprises two vertical members, known as "vertical posts" 13, which are connected to two horizontal members, known as 25 "distance channels" 9, 11. The left and right vertical posts 13 are connected to the top and bottom distance channels 9, 11 to form a rectangular structural support frame 23. The vertical posts 13 are preferably connected to the distance channels 9, 11 by appropriate fasteners drilled into the sides of the vertical posts 13 and inserted into corresponding connecting studs 21 which are preferably 30 securely affixed to the respective distance channels 9, 11, as better shown in Figures 1 and 2. The solid wall panel 3 preferably comprises also an outer panel

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covering 15 which is removably mounted onto the rectangular support frame 23 formed by the vertical posts 13 and the distance channels 9, 11. The outer panel covering 15 preferably comprises an outer panel shell 35, vertical stiffeners 37 securely mounted to the outer panel shell 35 for allowing the same to be removably fastened onto receiving grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13 of the panel 3, and intermediate and top and bottom stiffeners 41, 42, 47 mounted transversely to the outer panel shell 35. The intermediate stiffeners 47 are primarily used for providing the outer panel shell 35 with structural rigidity whereas the top stiffener 41 may be used for hooking and sustaining the outer panel shell 35 onto a corresponding receiving groove 39 of the top distance channel 9. Although the bottom stiffener 42 is preferably not hooked onto a similar groove 39 of the bottom distance channel 11, it nevertheless rests thereagainst so as to ensure proper positioning of the outer panel covering 15 with respect to the bottom distance channel 11, as better shown in Figure 8.

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As also shown in Figure 1, the wall panel 3 preferably also comprises a floor channel 19 which is destined to be securely affixed to the ground floor by means of suitable fasteners, such as carpet grippers for example. The wall panel 3 preferably also comprises left and right glide assemblies 25 for adjusting vertical positioning of the rectangular support frame 23 with respect to the 20 articulating floor channel 19. Preferably also, the wall panel 3 comprises connectors 31 for connecting two neighboring vertical posts 13 and thus adjoining two vertical wall panels 3 together. As better shown in Figure 21, the top portion of the vertical post 13 is preferably notched to allow the guiding rail 17 to pass 25 therethrough. As it can be easily understood, once an appropriate wall panel 3 is assembled, it may be installed into the ceiling rail 17 at an angle and then swiveled towards the vertical axis 5 in order to properly secure the articulating floor channel 19 to the ground floor and then adjust positioning of the rectangular support frame 23 with respect to the ceiling rail 17 by means of the glide assemblies 25. Once the wall panel 3 is properly positioned in a vertical upright 30 position, it is preferably provided with a base cover 71 so as to conceal the floor channel 19, the bottom distance channel 11 and the glide assemblies 25. The

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connectors 31, panel coverings 15, and base covers 71 are preferably shaped and sized so as to provide to the wall panel system 1 with a very sleek and clean look, as shown in the accompanying drawings.

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5 Referring now to Figure 2, there is shown an exploded perspective view of a glass wall panel 3 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Similarly to the wall panel 3 shown in Figure 1, the glass panel 3 shown in Figure 2 comprises left and right vertical posts 13, top and bottom distance channels 9, 11, a floor channel 19 and glide assemblies 25. Once again, the vertical posts 13 10 and the distance channels 9, 11 are connected to one another so as to form a rectangular support frame 23 and the glide assemblies 25 cooperate with such rectangular support frame 23 so as to be able to displace it vertically in order to adjust the positioning of the wall panel 3 with respect to the ceiling. As shown in Figure 2, a glass panel 3 is inserted into respective grooves of the vertical posts 15 13 and distance channels 9, 11, these grooves are commonly known as "interseptum" 79, or "intersepta" (plural). Preferably, appropriate glazing gaskets are used between these grooves and the glass panels 3 so as to provide the wall panel 3 with appropriate sound proofing, light proofing and vibration proofing. The glass panel 3 also preferably comprises a floor channel 19 which is devised to be securely affixed to the ground floor and also preferably comprises a base cover 20 71 with functions similar to the ones described for Figure 1. Similarly to the above-mentioned, the vertical posts 13 are connected to the horizontal distance channels 9, 11 by appropriate fasteners which are inserted into the side portions of the vertical posts 13 and into corresponding connecting studs 21 which are 25 preferably securely affixed to the top and bottom distance channels 9, 11, as explained and illustrated hereinabove.

As better shown in Figure 3, the intermediate stiffeners 47 are devised to be securely affixed onto the outer panel shell 35 in order to, among other things, provide the same with increased rigidity. Preferably also, the top stiffener 41 is to be securely affixed to a top lateral side of the outer panel shell 35 and is to be used for hooking the outer panel covering 15 onto a corresponding groove 39

provided to that effect on the top distance channel 11 of the panel 3. As also shown, the horizontal bottom stiffener 42 is intended to be securely affixed to the bottom portion of the outer panel shell 35 and to cooperate with the bottom distance channel 11 in the preferred manner better illustrated in Figure 9. As better shown in Figure 3, the outer panel covering 15 of a solid panel 3 preferably comprises an outer panel shell 35, intermediate stiffeners 47, top and bottom stiffeners 41, 42, and vertical stiffeners 37. As mentioned hereinabove, the vertical stiffeners 37 are preferably securely affixed to the outer panel shell 35 along the left and right internal sides thereof and are intended primarily to removably fasten the outer panel covering 15 onto the corresponding receiving grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13 of the panel 3, as better shown in Figure 1.

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Referring now to Figure 7, there is shown a partial sectional exploded view of some of the components of the wall panel 3 shown in Figure 1. More 15 particularly, there is shown a cross-sectional configuration of the top distance channel 9 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Indeed, the distance channel 9 comprises grooves 33 for removably receiving optional horizontal stiffeners (not shown) of the outer panel coverings 15. The distance channel 9 also preferably comprises a corresponding groove 39 for receiving a 20 top stiffener 41 of the outer panel covering 15. Preferably also, the distance channel 9 also comprises a longitudinal interseptum 79 for receiving different modular components of the wall panel system 1, such as a glass panel 3, as in the case of Figure 2. It is worth mentioning here that other shaped and sized intersepta 79 may be used for mounting different accessories thereon, such as blinds for example. As also shown in Figure 7, two vertical posts 13 are 25 preferably adjoined to one another so as to connect two neighboring wall panels 3 by means of a connector 31 which may or may not be provided with a covering cap 51. The covering cap 51 of the connector 31 is preferably selected to match the outer surface of the outer panel covering 15 (i.e. the outer panel shell 35). It is 30 worth mentioning that different finishes and textures may be used for the covering cap 51 of the connector 31 as well as for the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15, depending on the particulars of a user of the wall panel system 1, as

apparent to a person skilled in the art. For example, the covering cap 51 and the outer panel shell 35 may have a wood finish, a metallic finish, an upholstery finish, etc., and may be similar to one another or different from each other, depending on the particular wants and needs of a user of the wall panel system 1. Advantageously, because all of the above-mentioned components of the wall panel system 1 are removably mountable and demountable onto the wall panel 3, one may mix and match different configurations, as need may be.

Referring now to Figure 10, there is shown a partial sectional perspective 10 view of some of the components of the wall panel 3 shown in Figure 1. As illustrated in this figure, and as can be easily understood, the glide assemblies 25 enable to adjust vertically the rectangular structural support frame 23 formed by the vertical posts 13 and horizontal top and bottom distance channels 9, 11 with respect to the floor channel 19, and consequently with respect to the ceiling, or the ceiling rail 17 which is preferably affixed thereto according to the present 15 invention. CaddyTM clips are preferably used for affixing the ceiling rail 17 to the ceiling surface, although other suitable fasteners may be used, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

As better shown in Figures 11 and 12, the glide assemblies 25 preferably comprise a glide bolt 55, a glide 53, and a fastener. The glide 53 preferably comprises two tongues 69 which are insertable into corresponding grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13 and an abutment flange 57 which preferably extends perpendicularly with respect to the tongues 69 so as to form an abutment with the 25 vertical post 13, as better shown in Figure 12. The abutment flange 57 is preferably threadedly mounted onto the glide bolt 55 so as to enable a relative movement between the glide 53 and the glide bolt 55 by rotation of the glide bolt 55. Preferably, as also shown in Figures 11 and 12, the glide bolt 55 preferably comprises a pivot head 61 which is operatively connected to the floor channel 19 by means of a suitable fastener, the latter guiding the sliding of the glide bolt 55 30 along a corresponding slot 67 of the floor channel 19, as better shown in Figure 12. Preferably also, the fastener connecting the glide bolt 55 to the floor channel

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19 is a rivet 63, although other suitable means may be used, as apparent to a person skilled in the art. Preferably also and as better shown in Figure 23, the glide bolt 55 has a square cross-sectional portion so as to facilitate rotation thereof by suitable means, such as a conventional wrench for example.

As can be easily understood, since the floor channel 19 is securely affixed to the floor, when the glide 53 is moved with respect to the glide bolt 55 vertically, then so will the vertical post 13 with respect to the floor because of the abutment of the flange 57 against the bottom portion of the vertical post 13, as better shown in Figure 12.

Figure 11 also shows how the connecting stud 21 is preferably securely affixed to the bottom distance channel 11.

15 Referring now to Figures 13-19, and particularly to Figure 13, there is shown a perspective view of a stackable flyover 81 cooperating with two vertical posts 13 of two wall panels 3 intended to be stacked onto one another. As can be easily understood, the stackable flyover 81 is used to connect adjoining vertical posts 13, i.e. stacked them together, so as to enable to stack wall panels 3 onto 20 one another. Among many other functions, the stackable flyover 81 is intended to impart to the vertical posts 13 with a sound structural integrity, as well as to provide both wall panels 3 stacked together with sound structural stability. The stackable flyover 81 is preferably devised to be snuggly inserted into the receiving channels 33 of the vertical posts 13 so as to enable quick and easy 25 assembling of the same, by light taping for example. Preferably also, the stackable flyover 81 is made of a suitable material, so as to not allow jigger and so as to sustain the loads of the vertical posts 13 connected thereto, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

According to the preferred embodiment of the invention, holes are drilled through the assembled vertical posts 13 and through the stackable flyovers 81 at predetermined ranges, as better shown in Figure 14, and then suitable

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connecting fasteners are preferably passed therethrough, and into the connecting studs 21, as can be inferred from in Figures 1 and 2, so as to hold the entire wall panel, formed of stacked panels 3, together. Therefore, the vertical posts 13 are operatively connected to the connecting studs 21 of the horizontal distance channels 9, 11, whether simple or transition distance channels 9, 11, by means of the stackable flyovers 81 and appropriate connecting fasteners, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

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Preferably, the connecting stud 21 is a threaded metal receptacle that 10 allows the connecting fasteners, such as screws for example, to be affixed to the distance channels 9, 11.

As can be easily understood, by inserting the connecting screws into the connecting studs 21, one is able to align both stackable panels 3 and keep them 15 in position with respect to one another.

As better shown in Figures 13, 14 and 17, the vertical post 13 preferably comprises a receiving groove 33 for receiving the vertical stiffeners 37 of the panel coverings 15. Preferably, these receiving grooves 33 are a half-round arc of about 270° sweep. The vertical post 13 also preferably comprises a longitudinal groove, known as an "interseptum" 79 and panel-to-panel receiving lips 29, said panel-to-panel receiving lips 29 being used for receiving the panel-to-panel connectors 31, as explained hereinabove. Preferably, the receiving lips 29 and the connectors 31 are preferably devised to be removably insertable and connectable onto one another.

In general, the vertical post 13 is one of the main vertical structural members of the wall panel support frame 23 and as a result thereof, may also be provided with punch marks 85, as shown in Figure 20, to receive slotted standards that could be used to hold shelf brackets or even hang other suitable accessories, such as overhead cabinets for example, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

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Preferably, as better shown in Figure 19, the stackable flyover 81 comprises interference ribs 83 with are used to decrease to an appropriate extent surface contact between the stackable flyover 81 and the corresponding receiving channels 33 of the vertical posts 13 so as to ensure a proper cooperation between the latter two.

Referring now to Figures 21 and 22, one can see a preferred embodiment of the ceiling rail 17 according to the present invention. As better shown in Figure 21, the ceiling rail 17 is preferably connected to the ceiling by means of suitable fasteners, such as caddy[™] clips for example, and is preferably provided with a closed cell gasket to ensure once again, sound proofing, light proofing, and vibration proofing of the wall panel system 1. The ceiling rail 17 has two projecting members which are preferably designed to be inserted into 15 corresponding notched grooves of the vertical posts 13, and into the inside of the top distance channel 9. The ceiling rail 17 is preferably provided with oblong orifices provided at appropriate locations along the rail 17 so as to properly fasten the rail 17 to the ceiling surface, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

Referring now to Figure 23, there is shown a sectional view of the glide 53, 20 glide bolt 55, articulating floor channel 19, and base cover 71 of the wall panel 3 shown in Figure 1. As explained hereinabove, the glide 53 of the glide assembly 25 preferably comprises two tongues 69 which are to be inserted into corresponding receiving channels 33 of the vertical posts 13 and preferably also comprises an abutment flange 57 for sustaining the vertical post 13 into which the 25 tongues 69 have been inserted. Preferably also, the glide bolt 55 is provided with an appropriate threading therealong so that the glide 53 may be threadedly engaged with the same so as to ensure proper relative displacement between the two. Preferably also, the glide bolt 55 comprises a pivot head 61 which is connected to a corresponding groove 65 of the floor channel 19 by means of a 30 fastener, such as a rivet 63 for example. The pivot head and rivet assembly of the glide bolt 55 enable the same to rotate about the groove 65 of the floor channel

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19 along a slot 67 provided to that effect, as better shown in Figure 12. Preferably also, the glide bolt 55 is provided with a square cross-sectional section so as to enable suitable rotating means, such as a ratchet or a wrench for example, to rotate the glide bolt 55 so as to displace the glide 53 with respect to the glide bolt 55, as apparent to a person skilled in the art. By doing so, since the glide 53 is in 5 an abutment relationship with the vertical post 13, one may adjust vertical displacement of the wall panel 3 with respect to the ceiling and/or ground floor by appropriately turning the glide bolt 55 with respect to the glide 53 of the glide assembly 25. Preferably, as also shown in Figure 3, the wall panel 3 comprises a 10 base cover 71 which comprises a covering, and a cover insert 77 which is preferably removably connectable to the covering, so as to define a slit enabling sliding of the base cover 71 onto a projecting member of the floor channel 19. Preferably, suitable foam tapes are provided between the floor channel 19 and the ground in order to further provide the wall panel system 1 with light proofing, 15 sound proofing, and vibration proofing.

Referring now to Figure 25, there is shown a partial sectional view of two panel coverings 15 mounted onto a vertical post 13 by means of vertical stiffeners 37. As shown in this figure, the outer panel coverings 15 are preferably mounted to the vertical post 13 by means of vertical stiffeners 37, which are intended to be removably mountable into corresponding grooves 33 of the vertical posts 13. As better shown in Figure 26, the vertical stiffeners 37 preferably comprise a bracket 43 which is intended to be securely affixed to the outer panel shell 35 of the panel covering 15 and further comprise a flexible clip 45 which is removably insertable into the corresponding grooves 33 shown in Figure 25. The vertical clip 45 according to the preferred embodiment shown in Figure 26 is advantageous in that it offers a circular configuration and comprises two compressible wings which enable the panel coverings 15 to be mounted onto the vertical posts 13 with a certain slack and play.

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Figure 27 is a partial cross-sectional view of a wall assembly according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Figure 27 shows two vertical posts 13

which are connected to one another by means of connectors 31. Furthermore, panel coverings 15 are mounted onto the vertical posts 13 by means of their vertical stiffeners 37. Furthermore, according to this particular embodiment of the invention, the connectors 31 are preferably devised to ensure a flush surface with the outer panel shells 35 of the panel coverings 15.

As better shown in Figure 29, the flush connector 31 which is used to connect two neighboring vertical posts 13, such as in the case of Figures 27 and 28, preferably comprises a connecting portion 89, and a covering cap 51. The connecting portion 89 is preferably made of a suitable material, such as PVC for example, and preferably comprises fins 49 which are intended to further increase gripping and mounting of the connector 31 onto the receiving lips 29 of the vertical posts 13, and to further increase sound proofing, light proofing, and vibration proofing of the wall panel system 1. The different components of the connecting portion 89 are preferably made integral to each other, that is are preferably made into one single piece from one single material. Preferably also, the covering cap 51 of the connector 31 is preferably connected to the connecting portion 89 by suitable means, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

Figure 30 illustrates a recessed connector 31 which may be used to adjoin neighboring vertical posts 13, similarly to the connector 31 shown in Figure 29, while enabling a recessed cavity between two neighboring vertical posts 13. Indeed, it is worth mentioning here that different types of connectors 31, such as the one shown in Figures 29 and 30, may be used to provided the outer part of the wall panel system 1 with different esthetic configurations.

Figure 32 shows a preferred embodiment of a building module connector 31 allowing adjacent 90° corners to be connected in a non-progressive manner, such as in the case of Figure 31.

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Figures 33 to 59 illustrate different embodiments of the components discussed hereinabove.

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More particularly, Figures 33 and 34 describe embodiments used for a furniture module connection in the case of a 90° corner. A furniture module connector 31 such as the one in Figure 35, may be used. This type of connector 31 preferably comprises fins 49 for ensuring proper mounting of the connector 31 onto the receiving lips 29 of the different vertical posts 13 and also preferably comprises a flexible skirt 50 to ensure light proofing, sound proofing, and to some extent, vibration proofing, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

Figure 37 illustrates a double glazing gasket to be used in different possible wall assemblies, such as the one illustrated in Figure 36, which corresponds to a double glaze vertical post assembly.

Figure 38 shows another wall assembly comprising a center cap which is mounted onto the interseptum 79 of the vertical post 13 to provide a smooth finish between two glass panels 3 of a double glaze condition wall panel 3.

A single glazing gasket such as the one shown in Figure 40 may be used for a glass panel 3 such as the one illustrated in Figure 2.

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Figure 41 illustrates a two-way square profile of a furniture module according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Figure 42 illustrates a 180° post furniture module according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Figure 43 illustrates a half-round two-way post corner furniture module according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Figures 44 and 45 illustrate respectively three-way corner and four-way corner furniture modules.

Figures 46 to 59 illustrate different cross-sectional embodiments of the above-discussed various components of the wall panel system 1 according to the present invention. Indeed, Figure 46 illustrates a glass vertical post 13. Figure 47 shows a vertical post 13 mounted with a weatherstrip holder 91. Figure 48 illustrates a solid panel vertical post 13. Figure 49 illustrates a corner profile

building module. Figure 50 illustrates a 135° corner post 13. Figure 51 illustrates a glass-glass transition distance channel 9, 11 comprising a connecting stud 21. Figure 52 illustrates a glass-solid transition distance channel 9, 11. Figure 53 illustrates a double glaze distance channel 9, 11. Figure 54 illustrates another double glaze distance channel 9, 11. Figure 55 illustrates a top-bottom distance channel 9, 11 of a glass panel 3. Figure 56 illustrates a double glass transition channel 9, 11 of a solid panel 3. Figure 57 illustrates a double glass transition channel 9, 11. Figure 58 illustrates an inner telescopic channel 9, 11 of a wall post 13. Figure 59 illustrates the wall post 13 of Figure 58 cooperating with different components of the panel system 1.

Referring now to Figure 60, there is shown an exploded view of a door assembly 87 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. Similarly to the wall panels 3 of the wall panel system 1 according to the present invention as explained hereinabove, the door assembly 87 comprises vertical posts 13 and a 15 top distance channel 9. The door assembly 87 preferably further comprises left and right center strikes 93, suitable bumpers 95, a top door pivot 97, a bottom door pivot 99, a bottom pivot plate 101, and a bottom pivot base 103. As better shown in Figure 61 and 62, the center strikes 93 are preferably mounted to the 20 vertical posts 13 by means of projecting members which are removably insertable into the intersepta 79 of the vertical posts 13, as better shown in Figure 62. The center strikes 93 preferably also each comprise an interseptum 79 onto which may be removably mounted a door bumper 95, such as the one shown in Figure 63, or other components explained herein and illustrated in the accompanying 25 drawings.

Other suitable door strikes 93 and other embodiments of such, may be used, such as the one shown in Figure 64. The bottom pivot plate 101 is preferably inserted into a corresponding recessed cavity of the door 105 and is operatively connected by means of the bottom pivot 99 to the bottom pivot plate 101 which, similarly to the glide 53, comprises corresponding tongues 69 which are removably insertable into the receiving channels 33 of the vertical posts 13.

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As better shown in Figure 65, the bottom pivot base 103 preferably comprises an abutment flange 57 having a hole into which a suitable fastener is inserted to connect the pivot base 103 onto the ground floor. The abutment flange 57 of the pivot base 103 is operatively connected to the door 105 by means of the bottom pivot 99 and other suitable connecting means, as apparent to a person skilled in the art.

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Figure 66 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the top pivot bushing 107 as used in the door assembly 87 of Figure 60.

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Figure 67 illustrates an opening filler strip 109 which may be used to close up the interseptum 79 of the vertical post 13 of the door assembly shown in Figure 60.

Figure 68 is a perspective view of an assembled wall panel system 1 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the assembled wall panel system 1 being shown with glass panels 3 and a door assembly 87.

As may now be appreciated, the wall panel system 1 according to the 20 present invention is an improvement over the prior art in that it provides variable sized, pre-fabricated panels 3 available in both furniture and building module, ceiling height (either flush or recessed base and ceiling conditions), clear story and/or free standing options. Furthermore, the present invention is an improvement over the prior art in that the wall thickness of a wall panel 3 is 25 preferably 3 ¹/₂" thus allowing for superior sound rating, as well as passthrough components, i.e. electrical wires, communication and network cables, air conditioning, fiber optic cables, and the like. The present invention is also advantageous in that the outer panel shells 35 are removable by means of specially designed connecting strips, i.e. connectors 31. These connecting strips 30 and the shells 35 are designed in such a way as to achieve on sight demountability. Moreover, they allow for field installation of electrical, communication and fiber optic wires. According to the present invention, the wall

panel system 1 is also advantageous in that the adjustability at the ceiling is preferably ± 1". As explained hereinabove, the present invention is also advantageous in that the panels 3 are stackable onto one another. Indeed, the unique splice connector, i.e. flyover 81, allows panels 3 to be stacked on top of each other, thereby allowing the stacked panels 3 to exceed a preferred 120" in 5 height. Furthermore, the panel wall system 1 according to the present invention is also advantageous in that the panel-to-panel connectors 31 gives both the ability to adjust for "panel creep" and, using the flush version, allows the system 1 to be used in "clean room" and fire-rated corridor environments. As explained 10 hereinabove, the vertical and horizontal shapes of the wall panel system 1 are designed so that it can accommodate both single or double glazing, and a variety of blinds and privacy screens. Furthermore, the unique design of the lower glide assembly 25 allows for an adjustability of over a preferred 3". Moreover, the panels 3 may be attached to drywalls by means of a telescopic wall connector 31, 15 as shown in the accompanying drawings. Furthermore, the specially designed glazing posts 13 allow for electrical and communication wiring to be housed inside these posts 13. Additionally, the outer panel shells 35 according to the present invention may be manufactured from a variety of materials, i.e. steel, wood, gypsum, plastic, fiberglass, etc., in a variety of finishes (fabric, vinyl, 20 veneer, paint, laminates, for example). Furthermore, the wall panel system 1 according to the present invention is also advantageous in that it has the capacity to allow for pocket doors, pivot doors, and hinged doors. Furthermore, according to the present invention, there is a minimal number of "loose" components on the job site which allows for an easy and clean installation. Moreover, as explained hereinabove, the present invention is also advantageous in that it also allows for hanging componentry, i.e. worksurfaces, light accessories, and the like.

Of course, numerous modifications can be made to the above-described embodiments without departing from the scope of the invention as described in 30 the appended claims.

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What is claimed is:

CLAIMS:

Sball 1. A moveable and demountable wall panel system comprising a plurality of panels used for defining an office space, each panel having a vertical axis and a horizontal axis, each panel comprising:

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opposite top and bottom distance channels, the distance channels extending along directions substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the panel; opposite left and right vertical posts, the vertical posts extending along directions substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel, the distance channels and vertical posts being affixed to one another by means of connecting studs for forming a rectangular support frame of the panel;

a panel covering removably mountable onto receiving means of the rectangular support frame;

a ceiling rail operatively connected to a top portion of the rectangular 15 support frame, the ceiling rail being used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame of the panel to a ceiling surface; and

an articulating floor channel operatively connected to a bottom portion of the rectangular support frame by means of left and right glide assemblies mounted into receiving channels of the left and right vertical posts respectively, the articulating floor channel being used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame of the panel to a ground surface, the glide assemblies being further used for displacing the rectangular support frame with respect to the floor channel along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel;

wherein each vertical post comprises at least one receiving lip extending along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel, each receiving lip being removably connectable to another receiving lip of a vertical post of a neighboring panel by means of a connector for selectively and removably connecting together a plurality of panels in order to define said office space.

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2. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the receiving means comprise receiving grooves disposed along the

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vertical posts in a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the panel and wherein the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and vertical stiffeners, the vertical stiffeners being securely affixed to lateral sides of the outer panel shell of the panel covering and being removably connectable onto the receiving grooves of the vertical posts for removably connecting the panel covering onto the rectangular support frame of the panel.

A moveable and/demountable wall panel system according to claim 3. 1, wherein the receiving means comprise a receiving groove disposed along the top distance channel in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the panel and wherein the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and a top stiffener, the top stiffener being securely affixed to a lateral side of the outer panel shell of the panel $\not\!$ overing and being removably hookable onto the receiving groove of the top distance channel for removably hooking the panel covering onto the rectangular support frame of the panel.

4. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 3, wherein the vertical stiffeners each comprise a bracket and a flexible clip securely affixed onto one another, the brackets being further securely affixed to the lateral sides of the outer panel shell of the panel covering and the flexible clips being removably connectable into the receiving grooves of the vertical posts.

5. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the panel covering comprises an outer panel shell and intermediate stiffeners, the intermediate stiffeners being securely affixed transversely onto the 25 outer panel shell of the panel covering in a direction substantially parallel to the horizontal axis of the pahel.

6. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the connectors comprise fins. 30

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7. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the connectors are provided with covering caps.

8. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the connectors comprise flexible skirts.

9. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the floor channel is securely affixed to the ground surface by means of fasteners, and wherein the ceiling rail is securely affixed to the ceiling surface by means of fasteners.

10. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein each glide assembly comprises:

a substantially L-shaped glide, said glide having an abutment flange and 15 an insert, the insert being removably insertable into a receiving channel of a corresponding vertical post; and

a glide bolt, said glide bolt being threadedly mounted into the abutment flange of the glide and having a pivot head articulately mounted to the floor channel by means of a rivet.

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11. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 9, wherein the pivot head of the glide bolt is positioned inside a longitudinal groove of the floor channel, and wherein the rivet of the pivot head is constrained to slide along a transversal slot of the longitudinal groove of the floor channel.

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12. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 9, wherein the insert of the glide comprises two tongues removably mountable into respective receiving channels of a corresponding vertical post.

13. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the wall panel system further comprises a base cover.

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A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 14. 13, wherein the base cover comprises a/base cover insert for mounting the base cover onto the floor channel of the panel.

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A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 15. 1, wherein at least two connecting \$tuds are respectively and securely affixed at opposite ends of each of the top an bottom distance channels.

A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 16. 1, wherein each distance channel and each vertical post comprise at least one interseptum, and wherein accessories of the panel system are removably mounted onto said intersepta.

A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 17. 1, wherein each panel is stackable onto another panel by means of stackable 15 flyovers inserted and fastened into the receiving channels of the vertical posts of said stacked panels.

A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 18. 20 17, wherein the stackable flyovers comprise interference ribs.

19. A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 1, wherein the vertical posts comprise punched marks extending longitudinally along said vertical posts, said punched marks being used for hooking accessories 25 onto said vertical posts of the panel system.

A moveable and demountable wall panel system according to claim 20. 1, wherein the system further comprises a door assembly.

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ABSTRACT

A moveable and demountable wall panel system including a plurality of panels used for defining an office space. Each panel has opposite top and bottom 5 distance channels, opposite left and right vertical posts, a panel covering, a ceiling rail, and an articulating floor channel. -The-top-and-bottom-distance--channels extend_along a direction substantially parallel to a horizontal axis of the -panel. The left and right vertical posts extend along a direction substantially 10 -parallel to a vertical axis of the panel. The distance channels and vertical posts are affixed to one another by-means of connecting studs in order to form a rectangular support frame of the panel. The panel covering is removably -mountable onto receiving means of the rectangular support frame. The ceiling rail > is operatively connected to a top portion of the rectangular support frame and is-15 _used for operatively securing the rectangular support frame of the panel to aceiling surface. The articulating floor channel is operatively connected to a bottom portion of the rectangular support frame by means of left and right glide assemblies mounted into receiving channels of the left and right vertical posts respectively. The articulating floor channel is used for operatively securing the 20 are also used for displacing the rectangular support frame with respect to the floor channel along a direction substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the

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 - panel by means of a connector for selectively and removably connecting together a plurality of panels in order to define the office space. By virtue of its design and its components, the present wall panel system is a moveable non-progressive mountable and demountable wall panel system.

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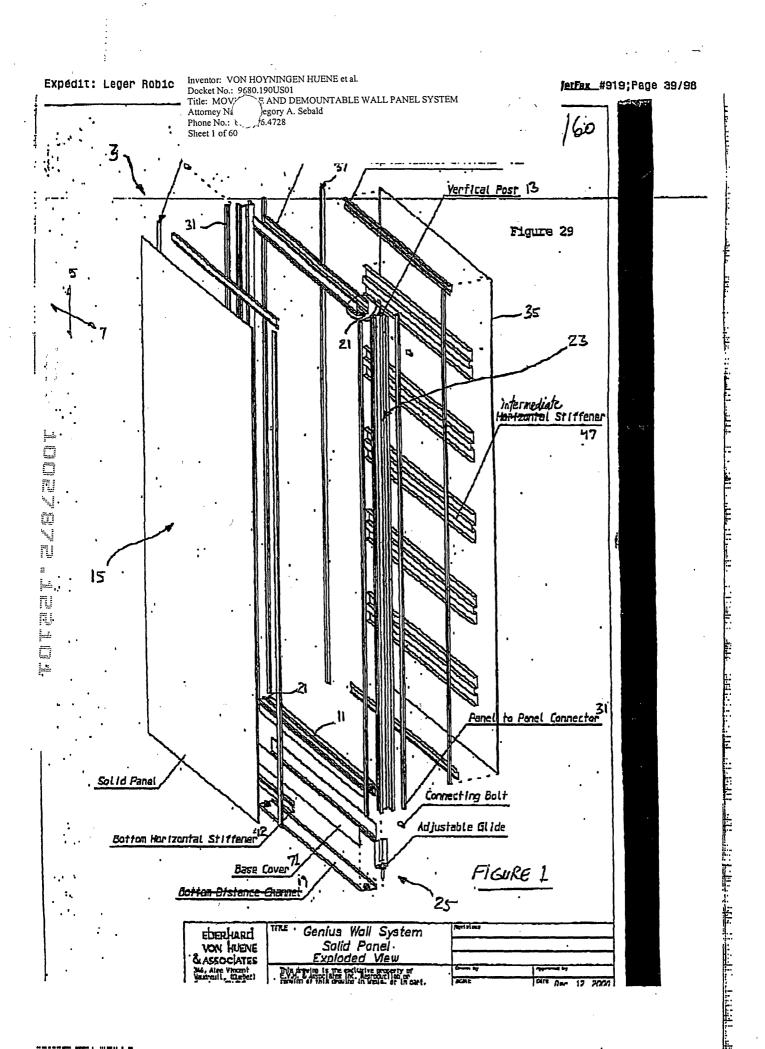
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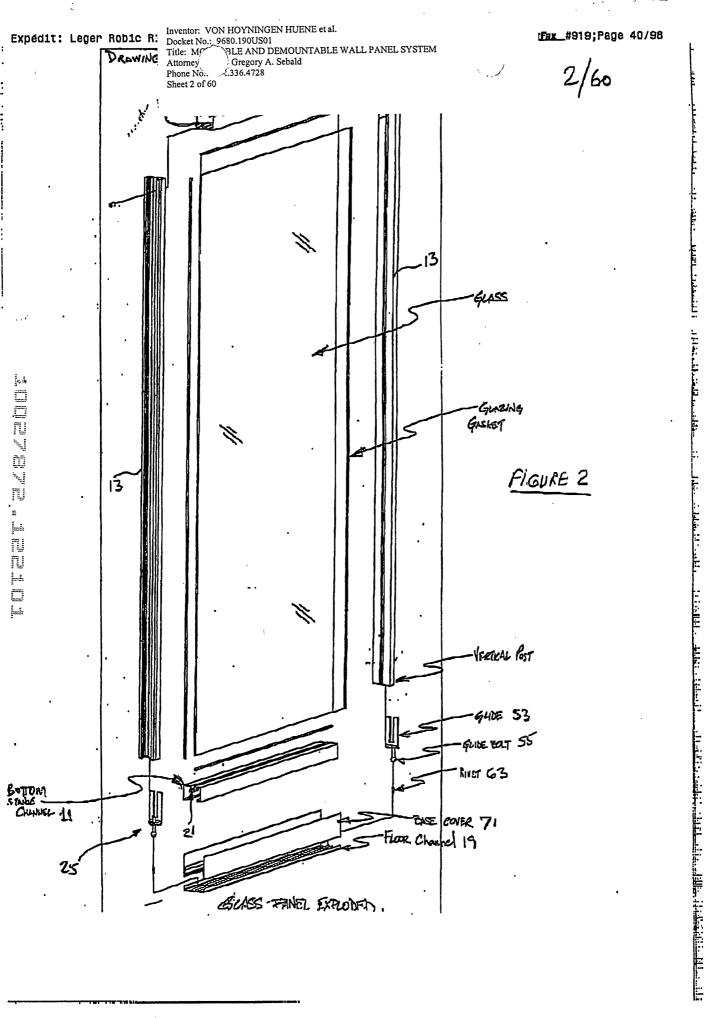
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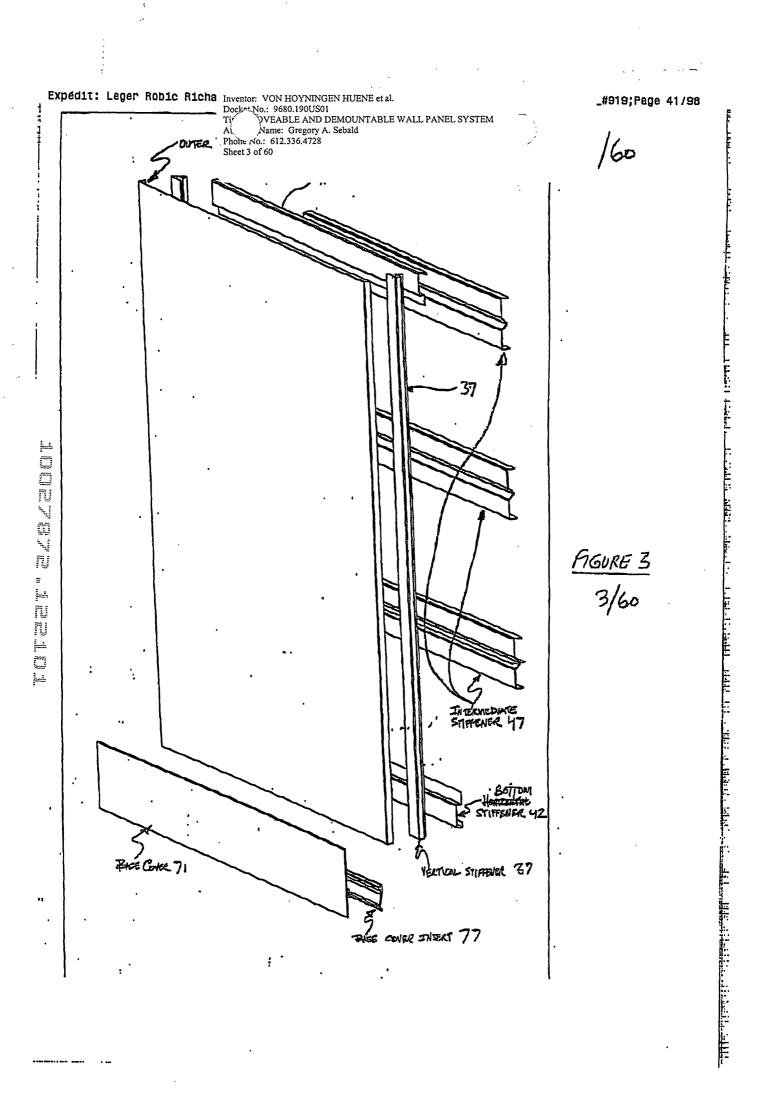
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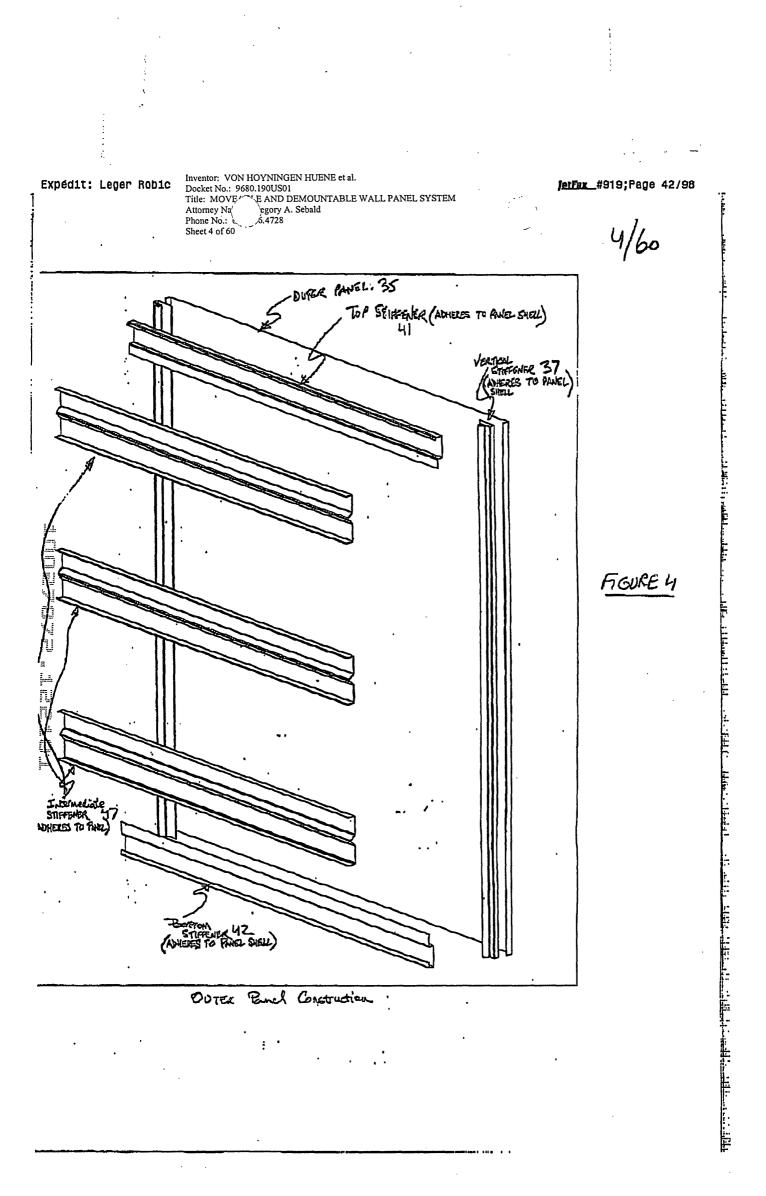
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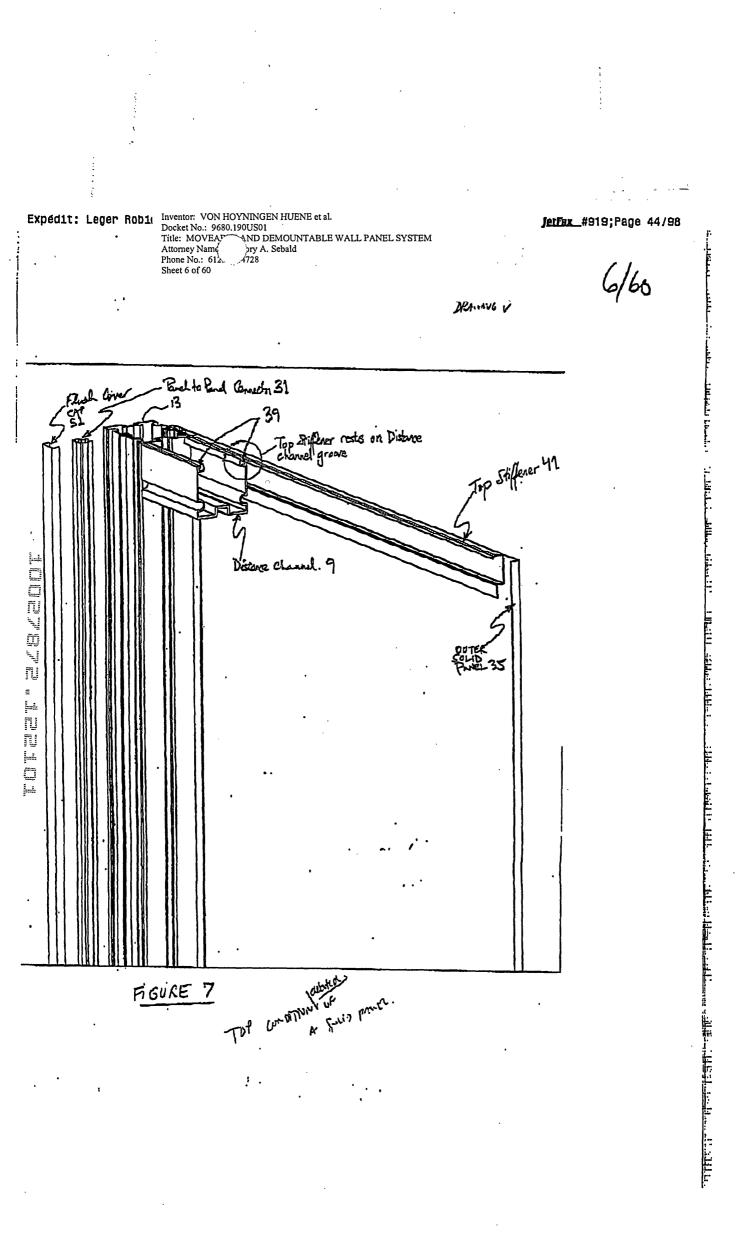


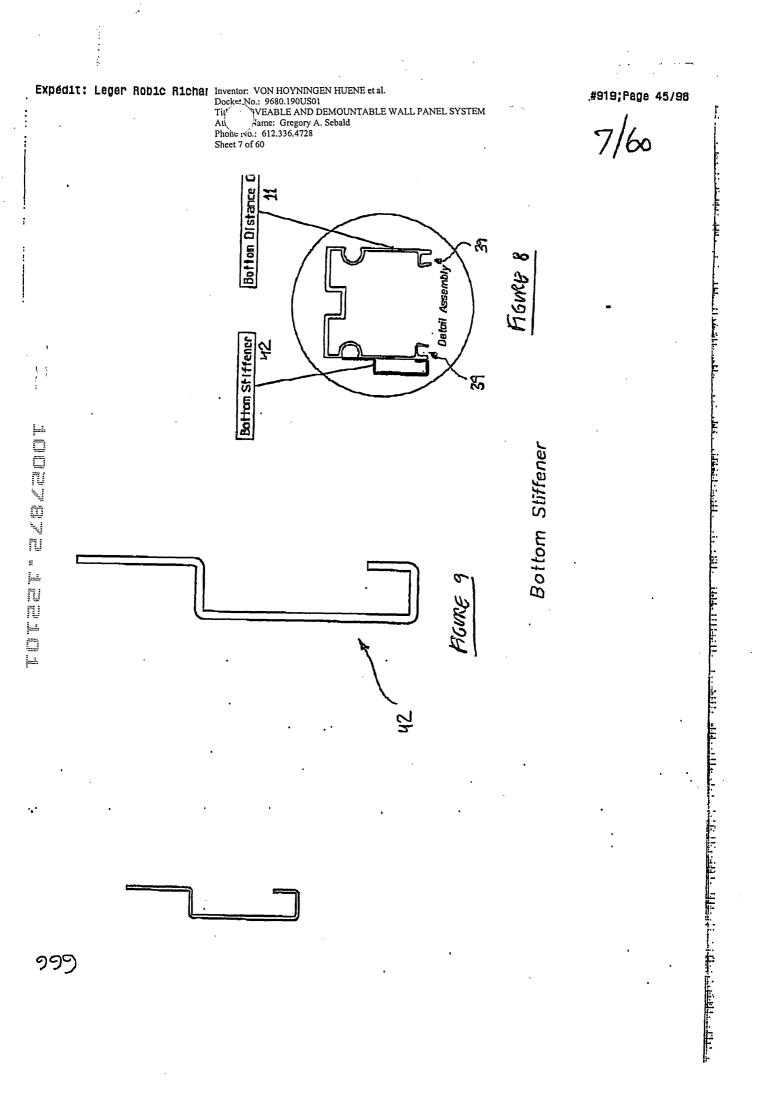


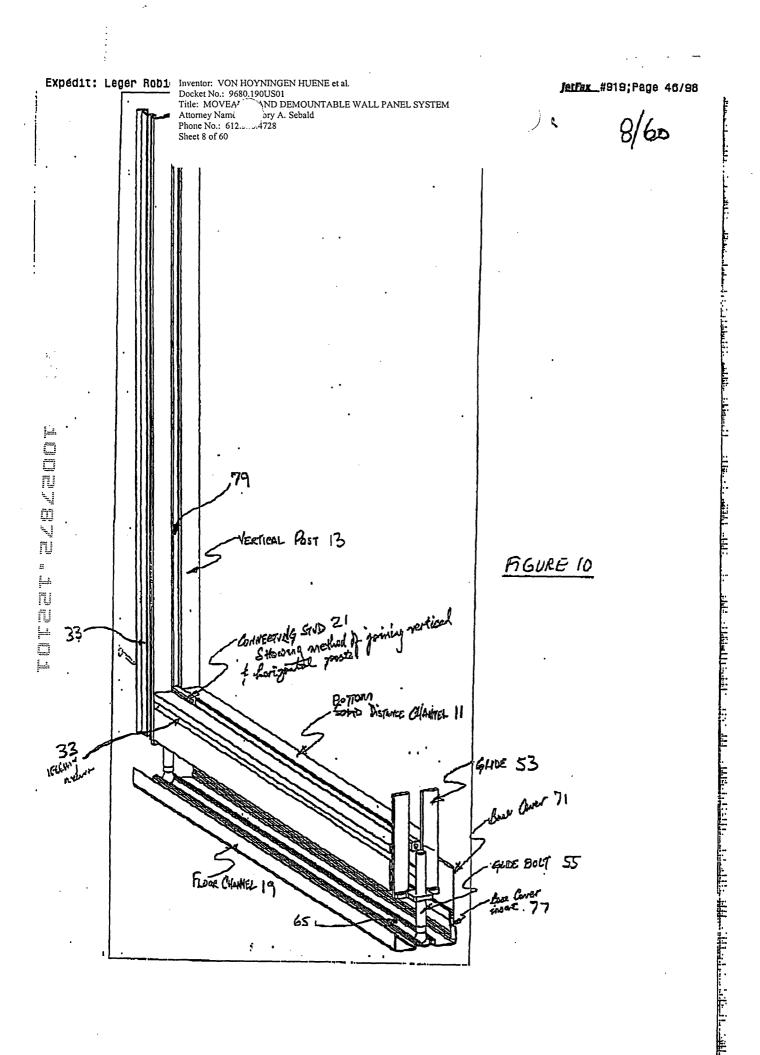


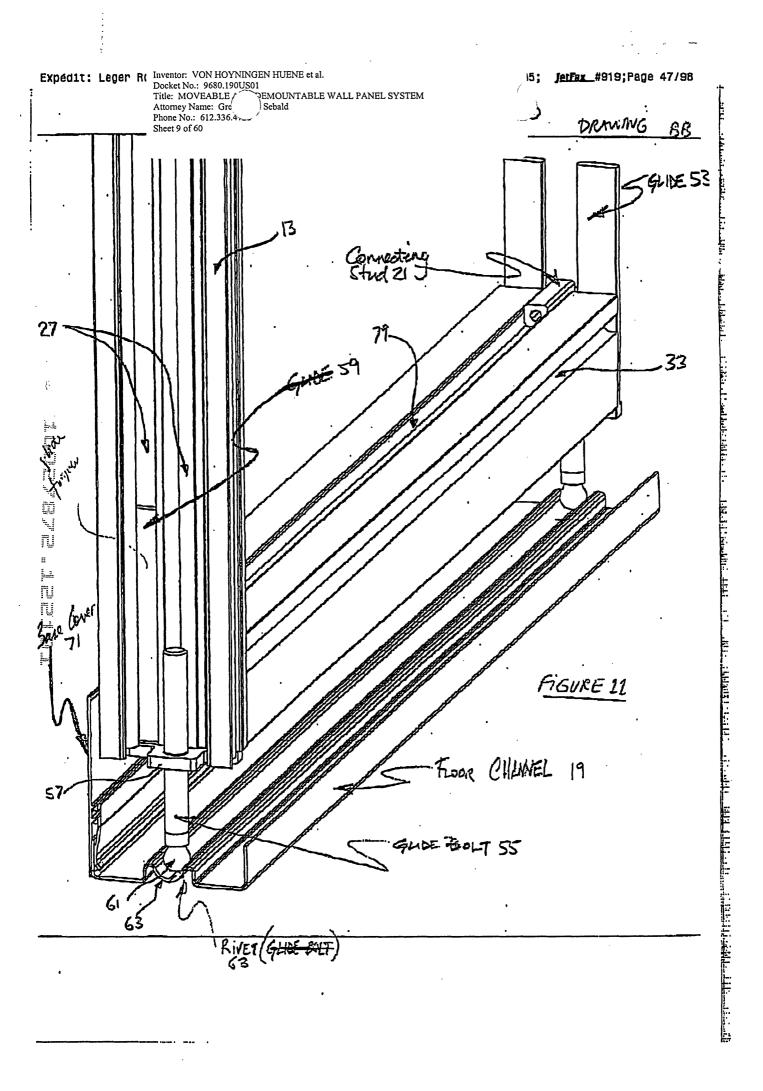


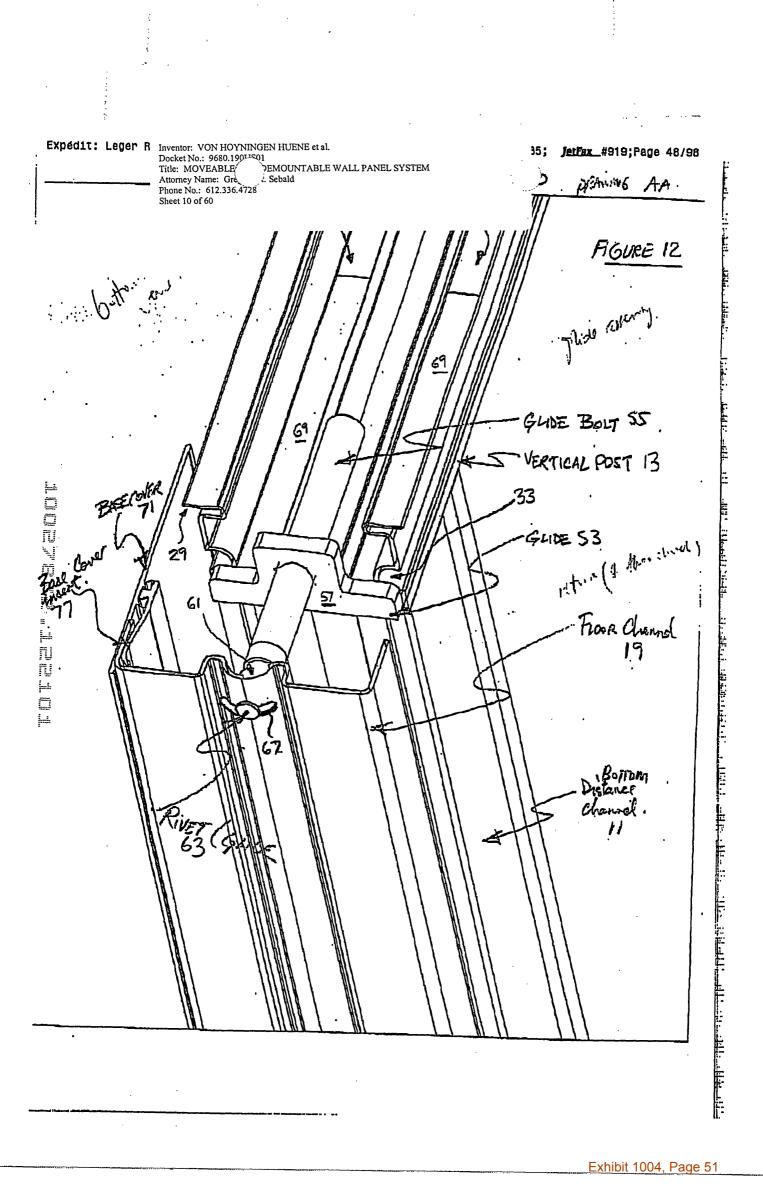
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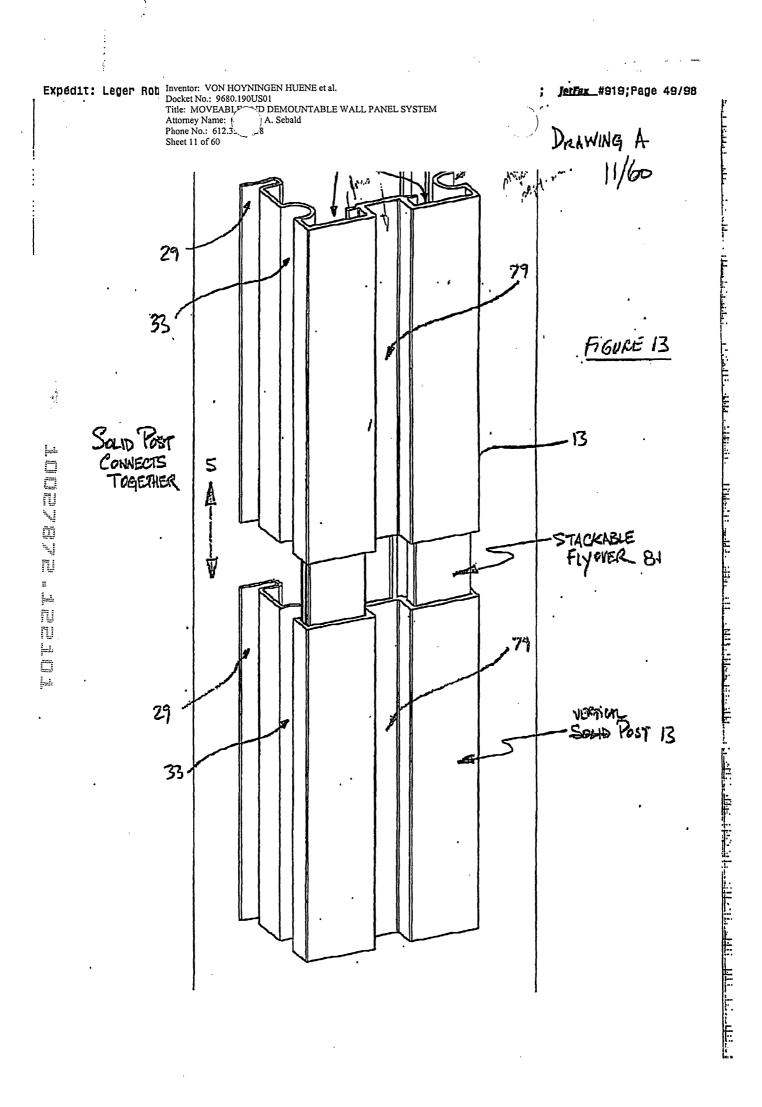


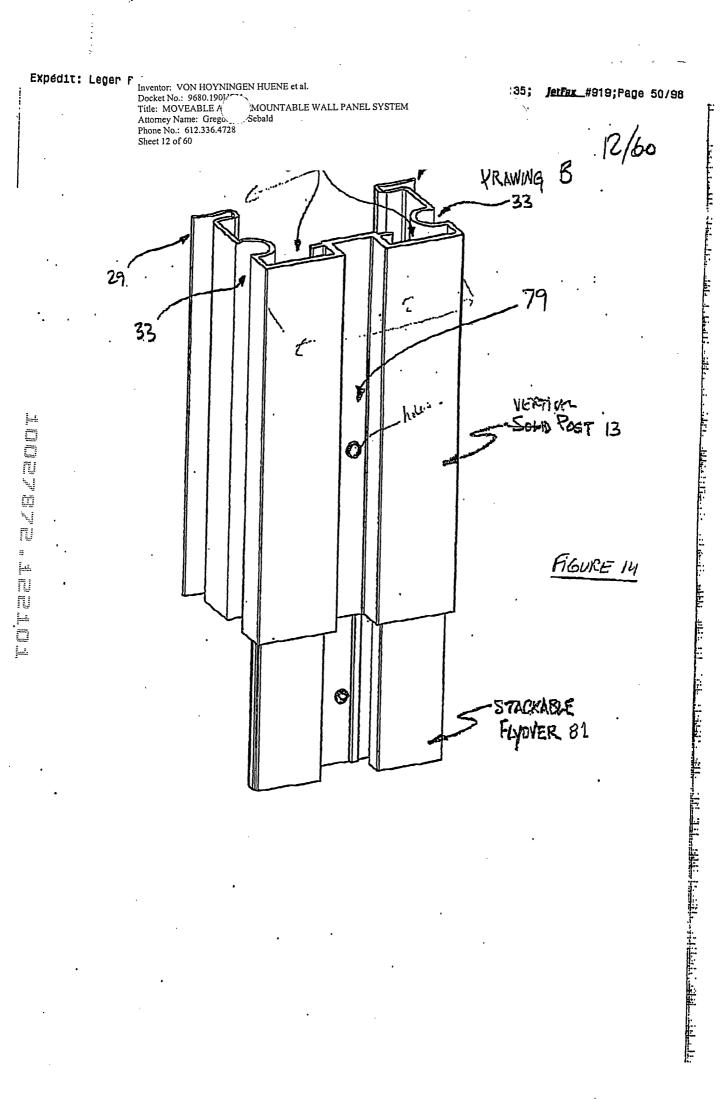








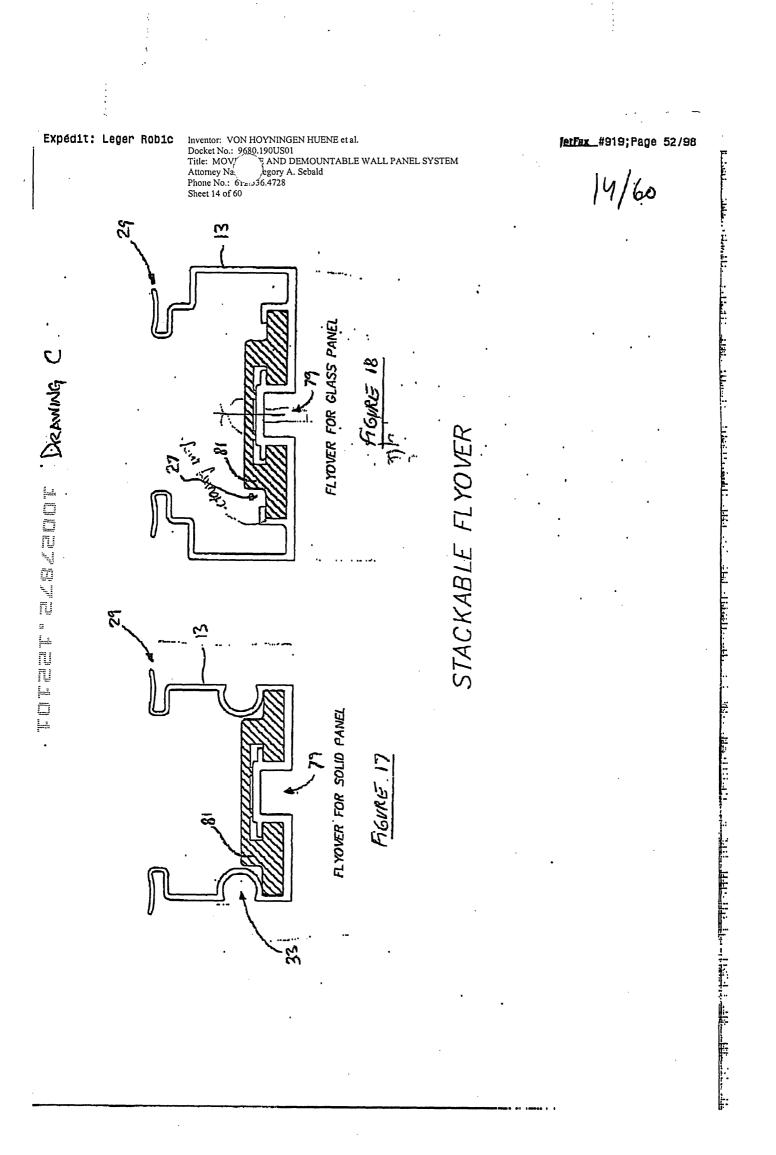


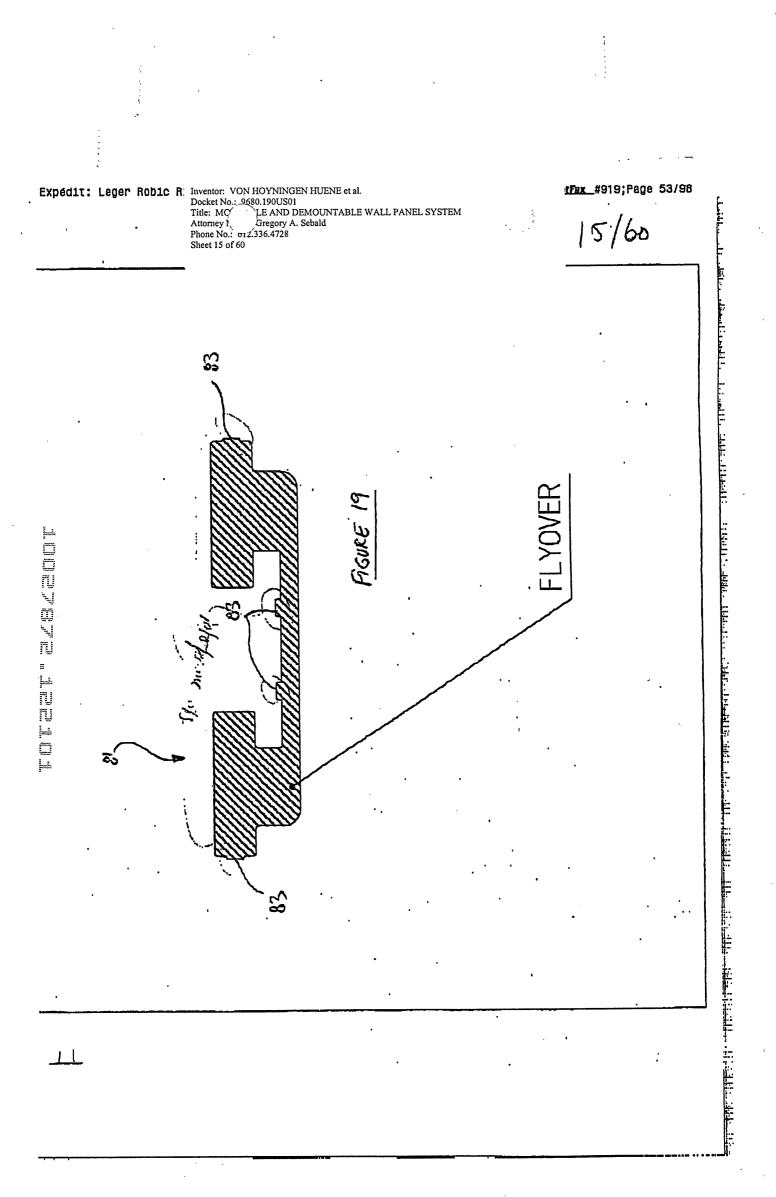


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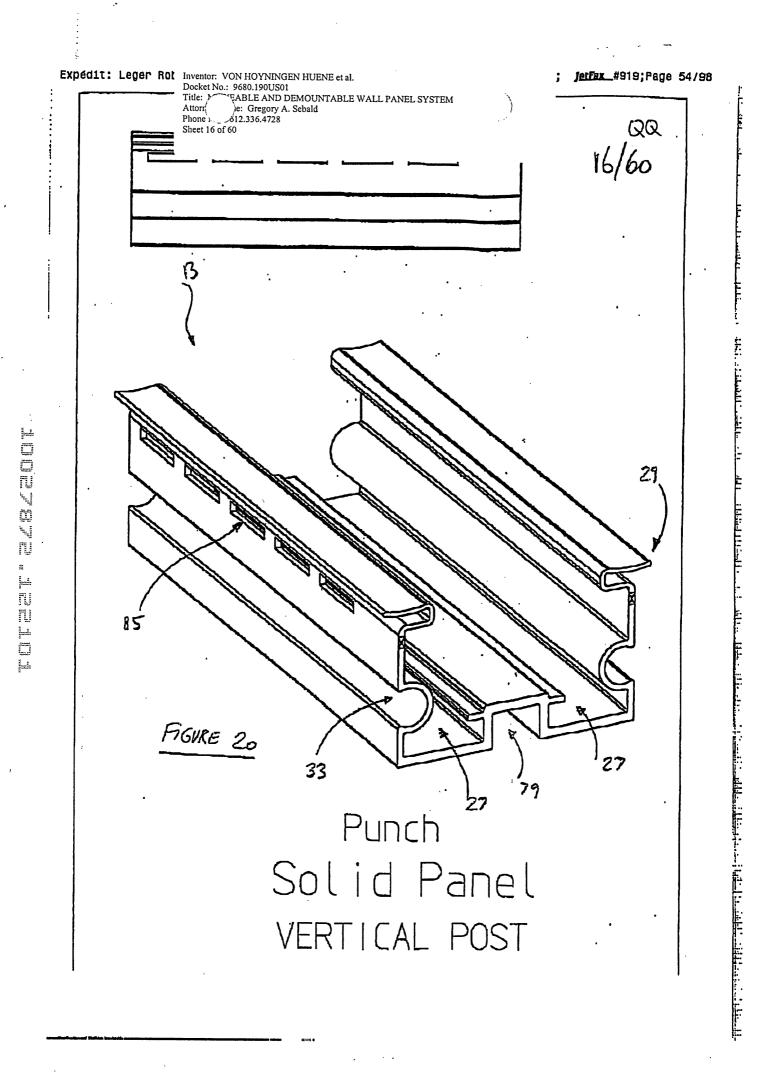
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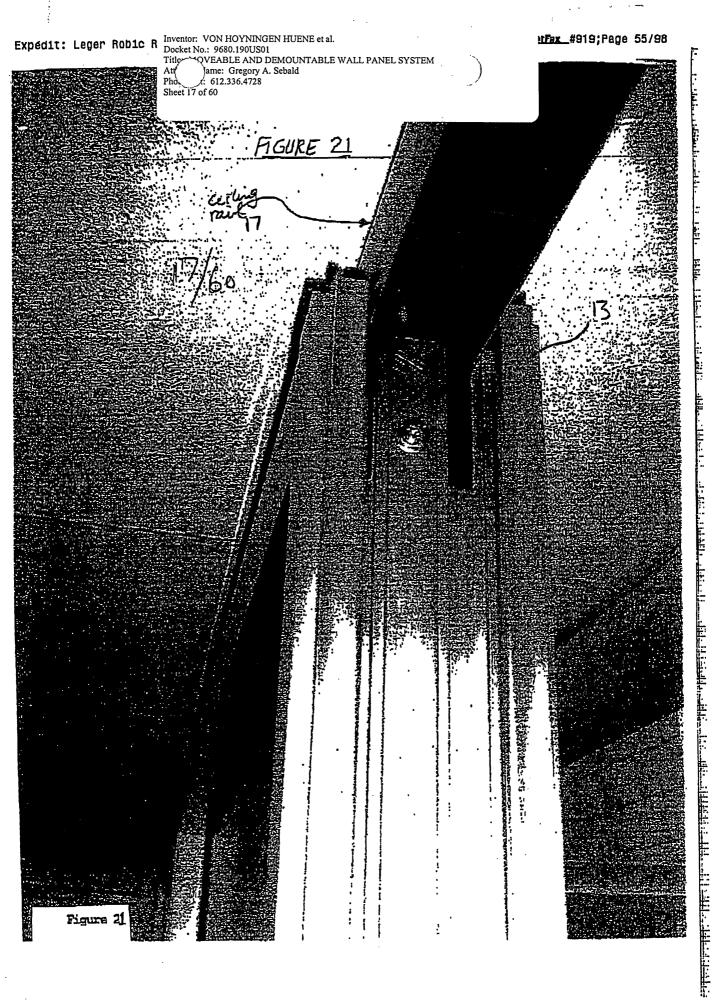
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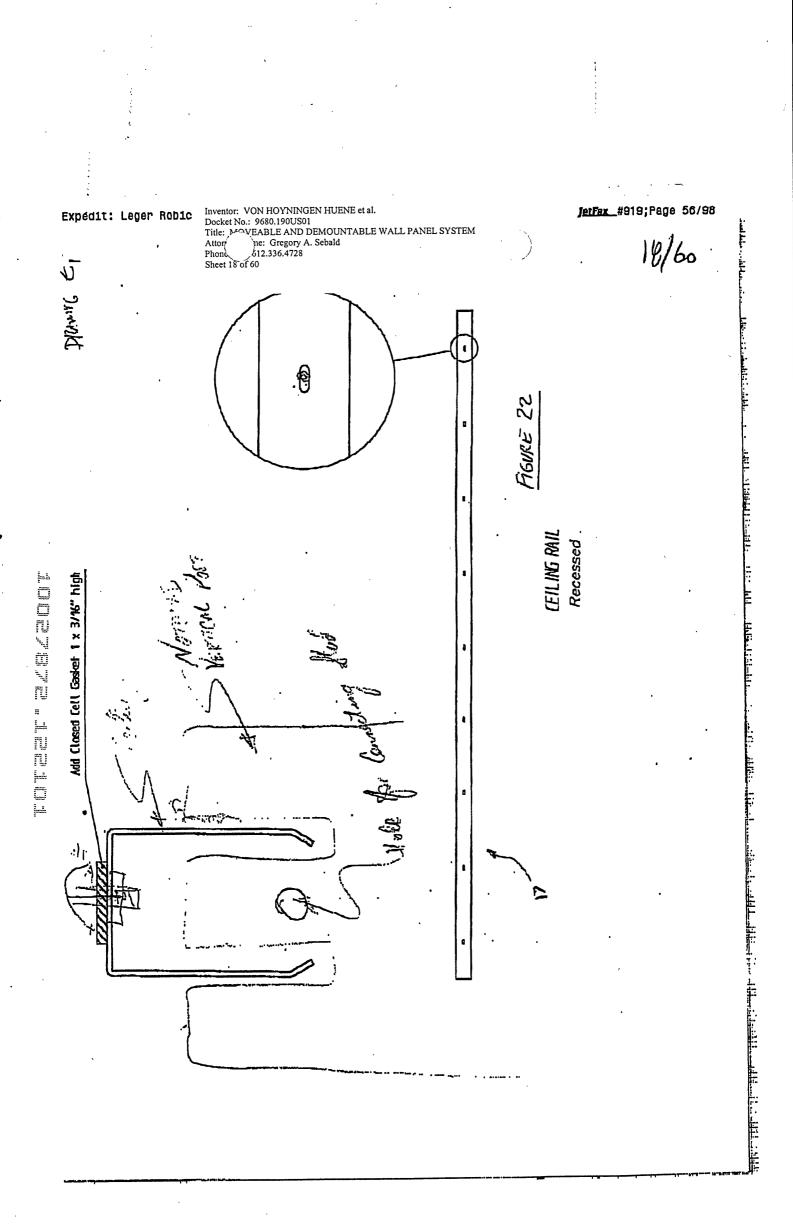


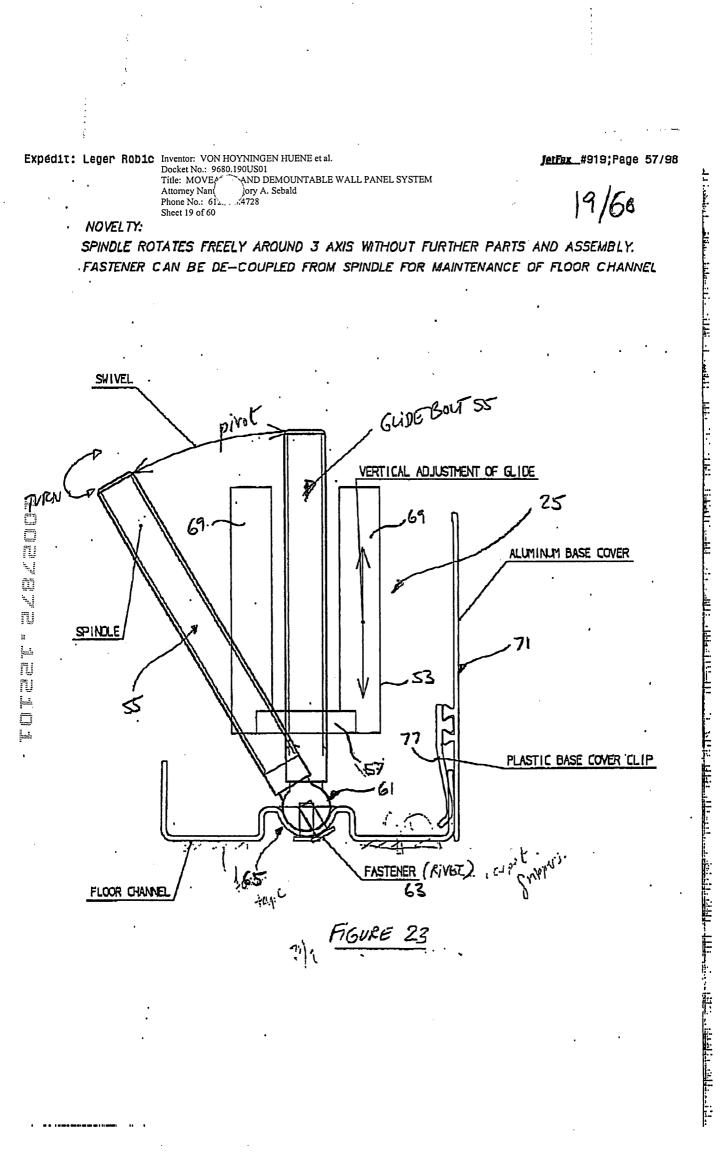


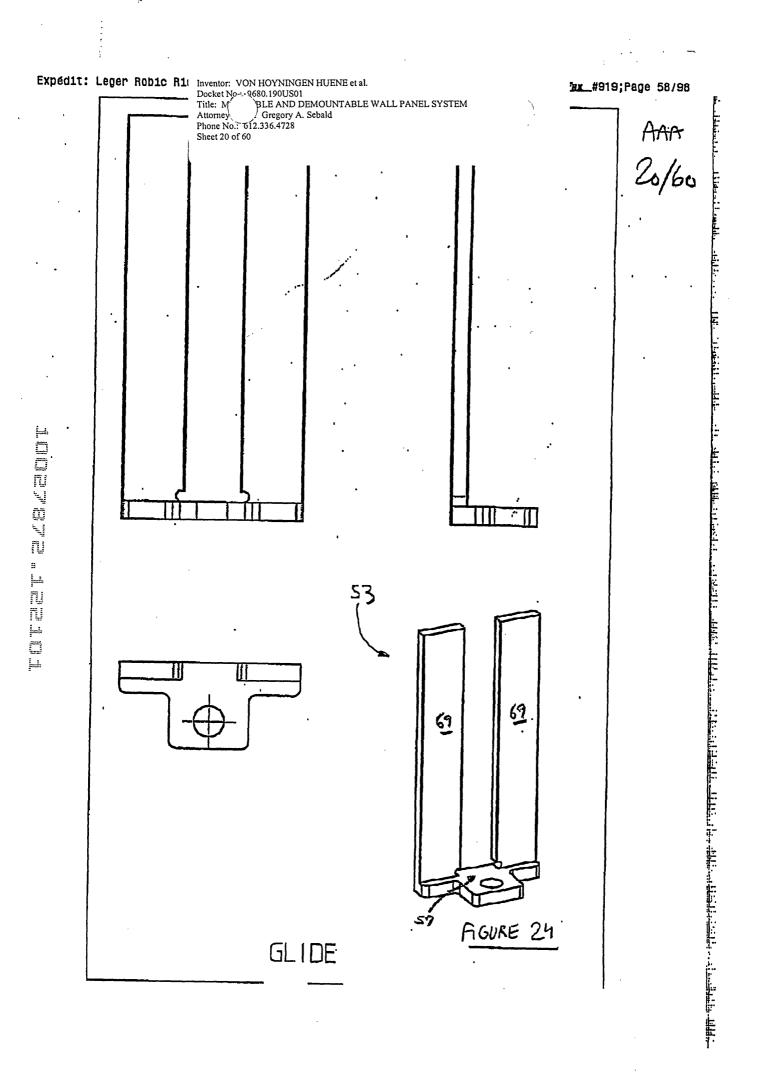
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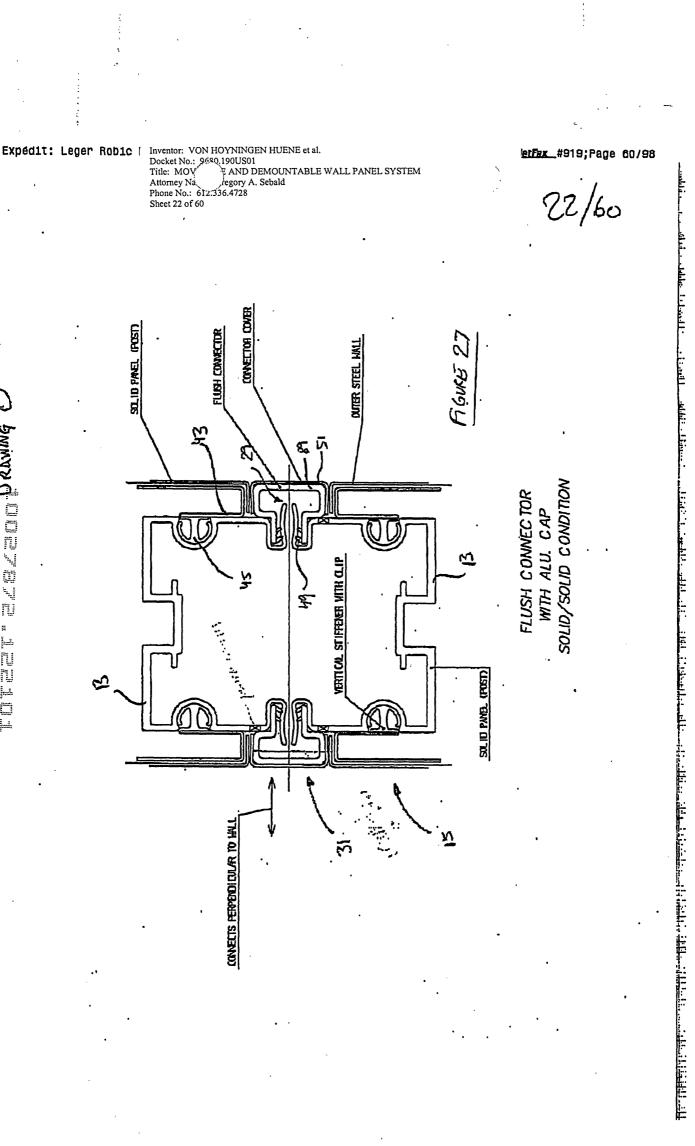








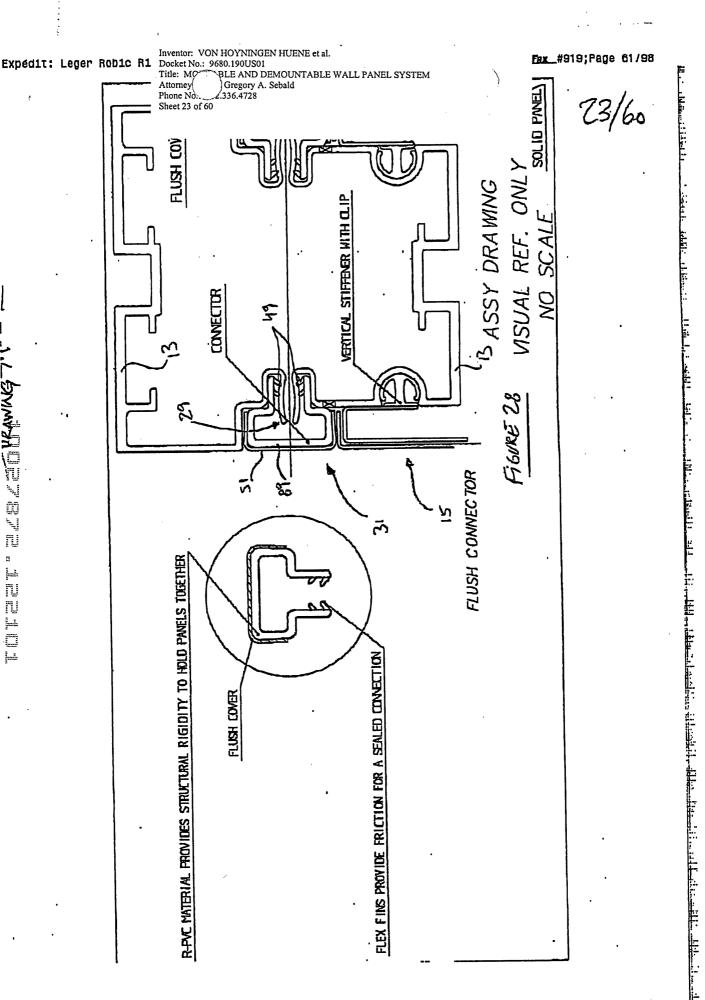
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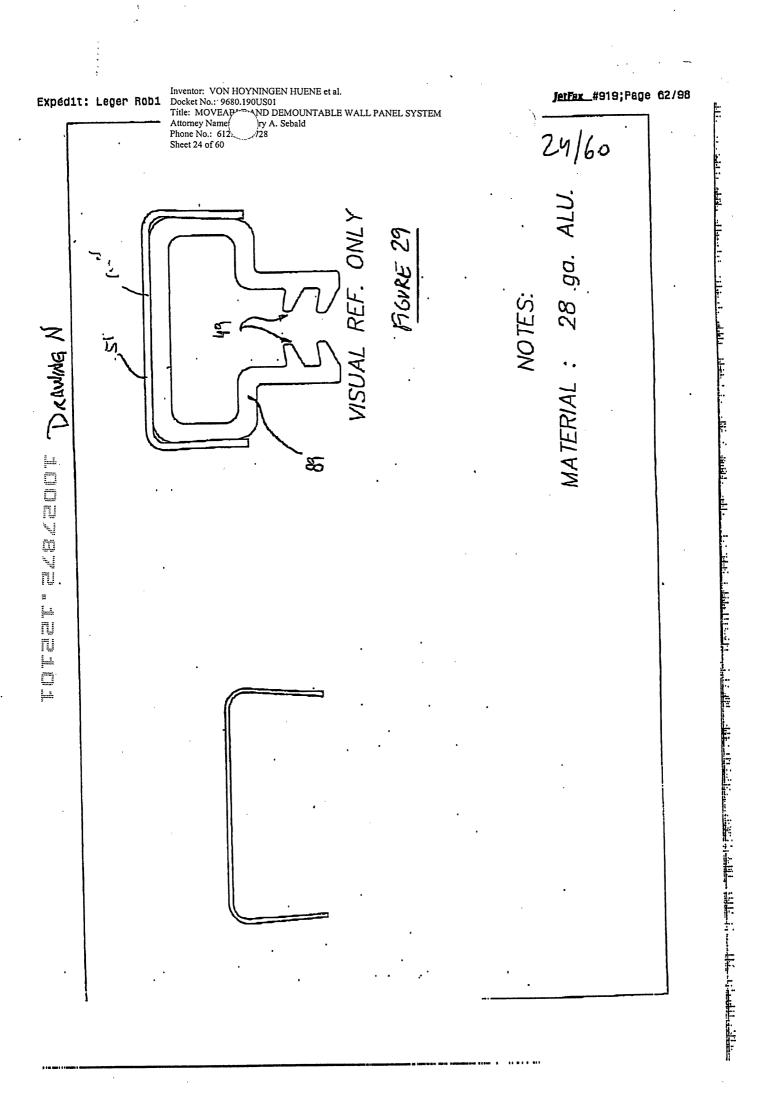


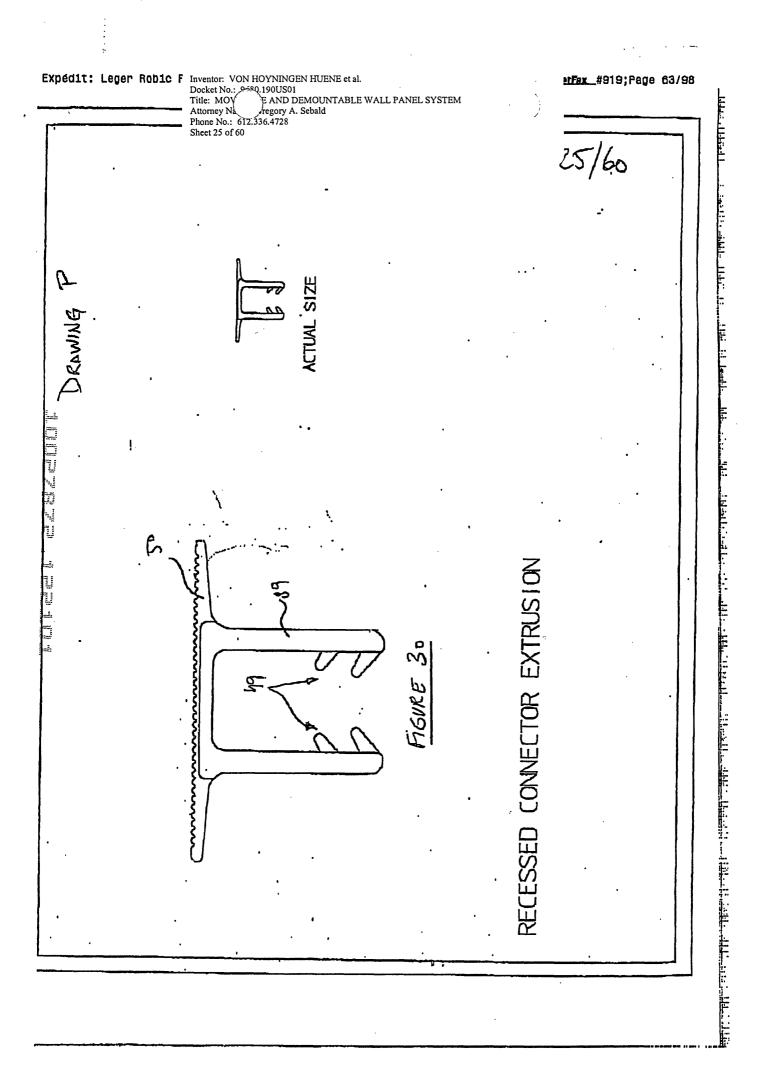
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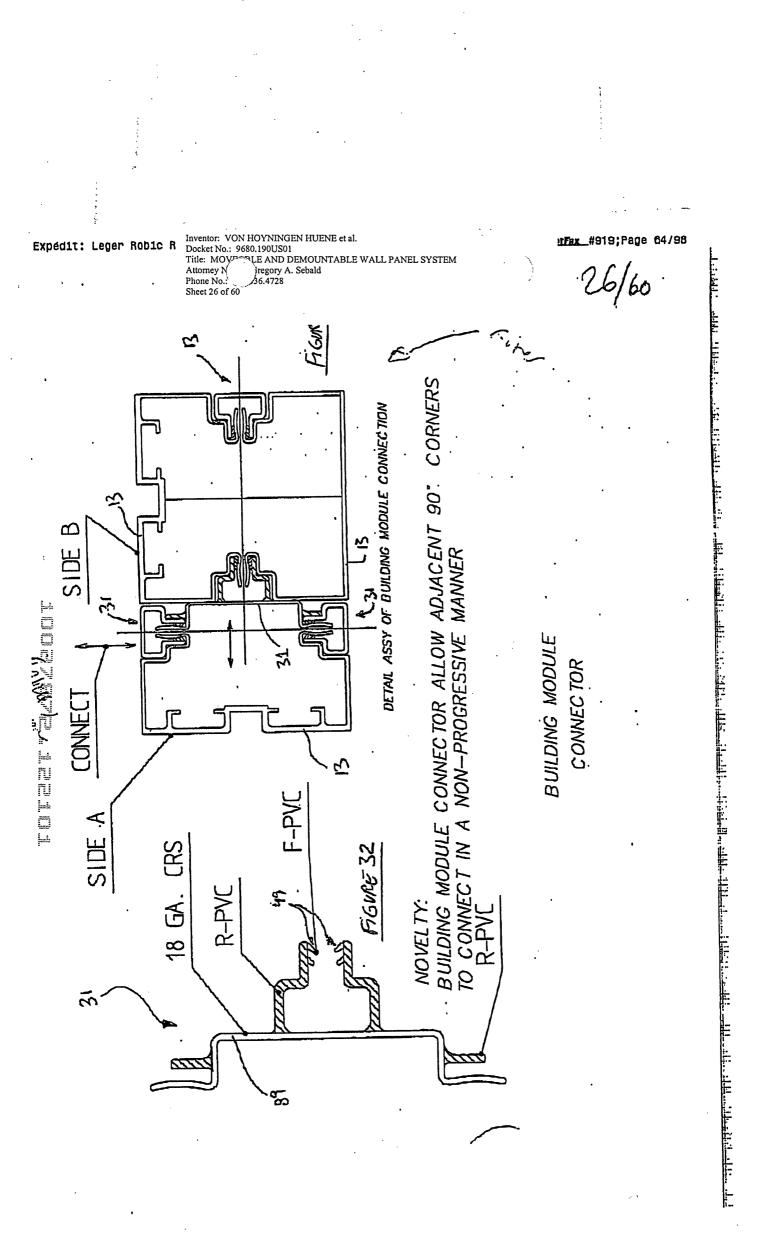
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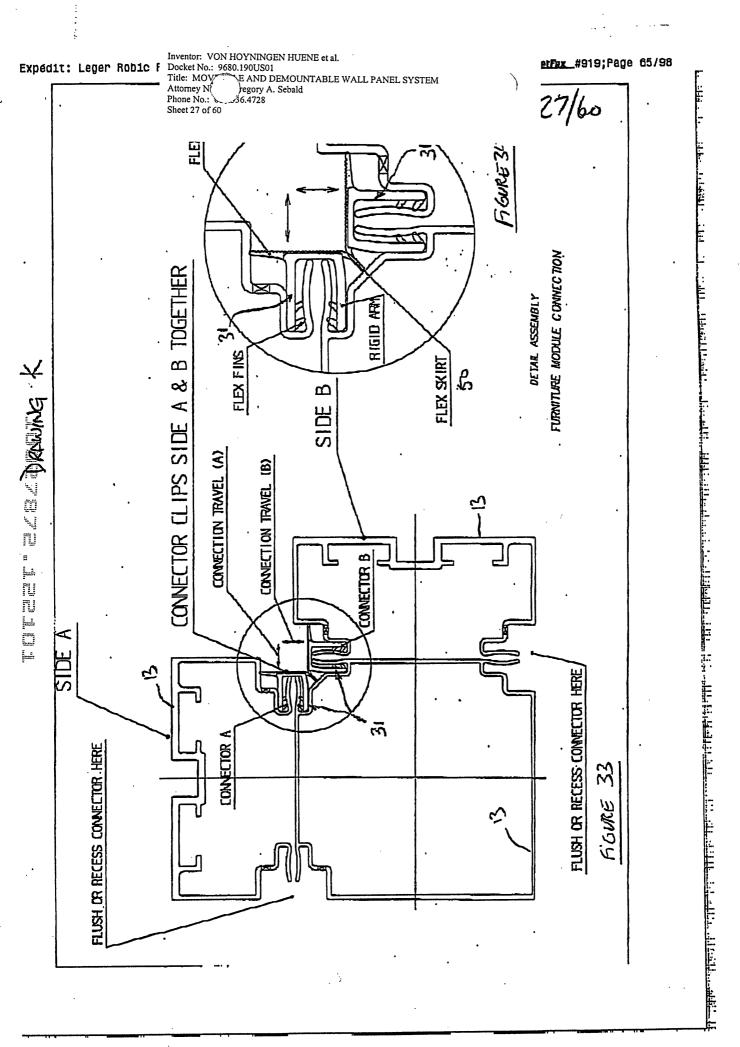
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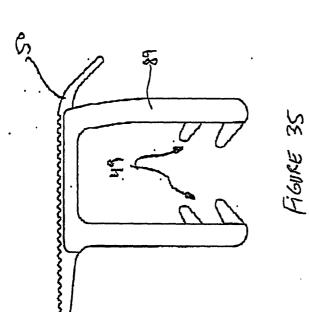




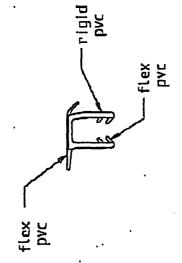


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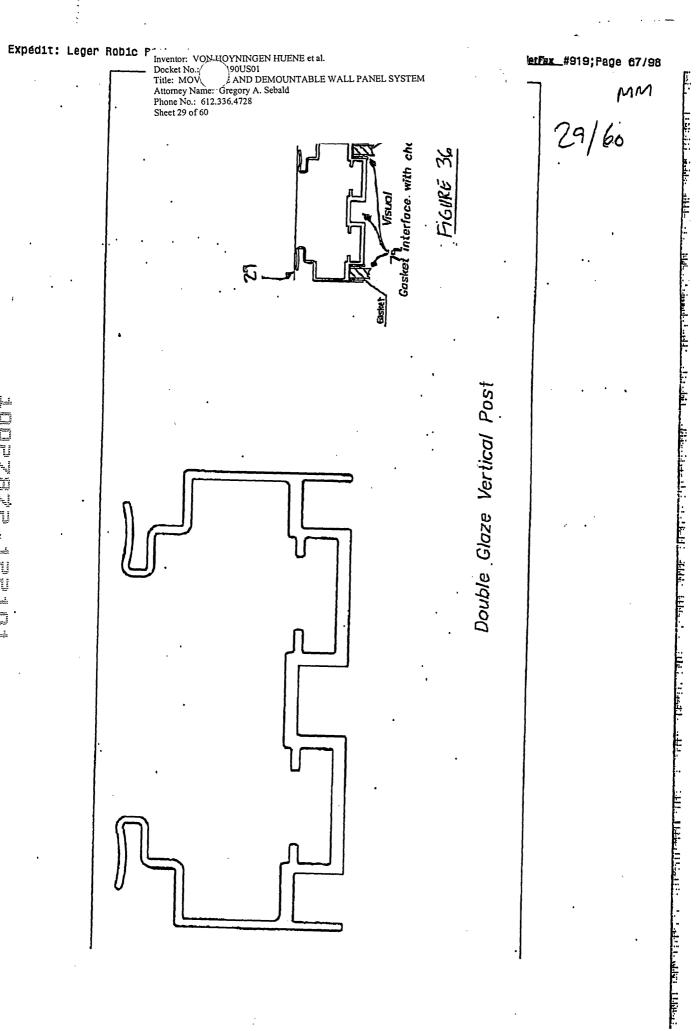


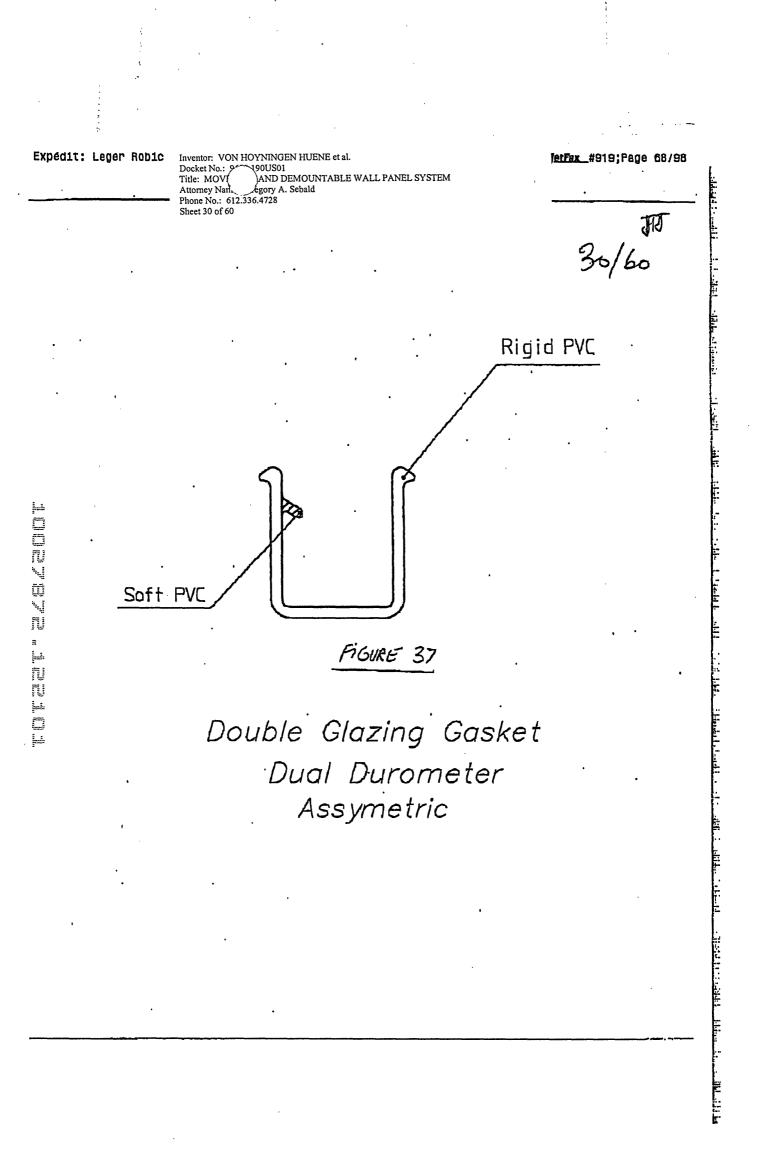




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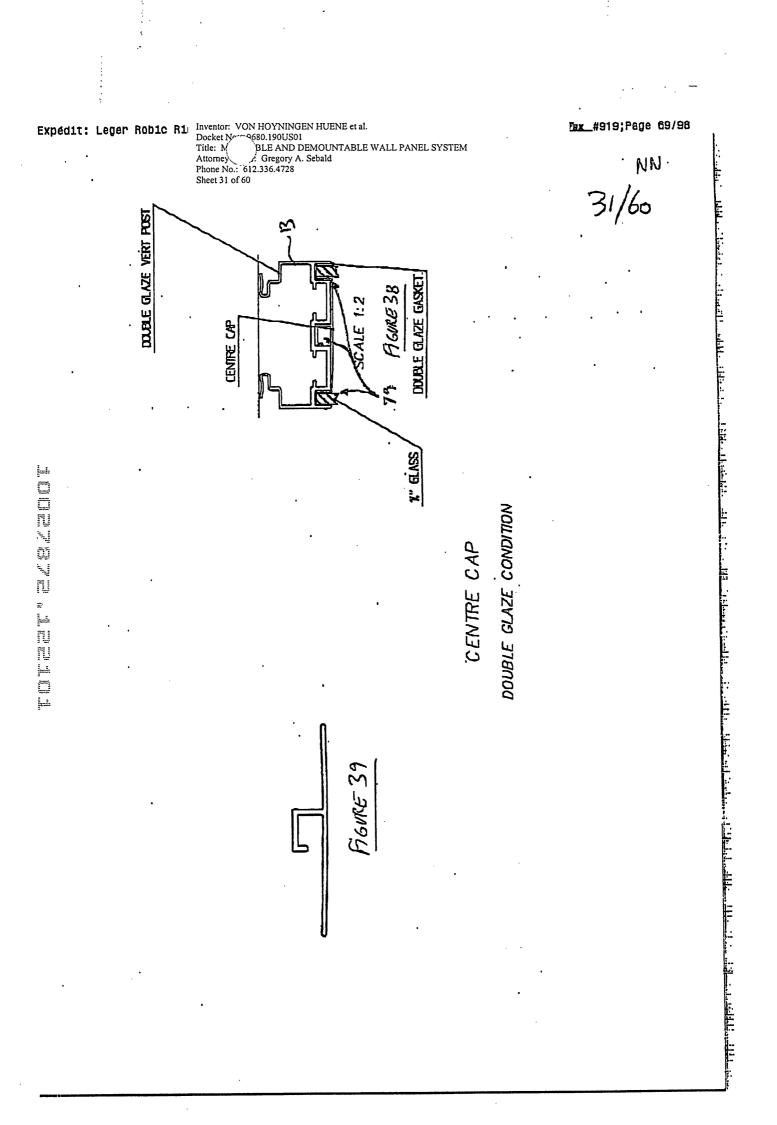
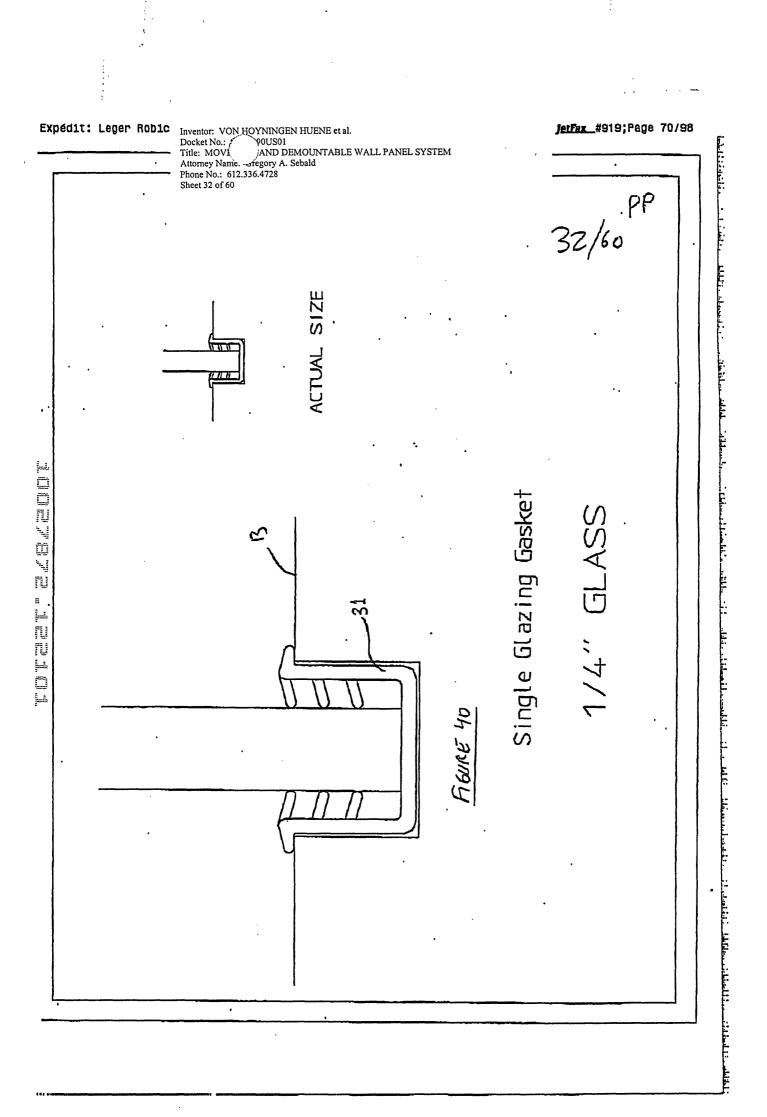
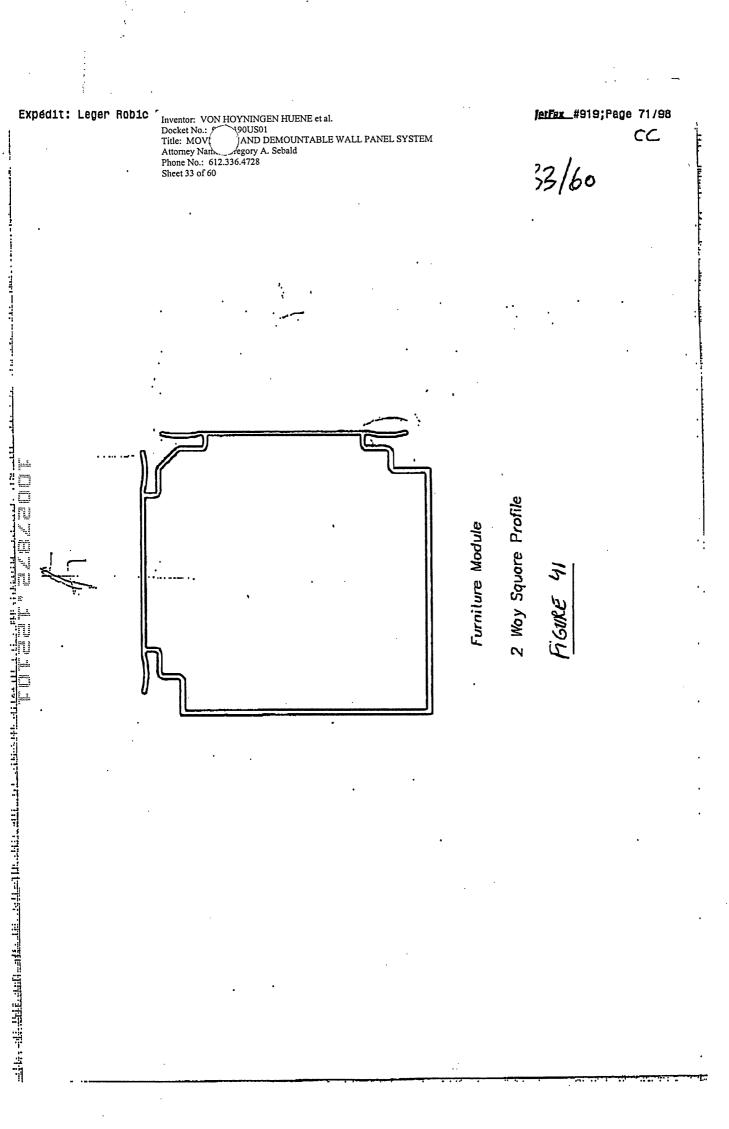
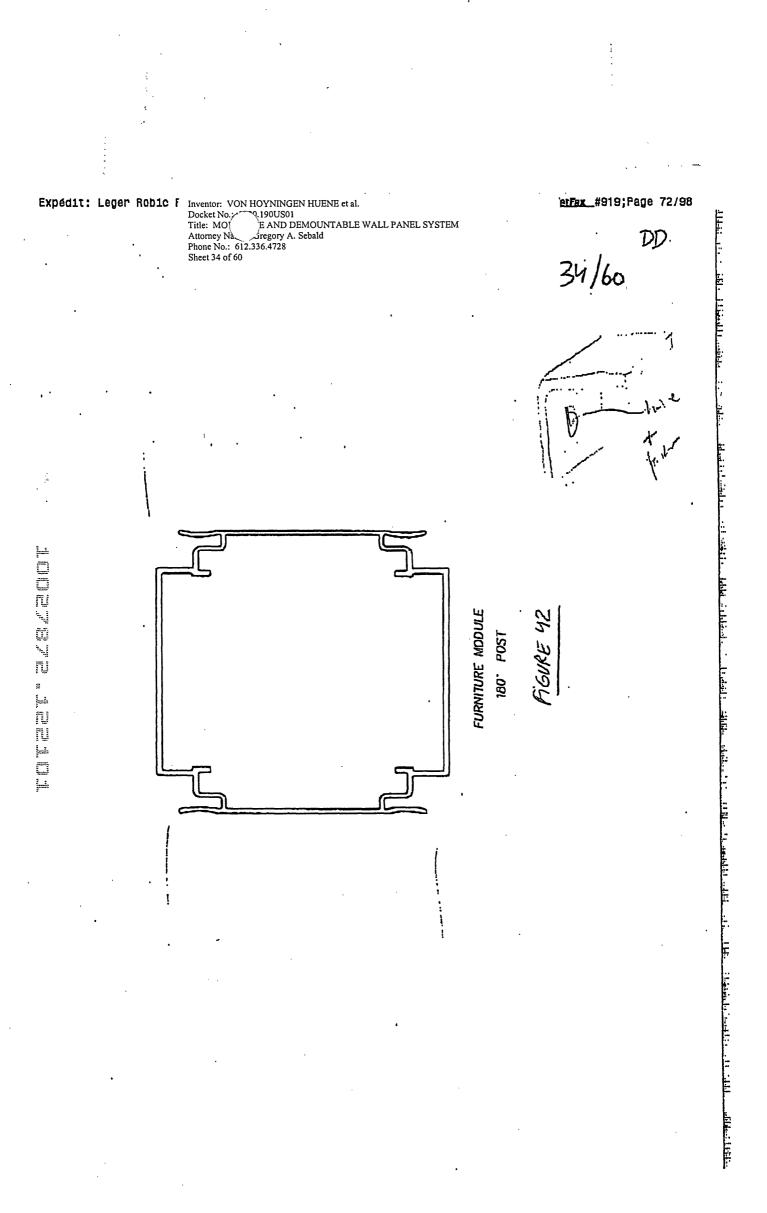


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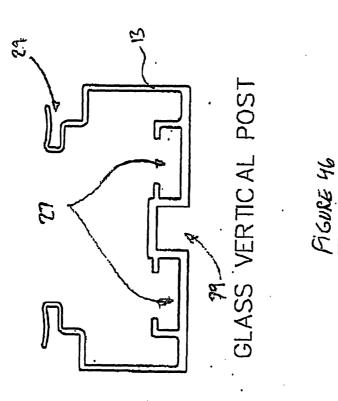




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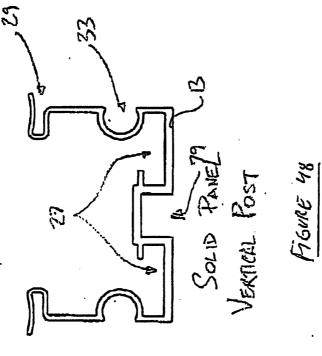


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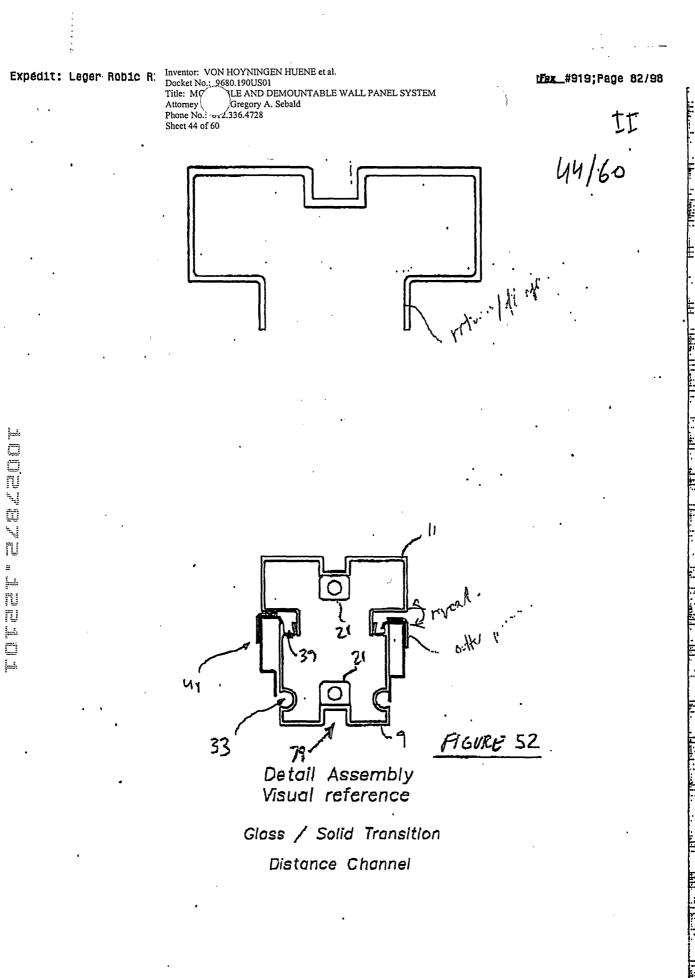
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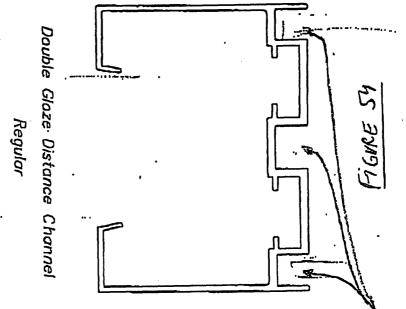
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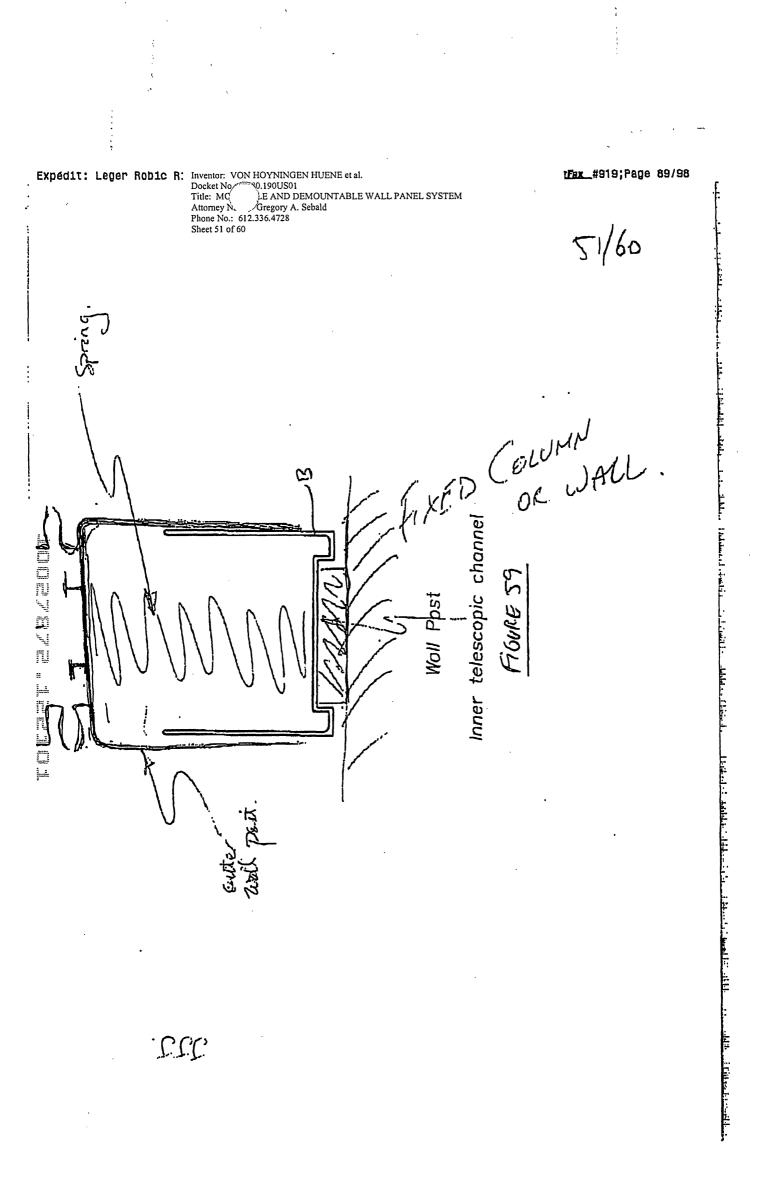
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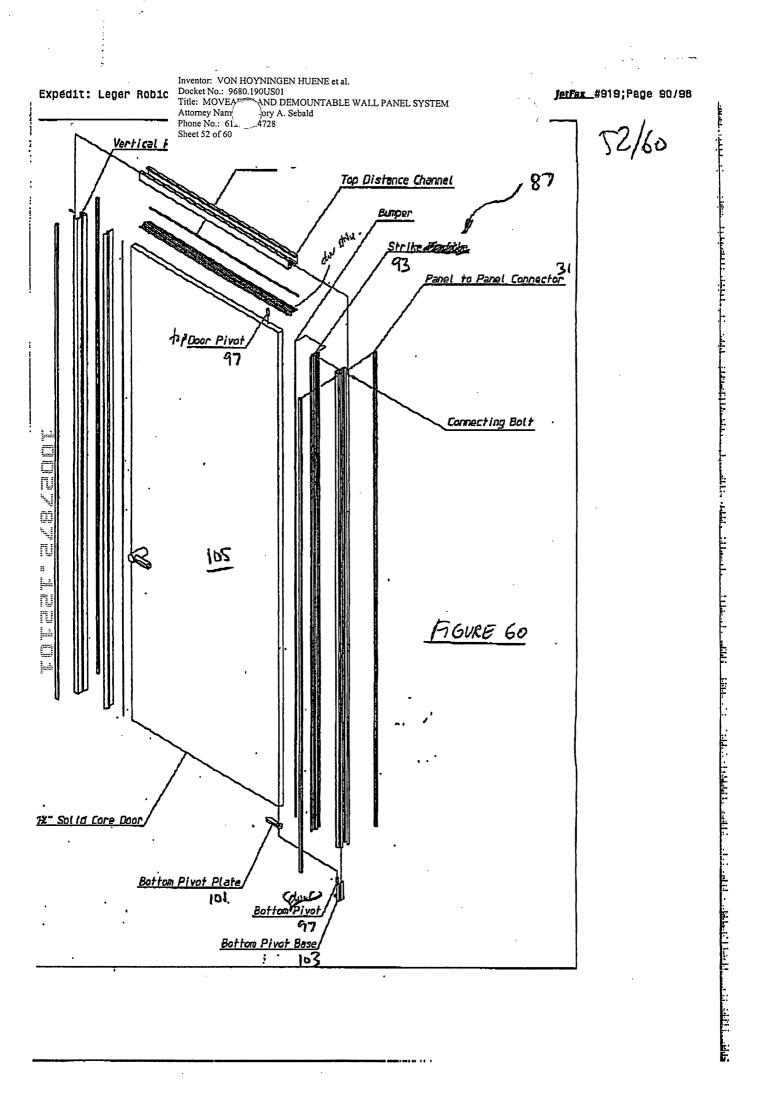
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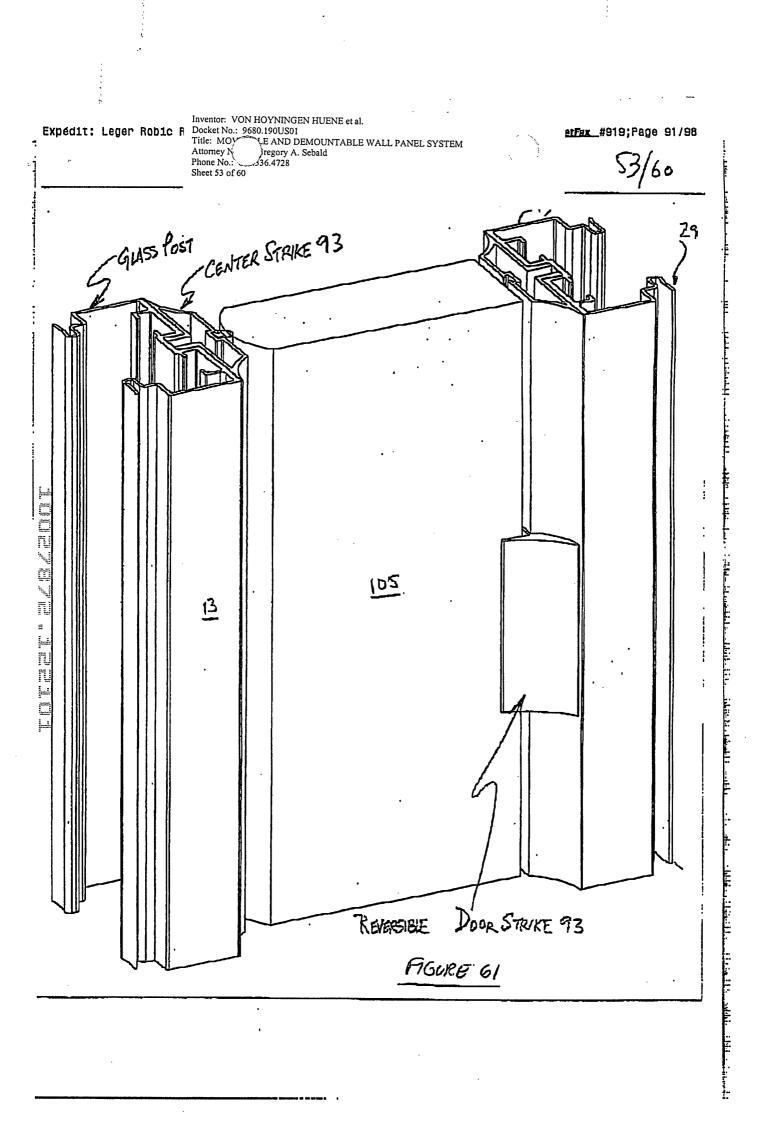
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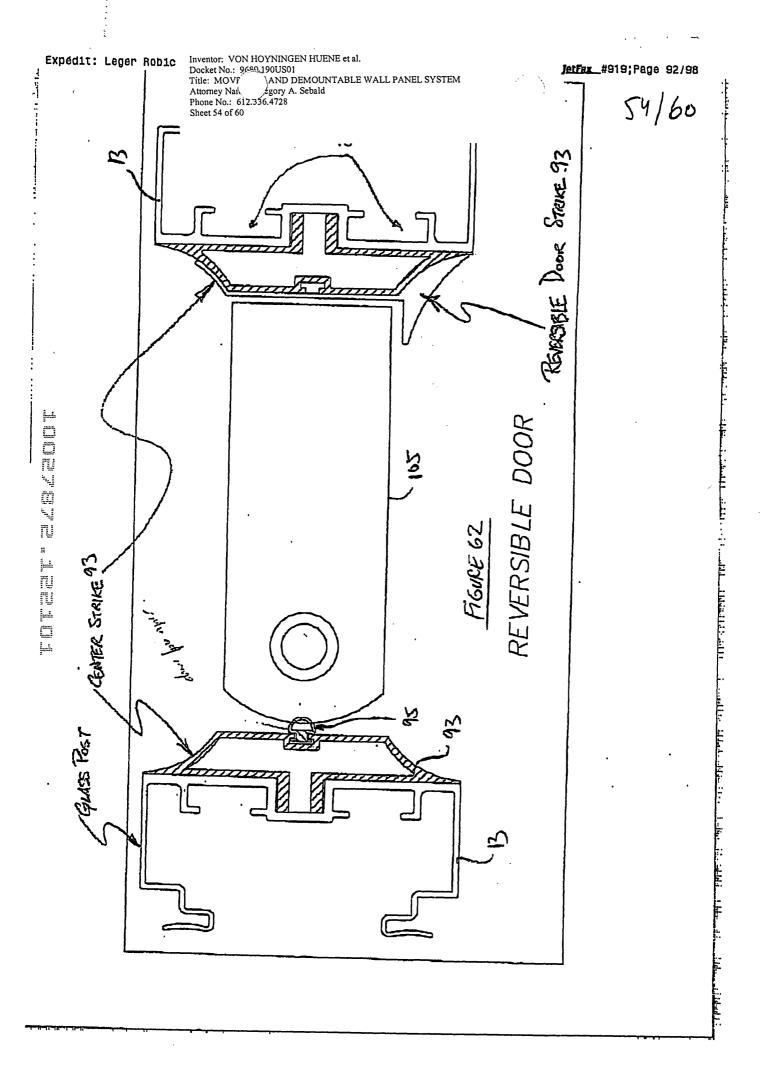
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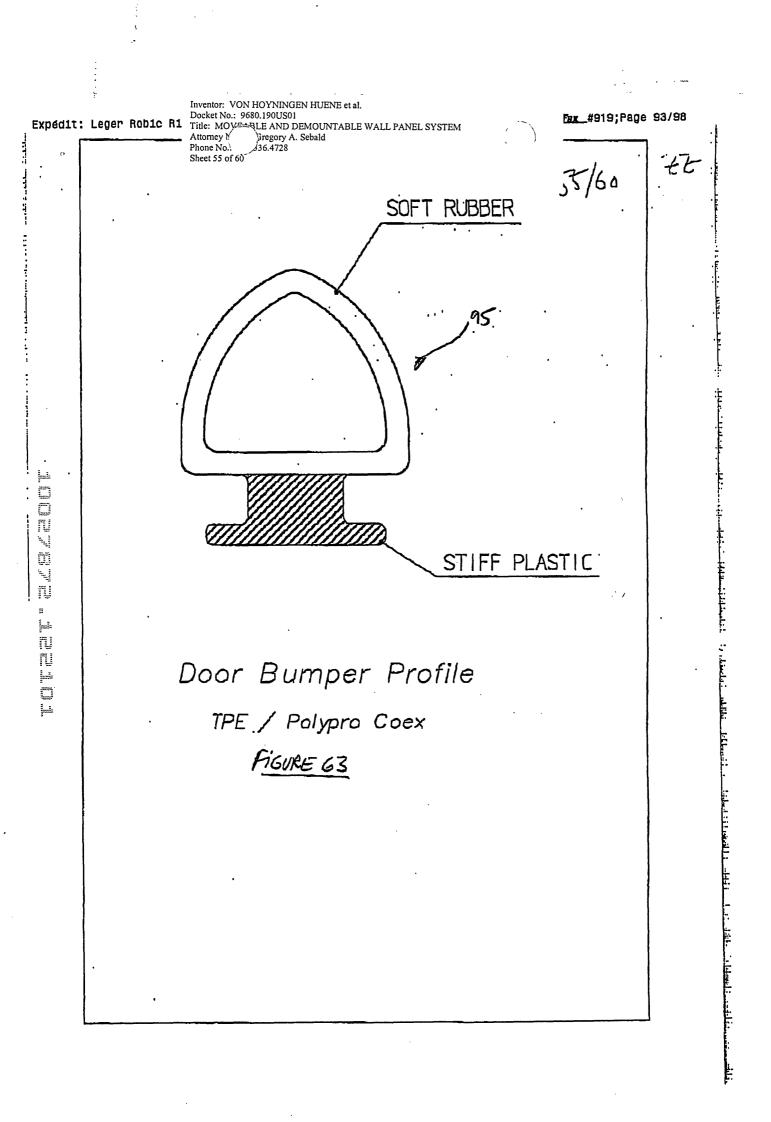
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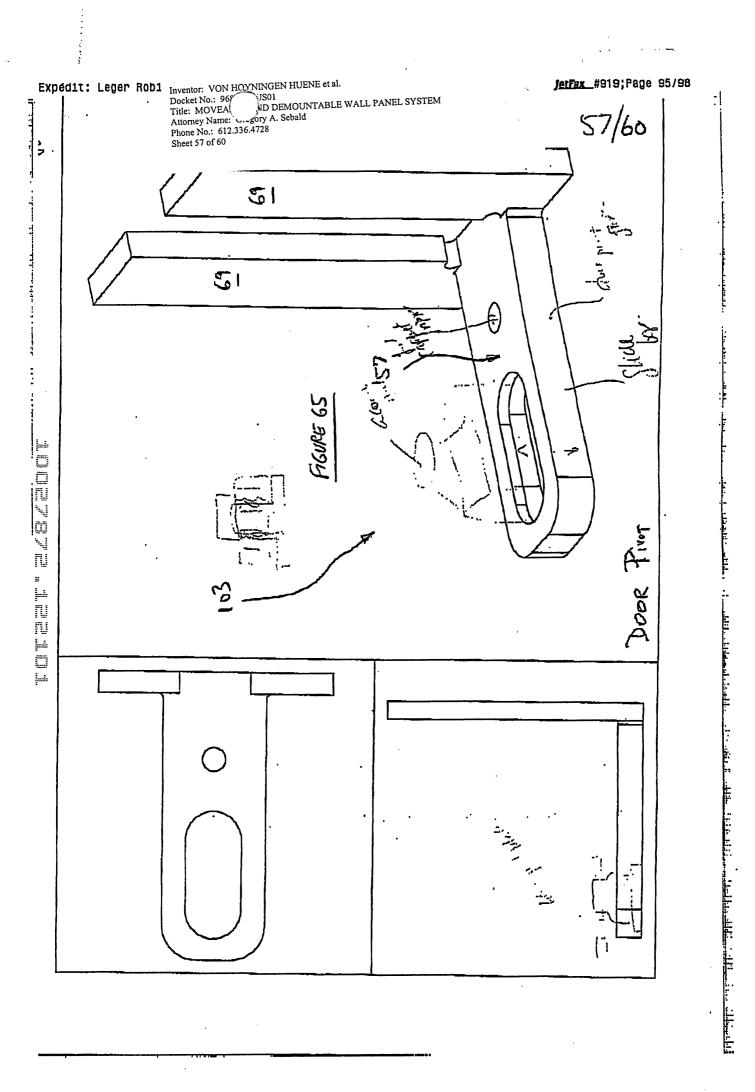






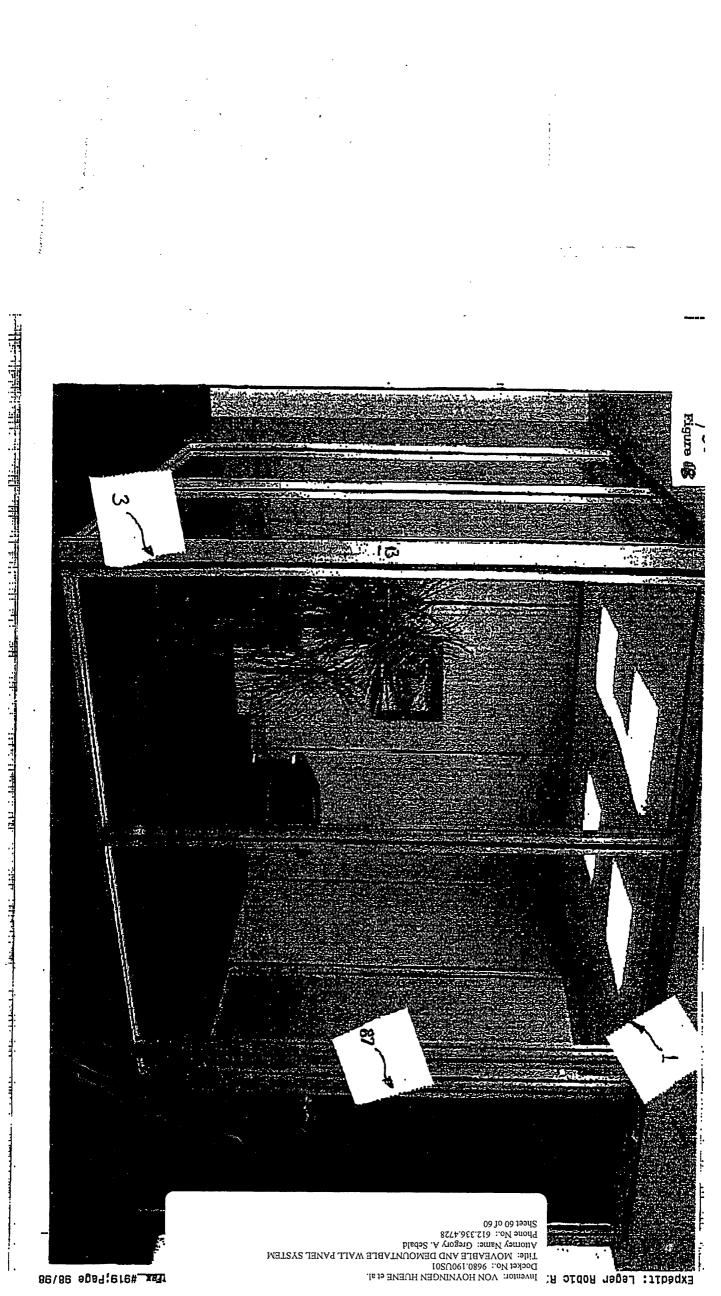


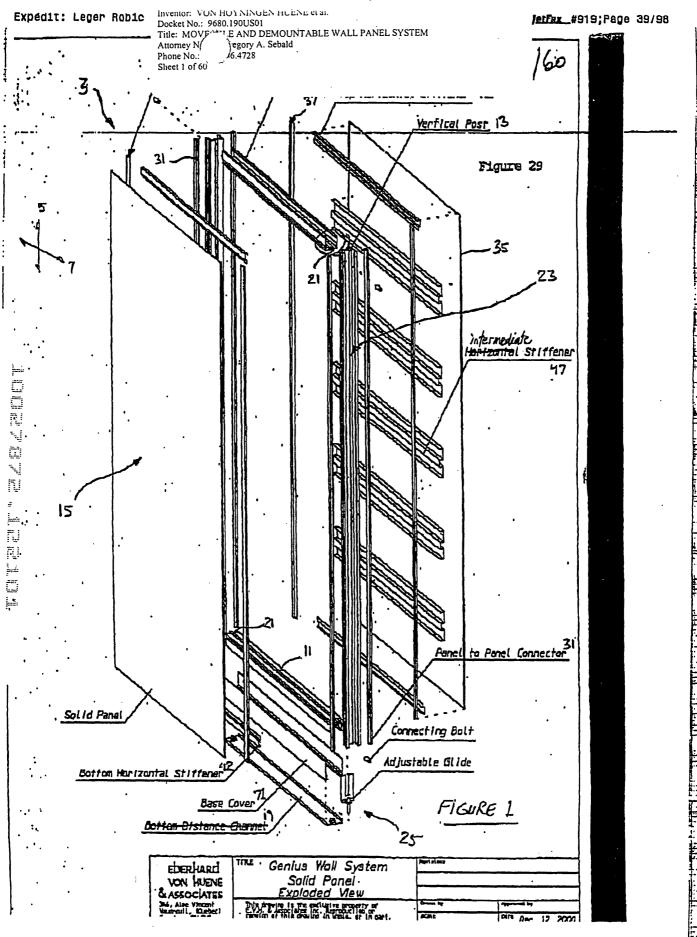
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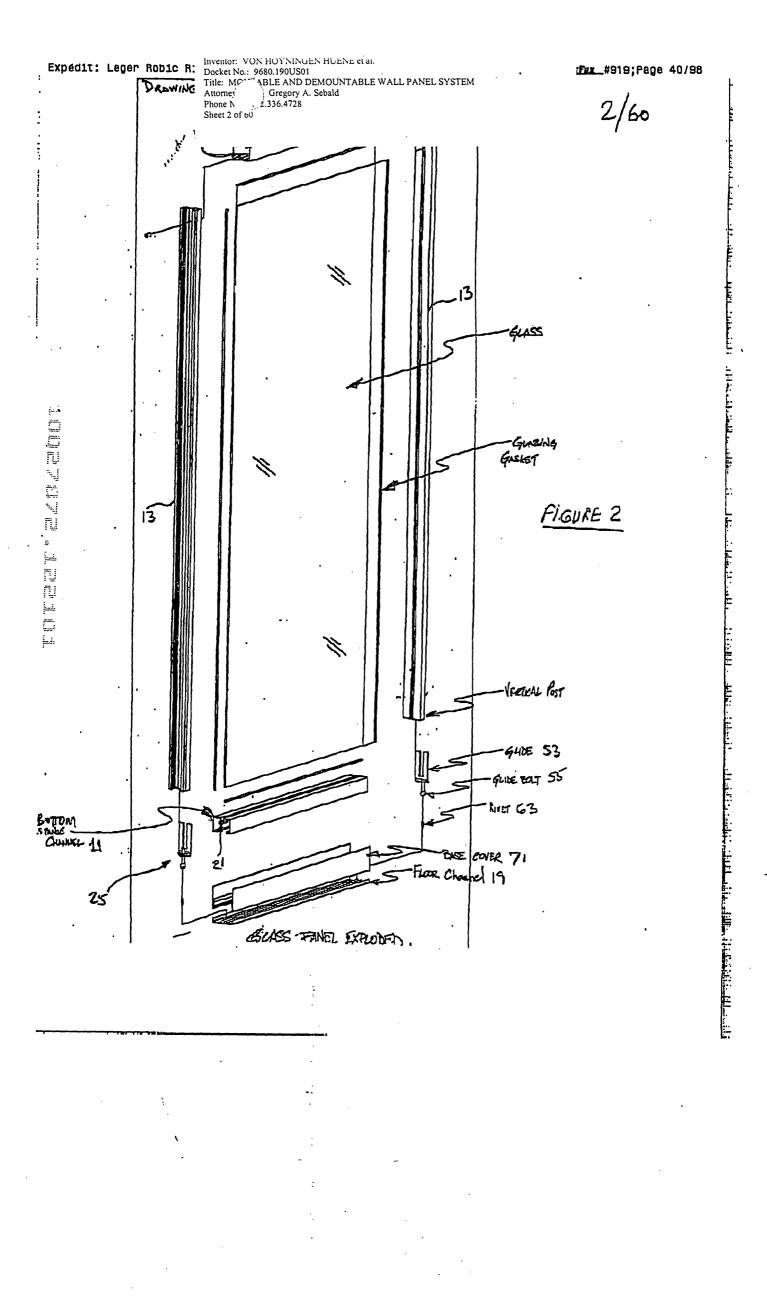
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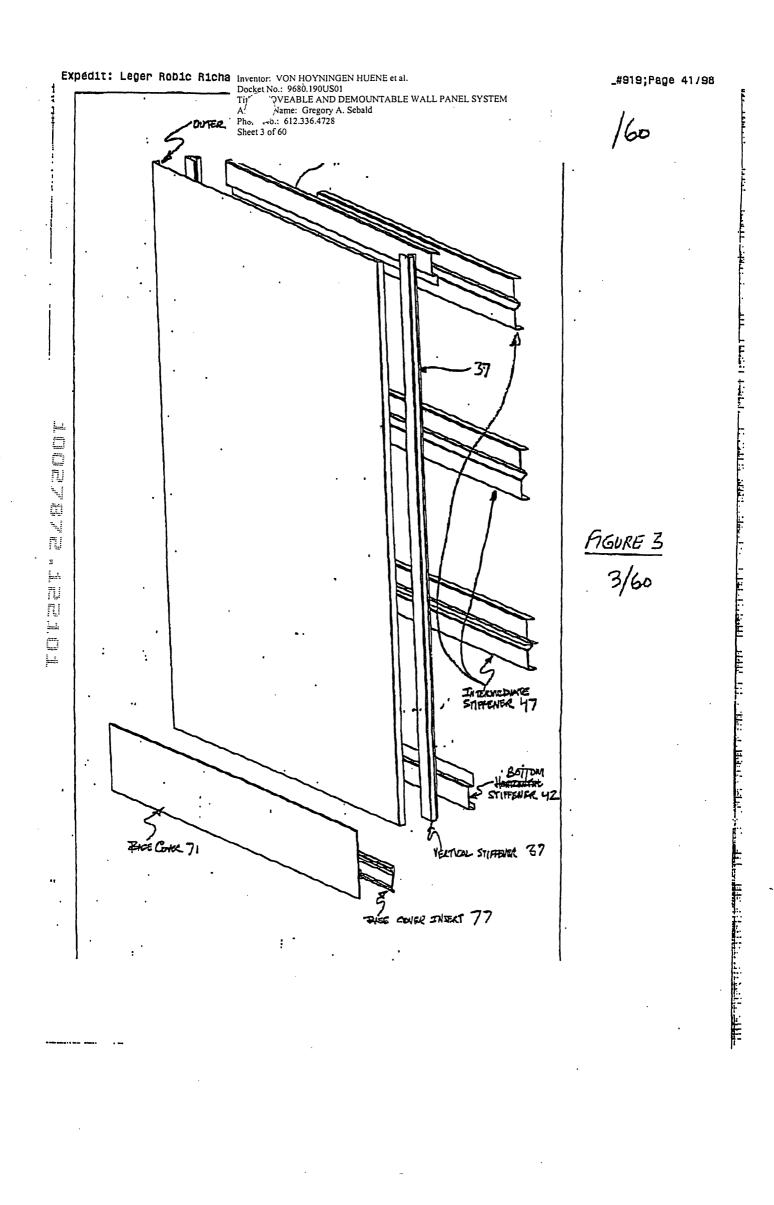
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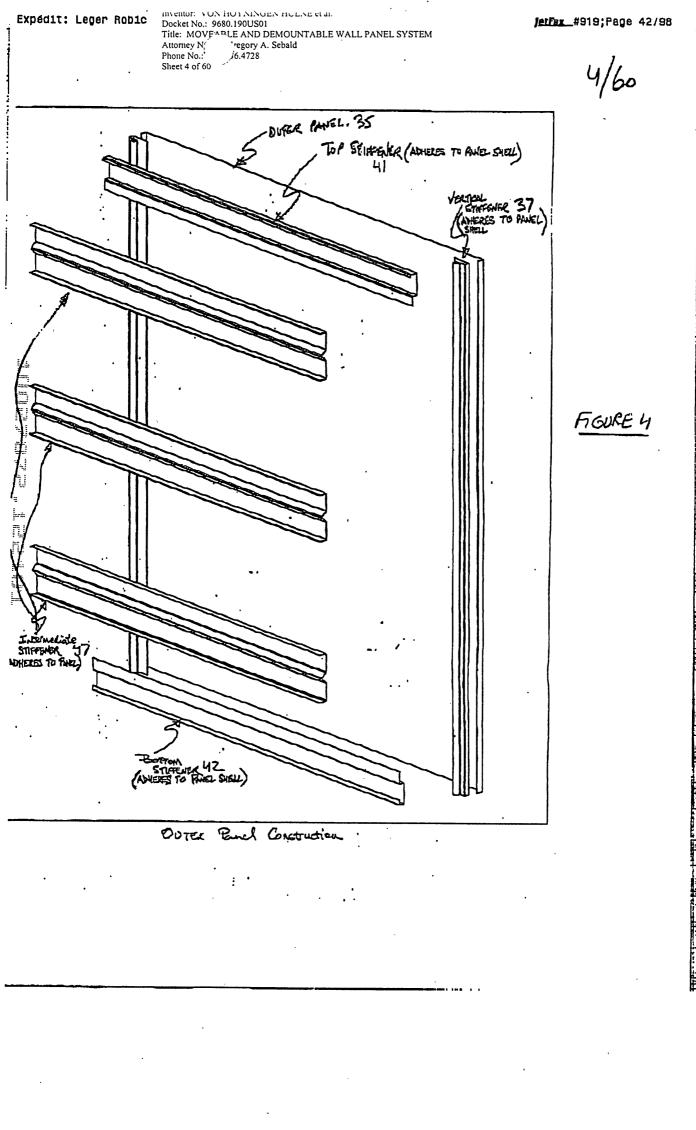




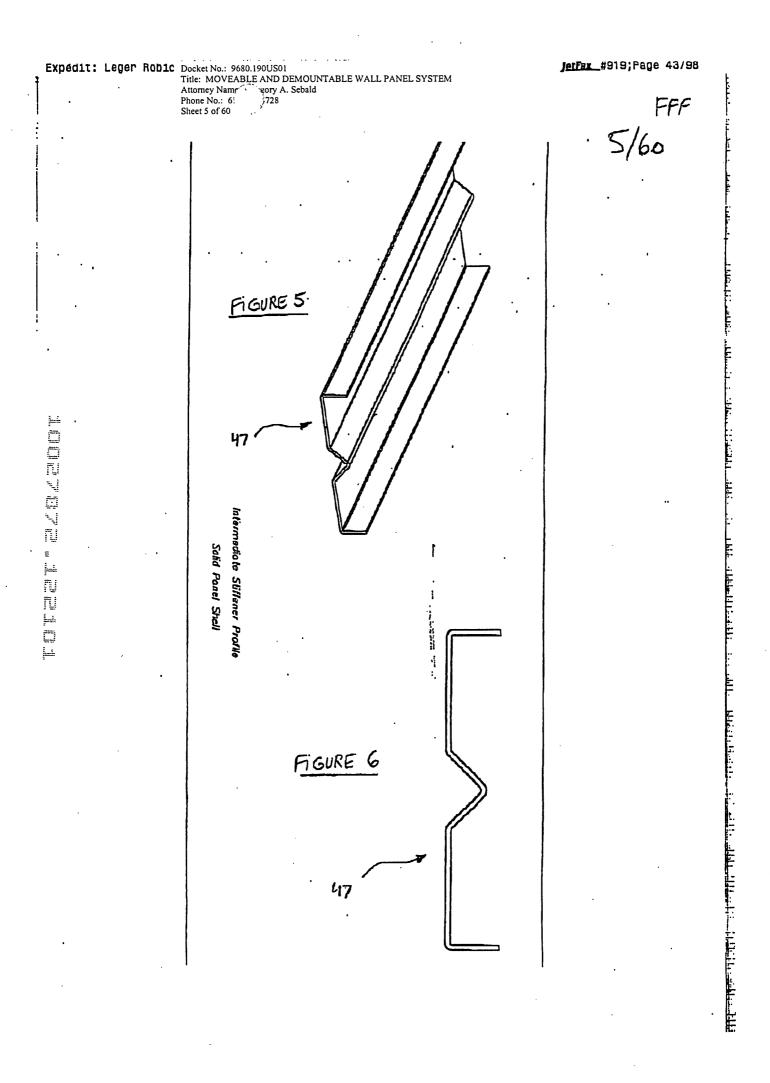
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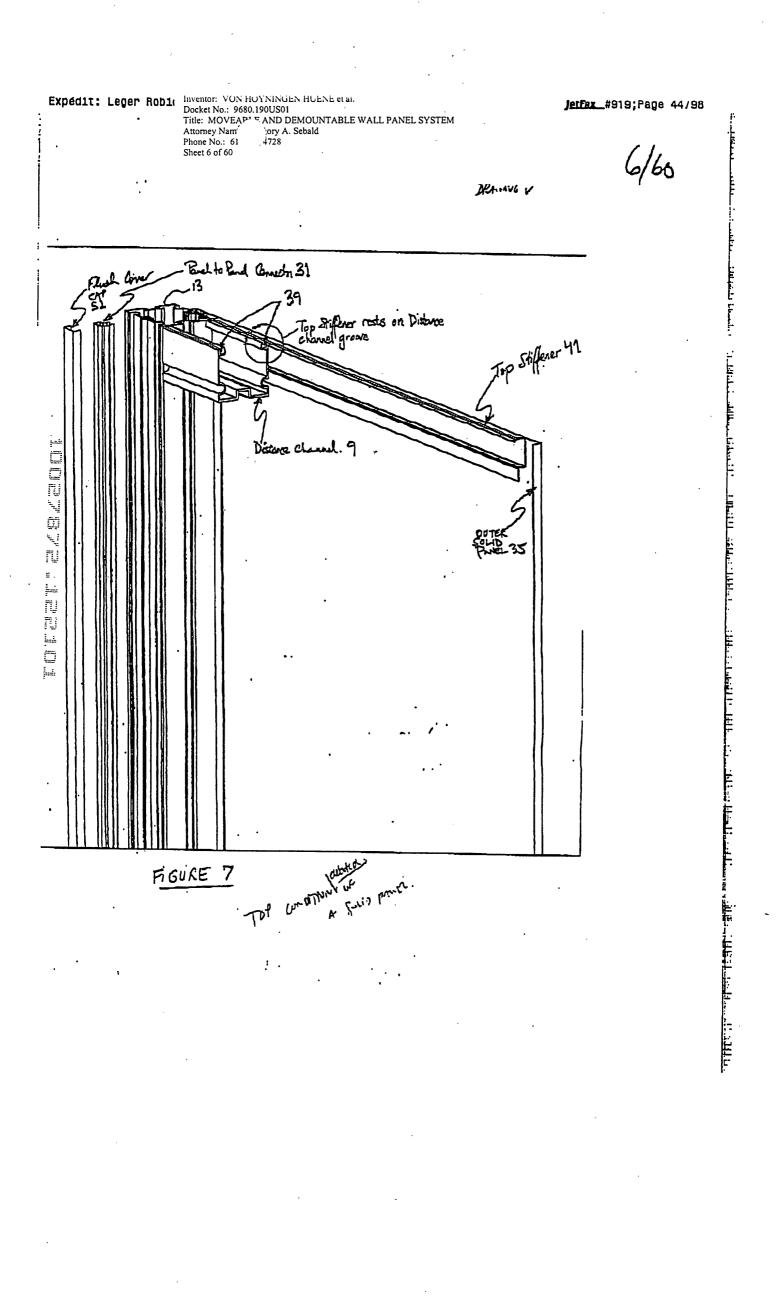


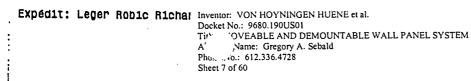




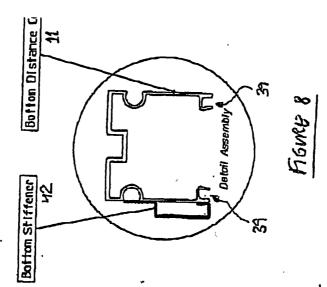
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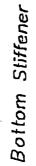


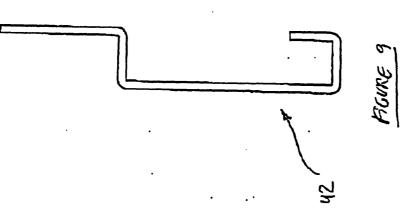








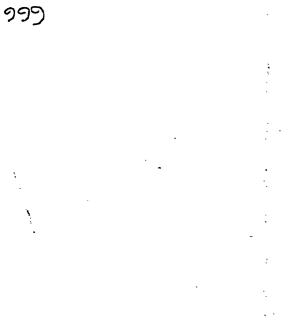




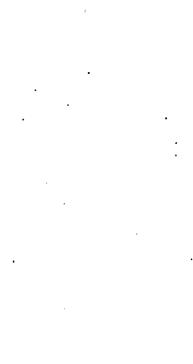


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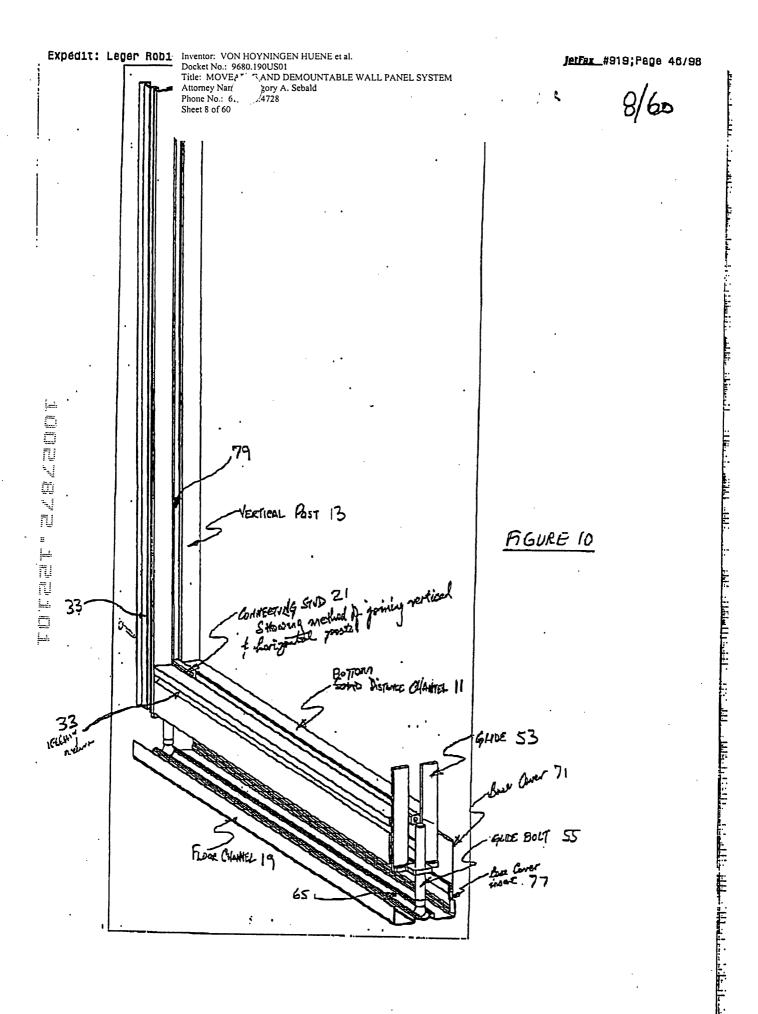


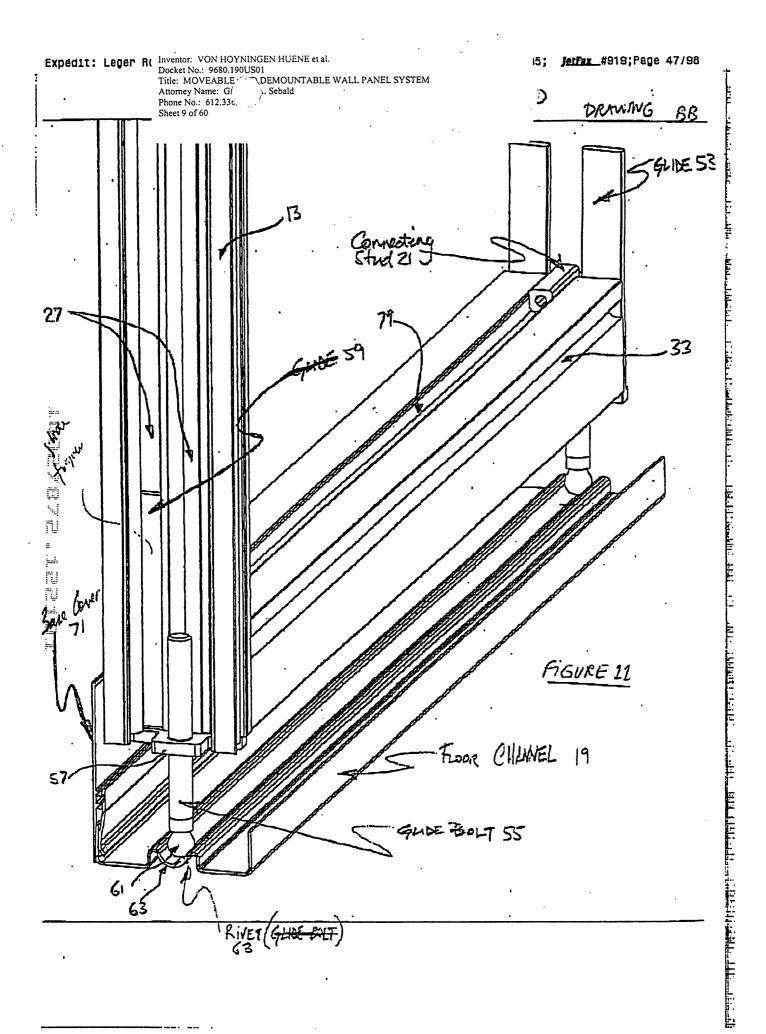
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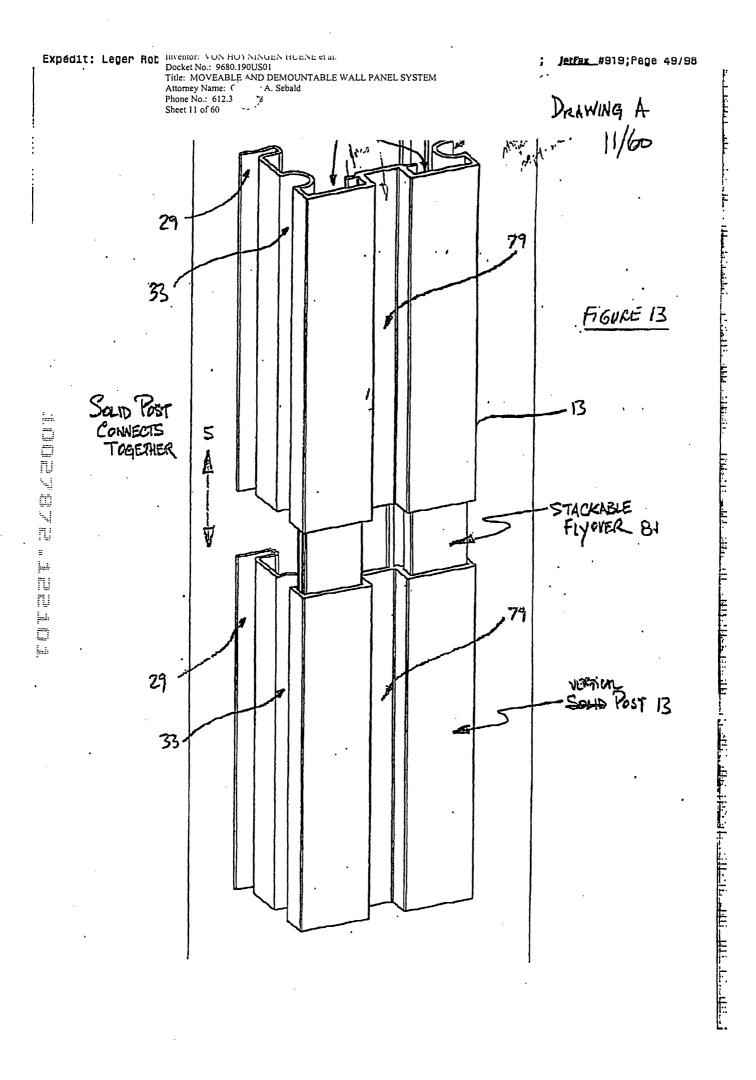
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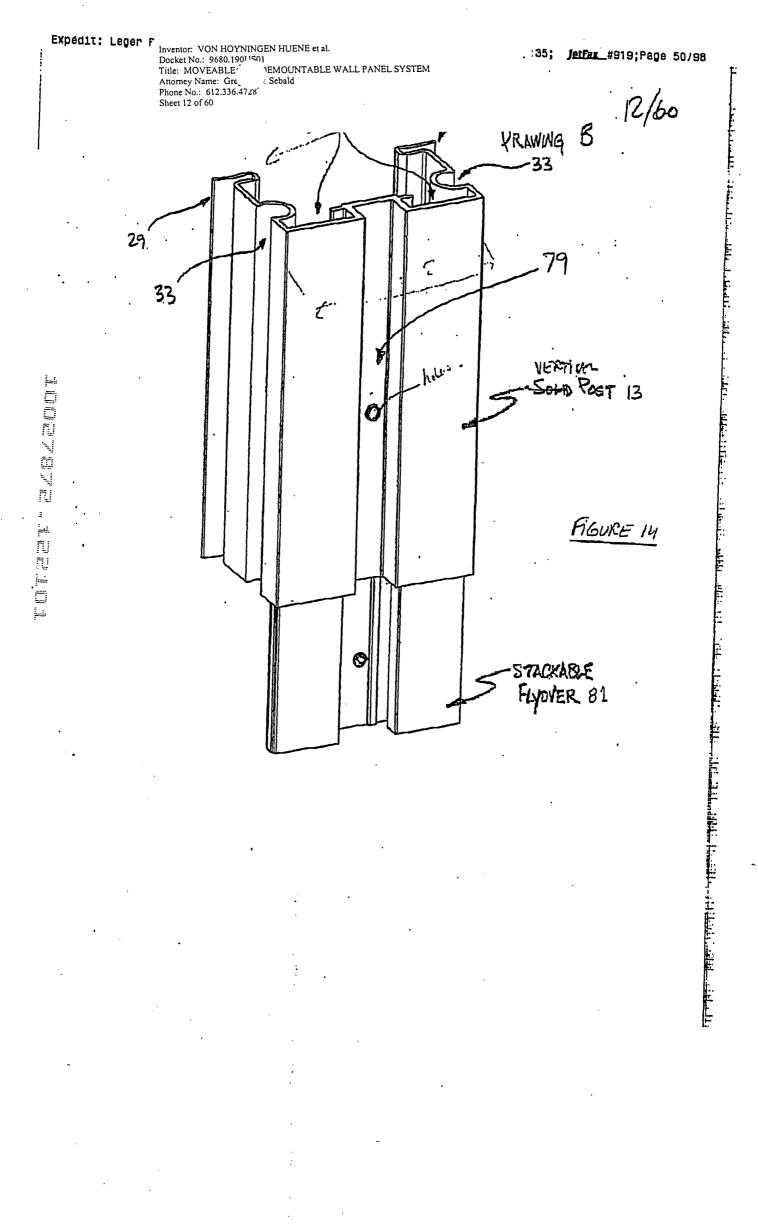
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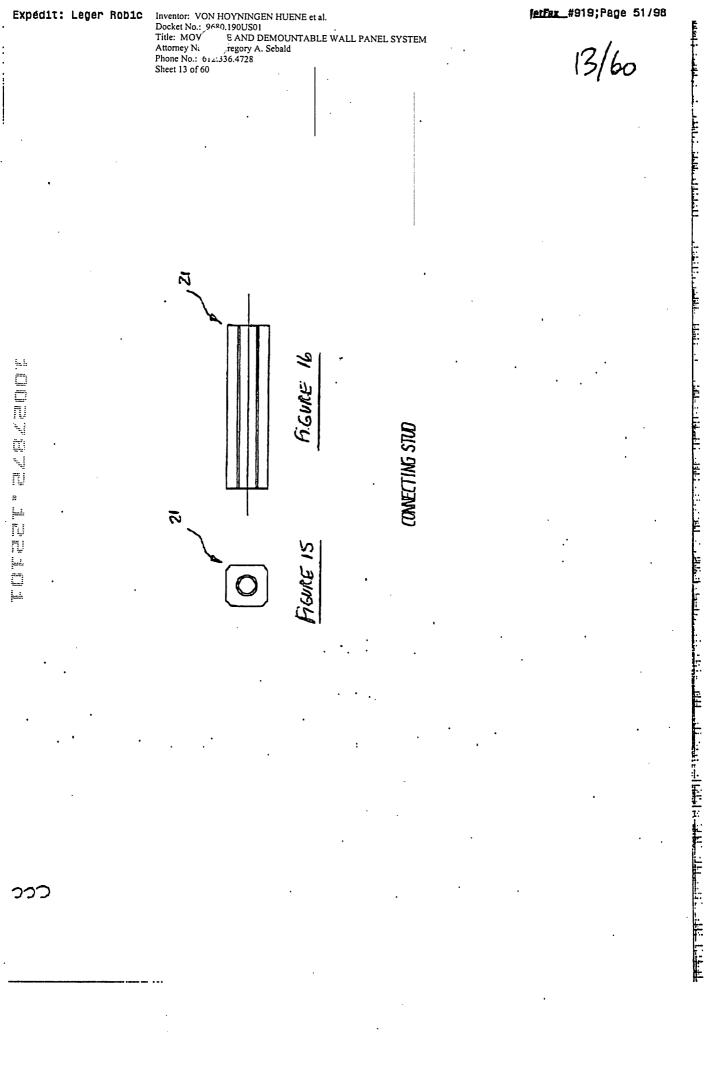


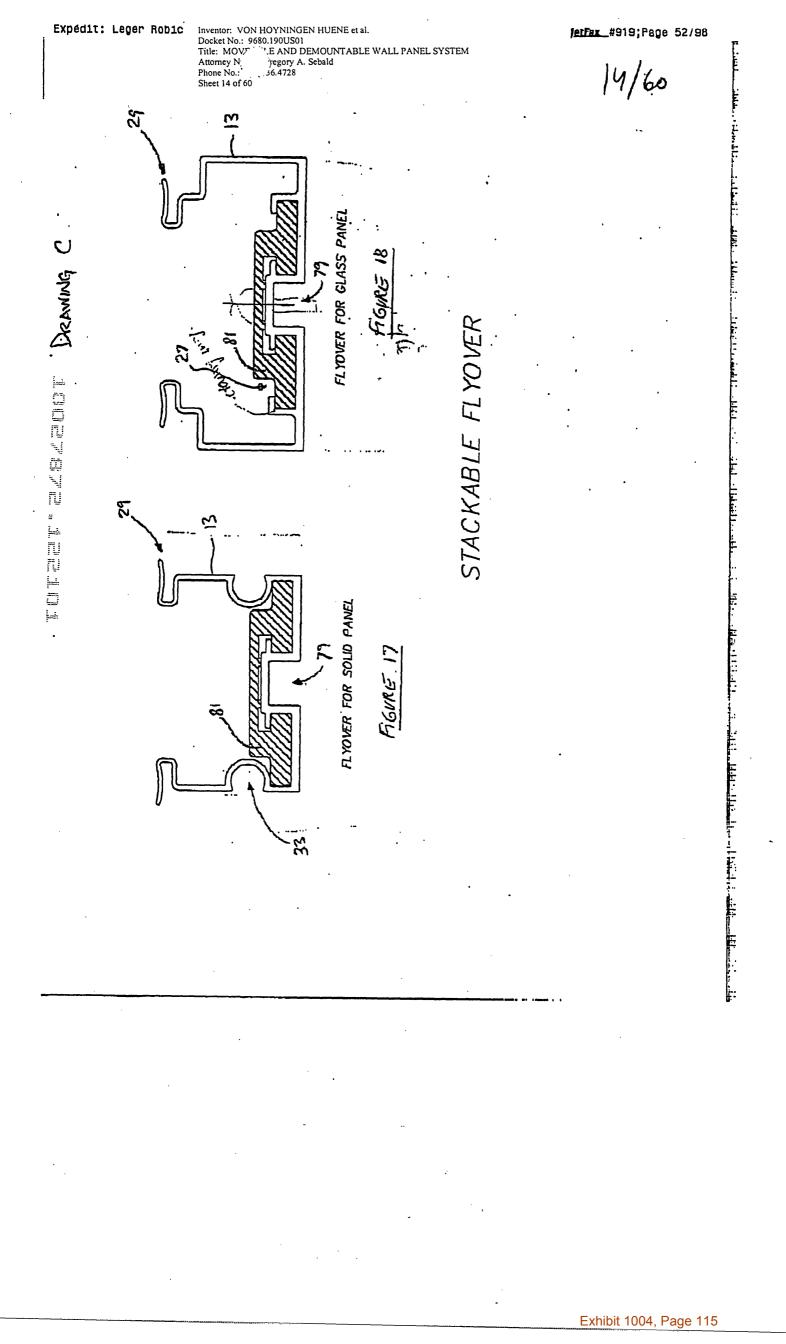


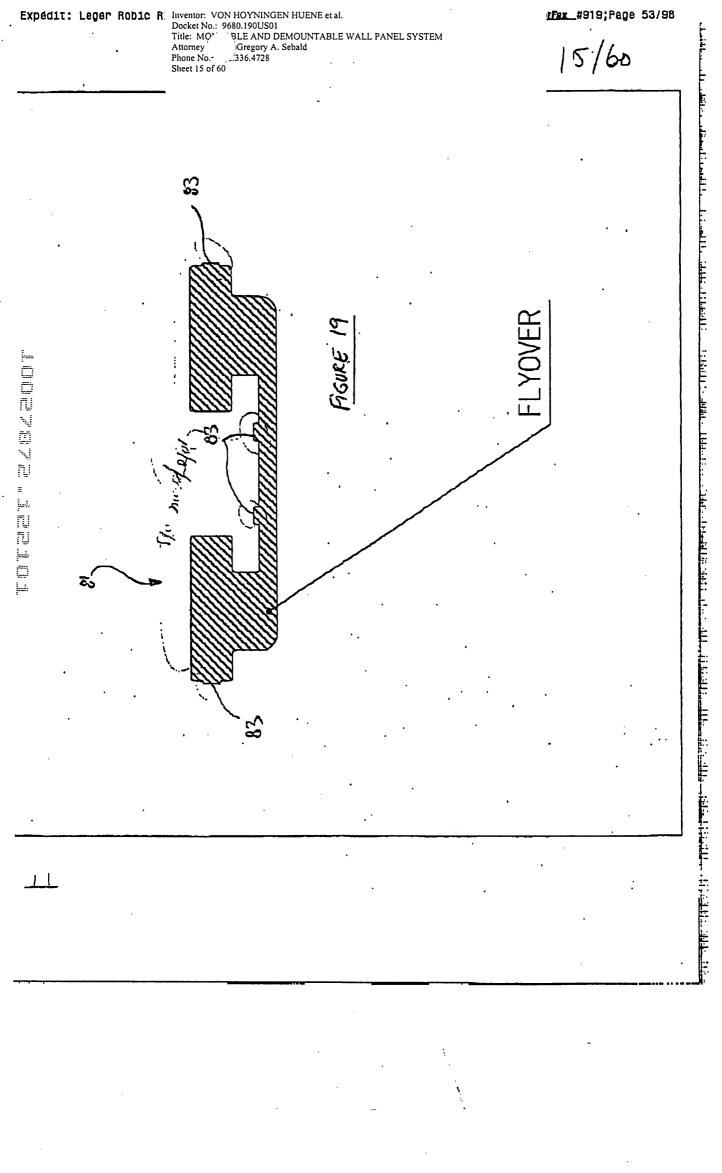
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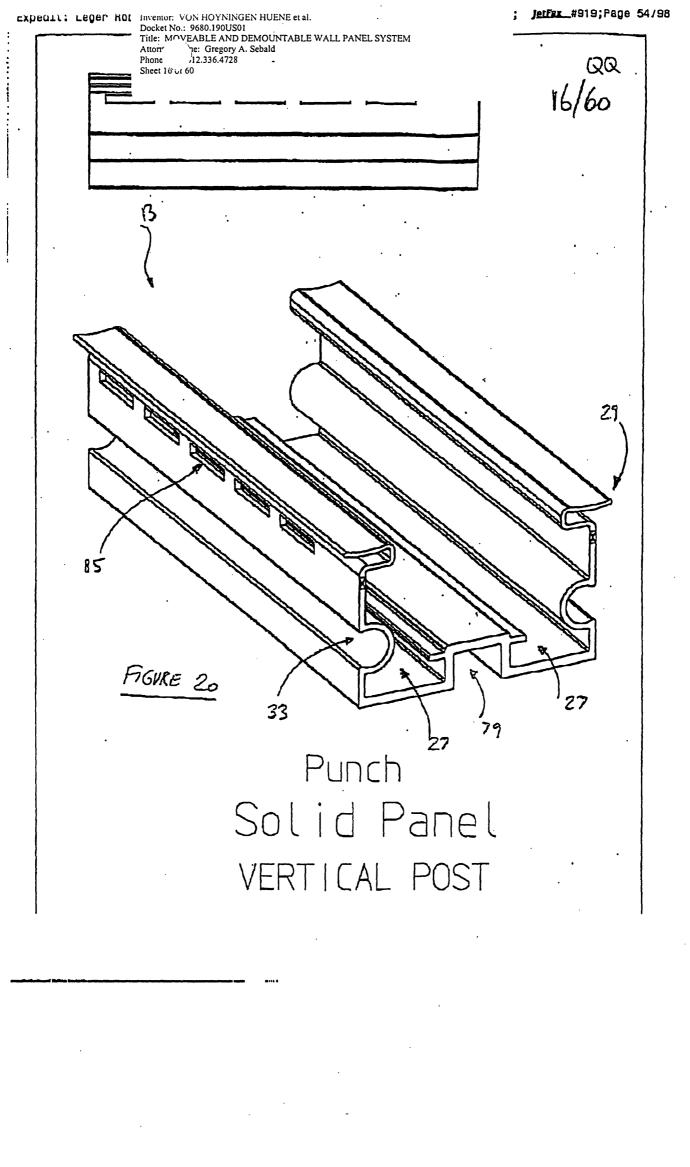




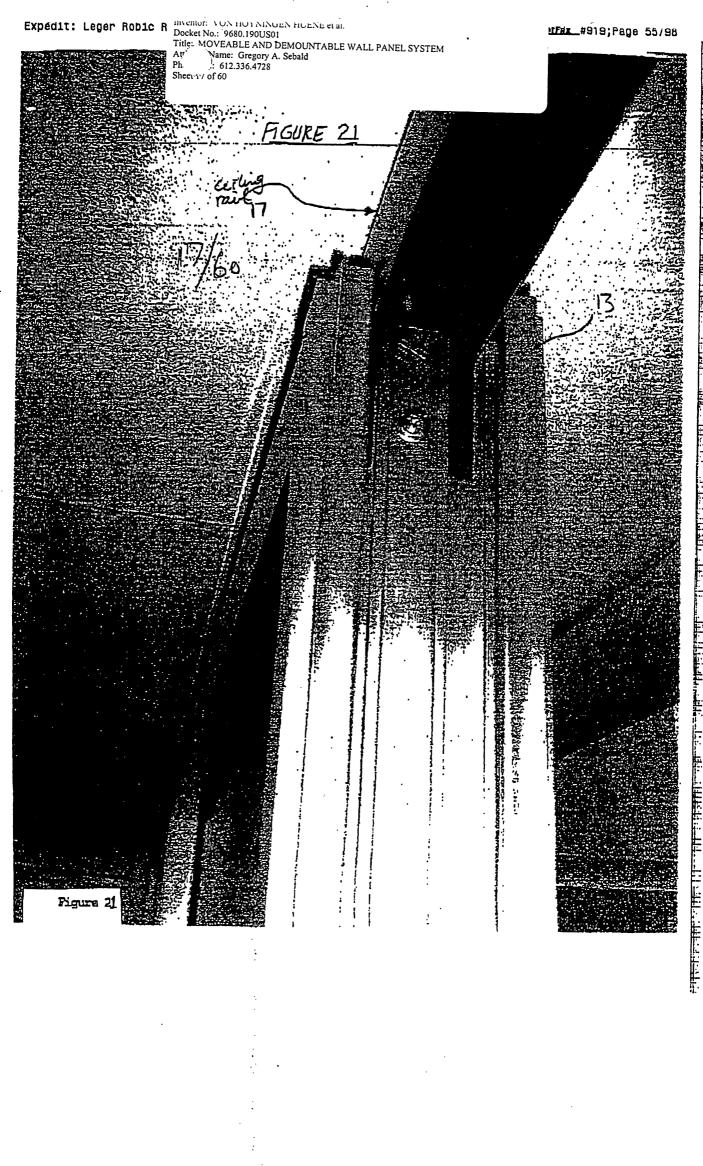


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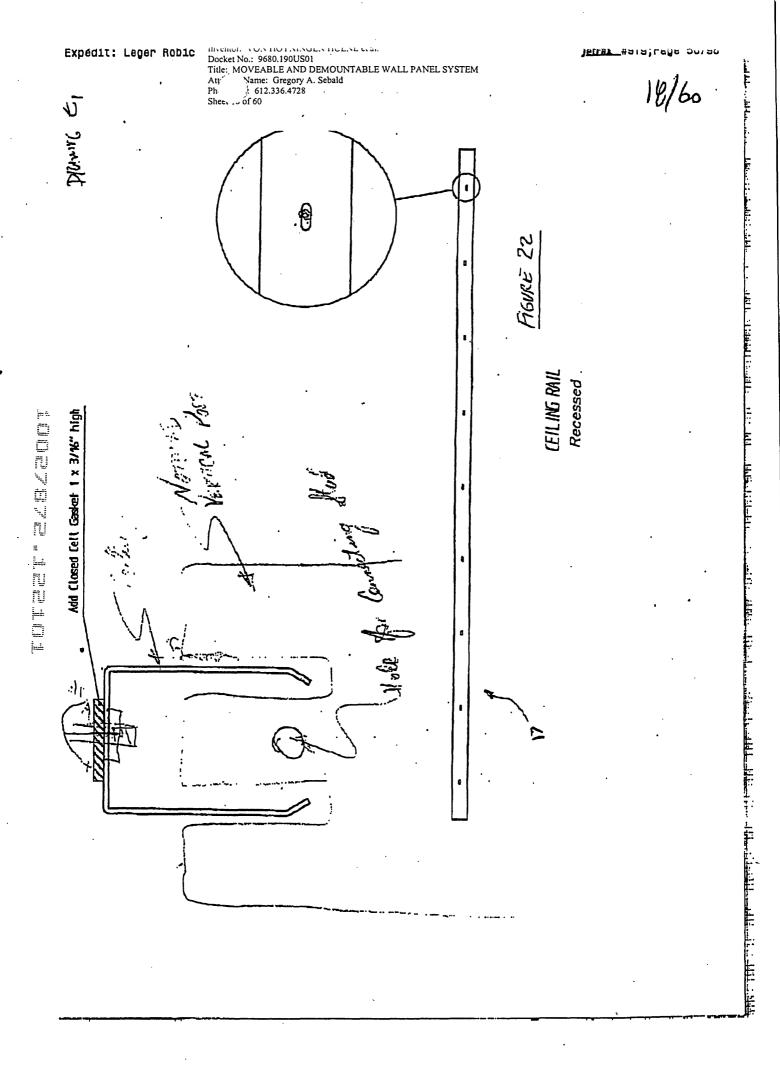
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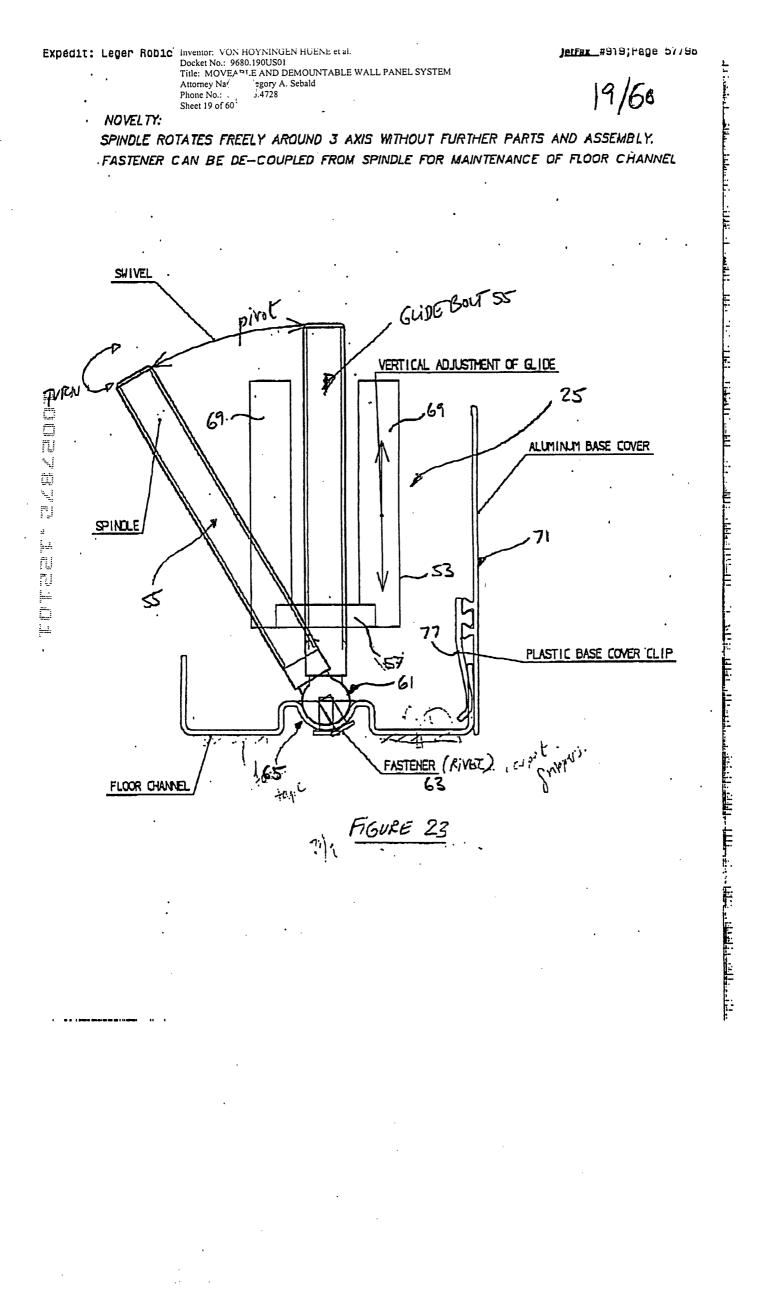


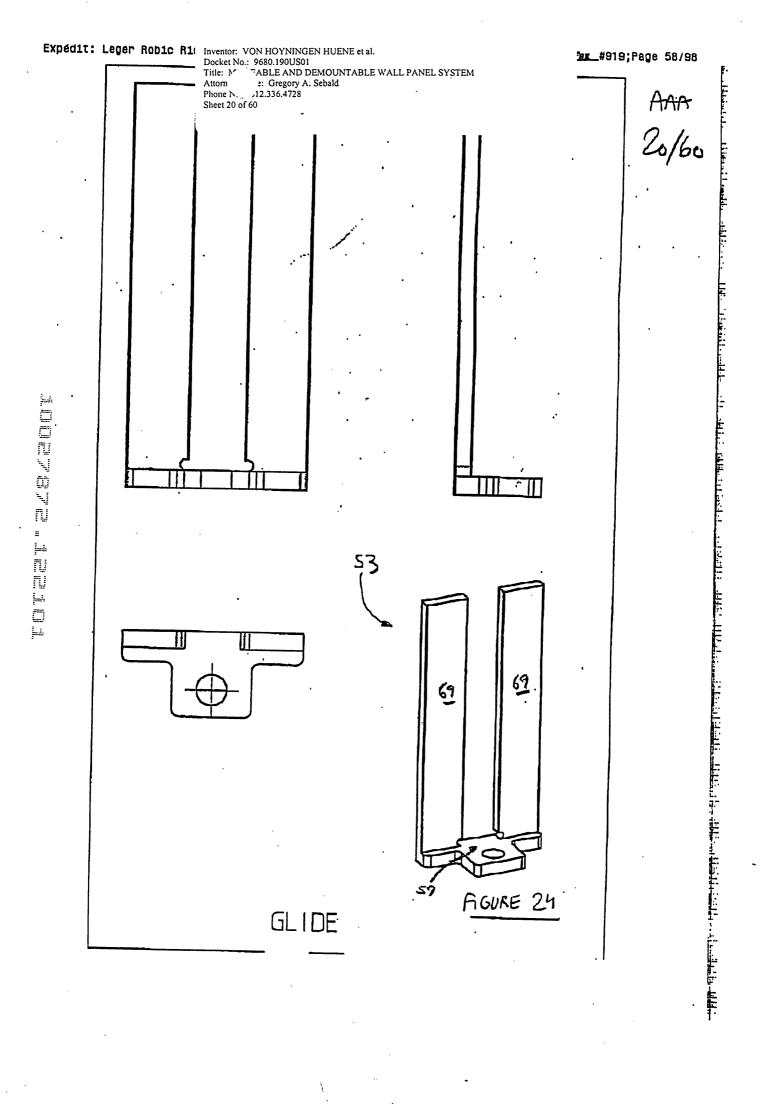
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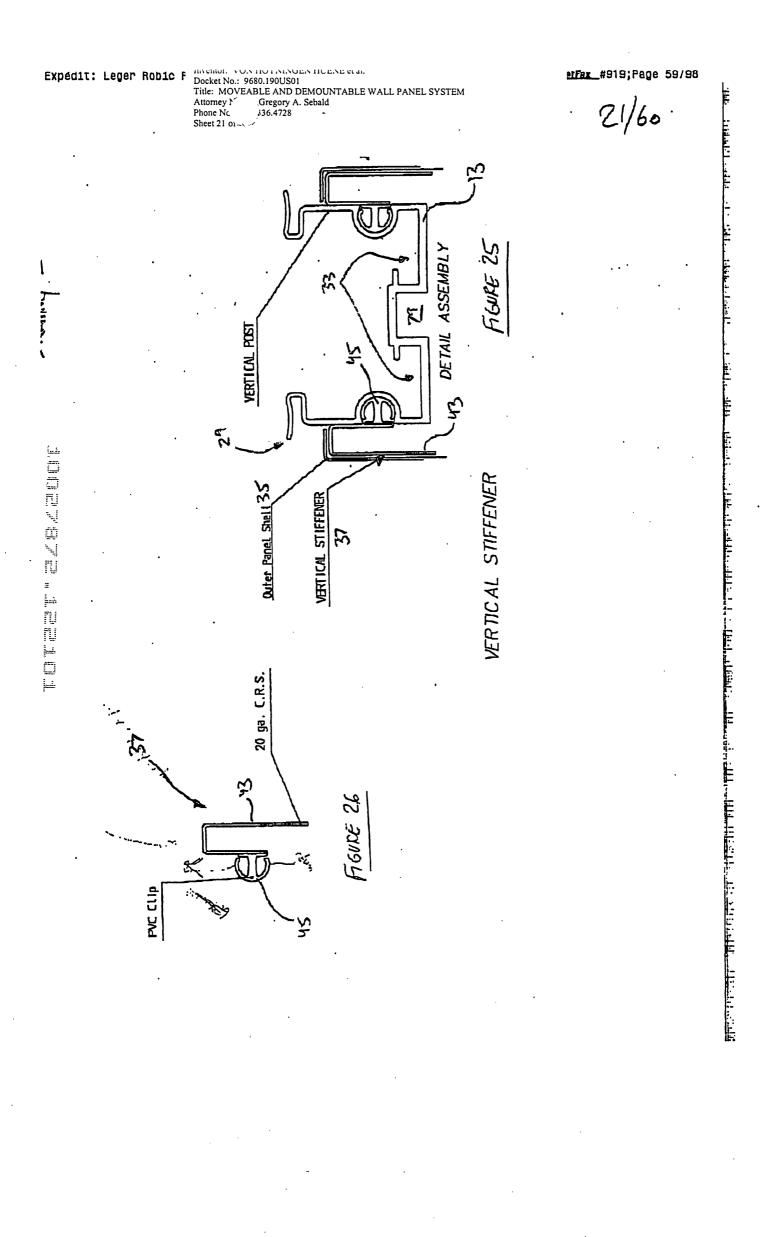


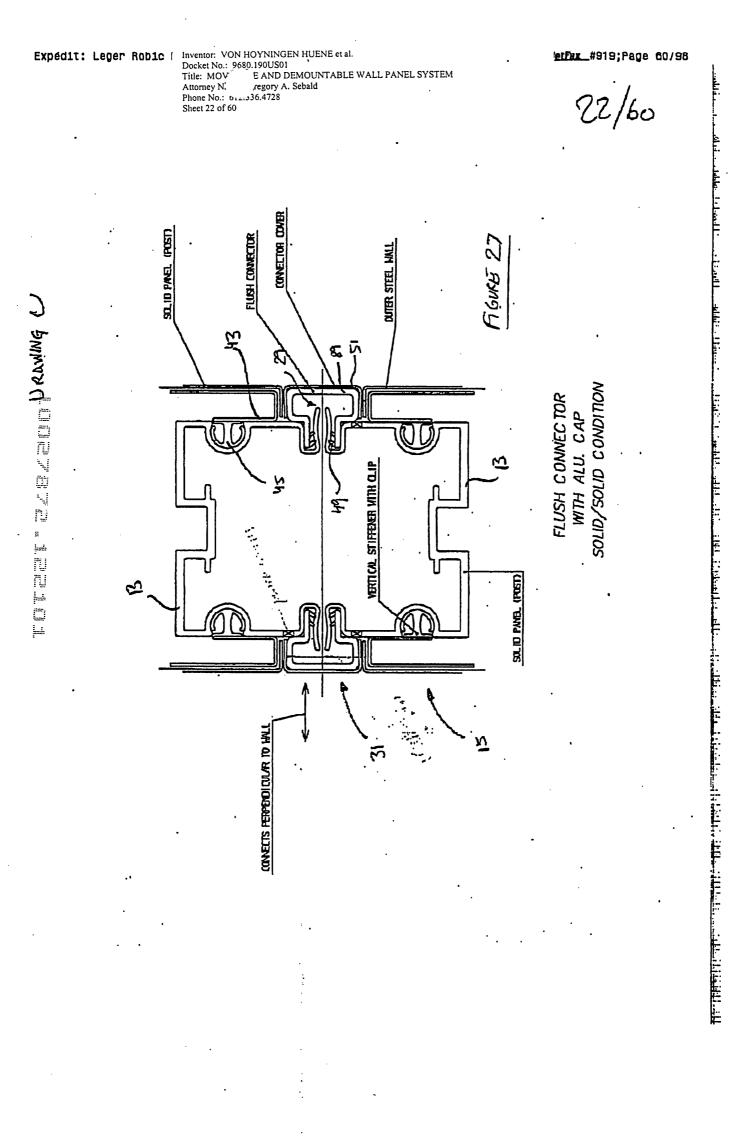
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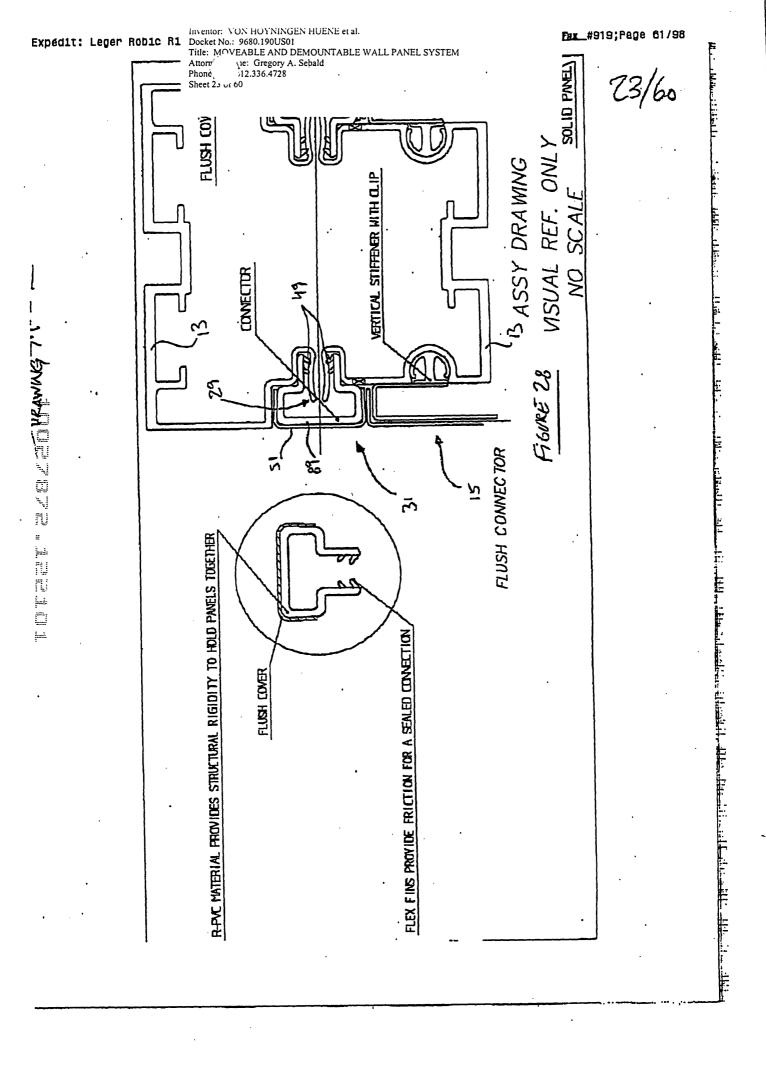


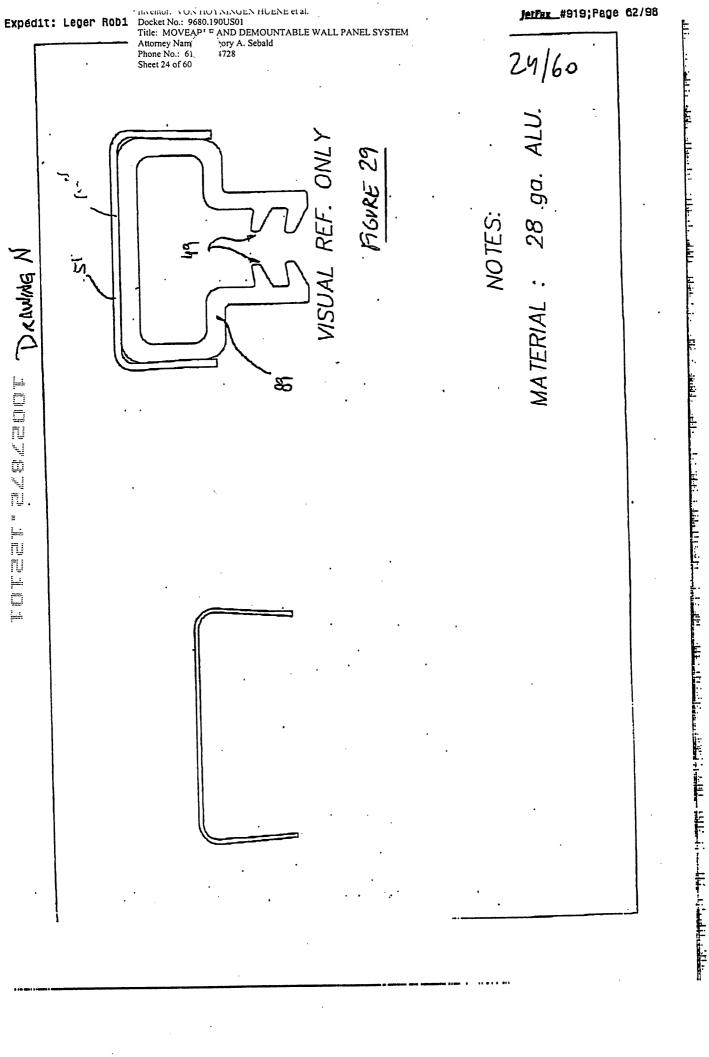




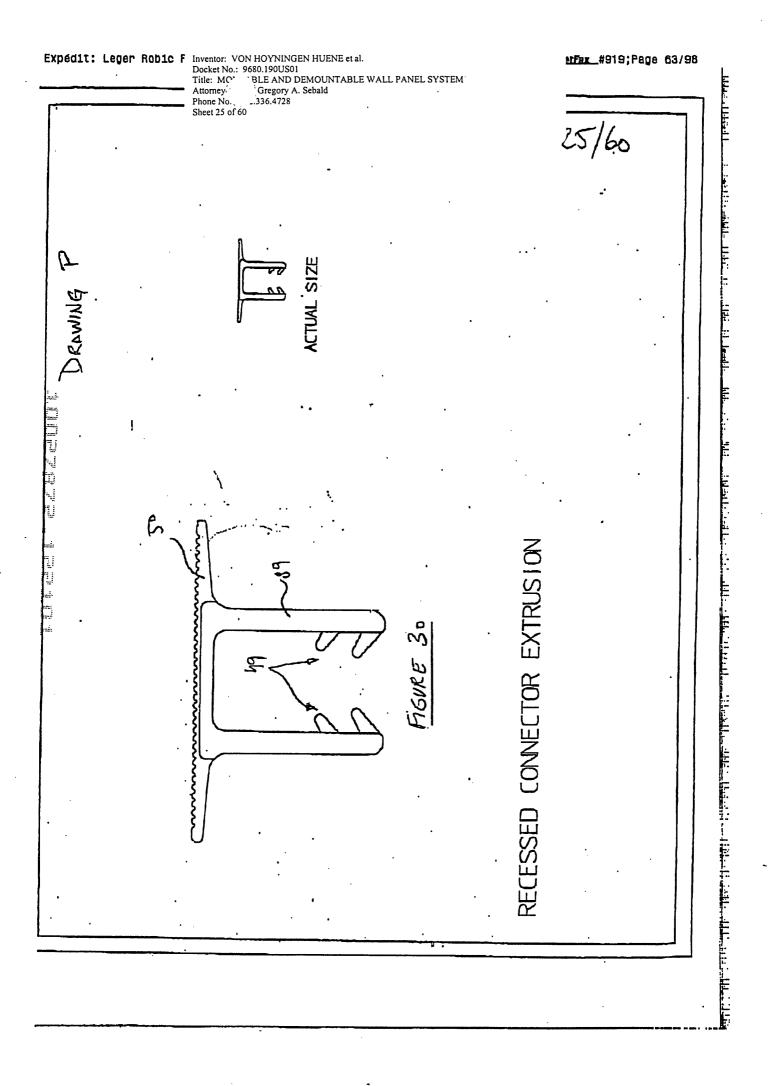


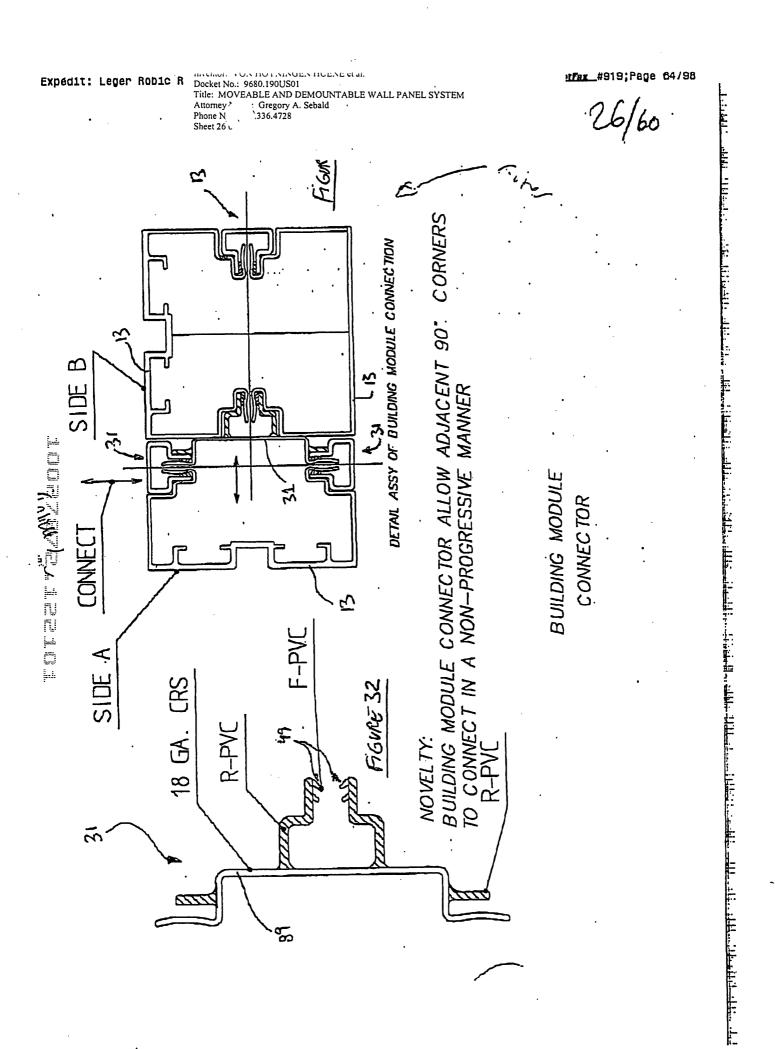


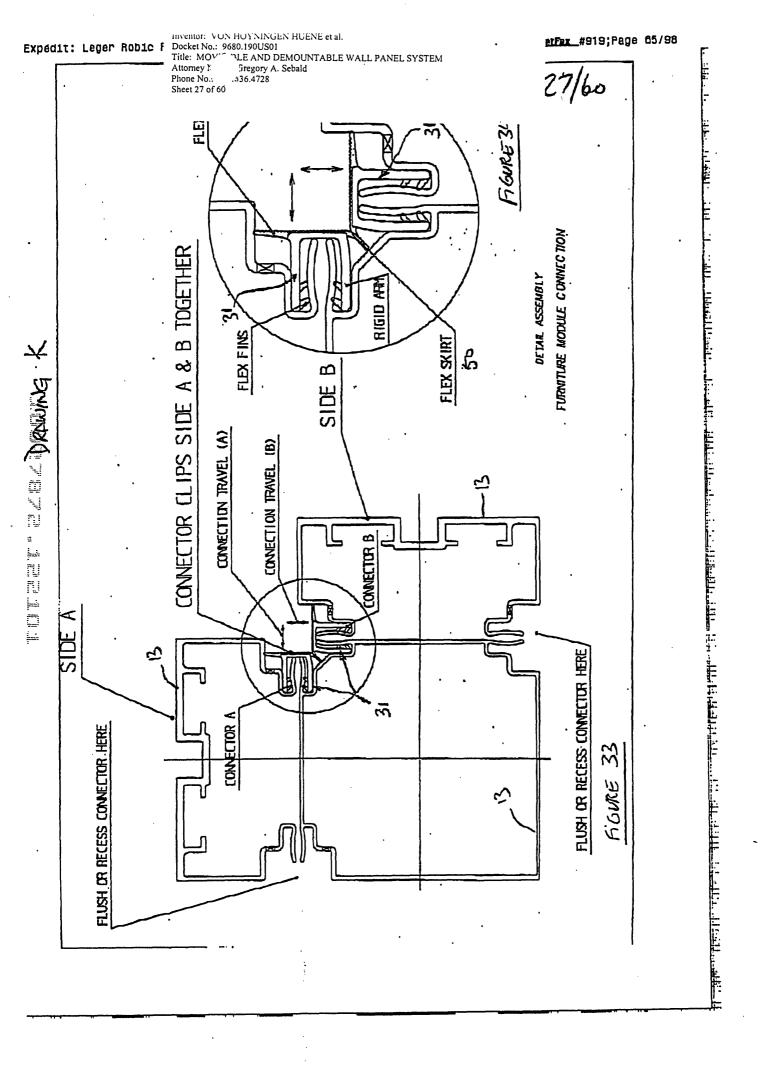




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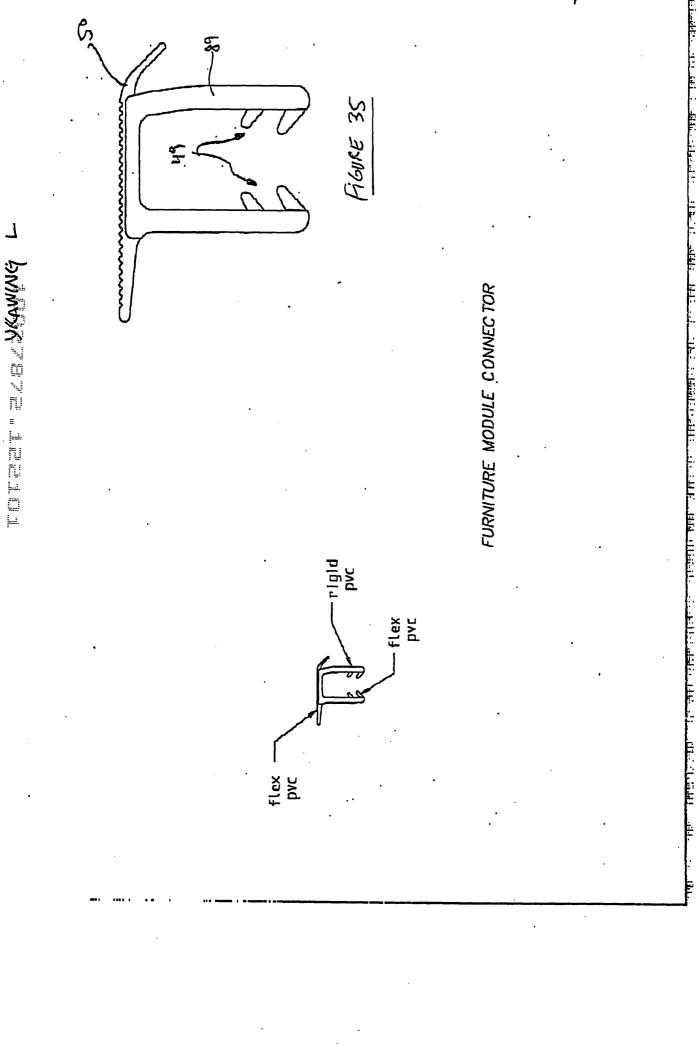


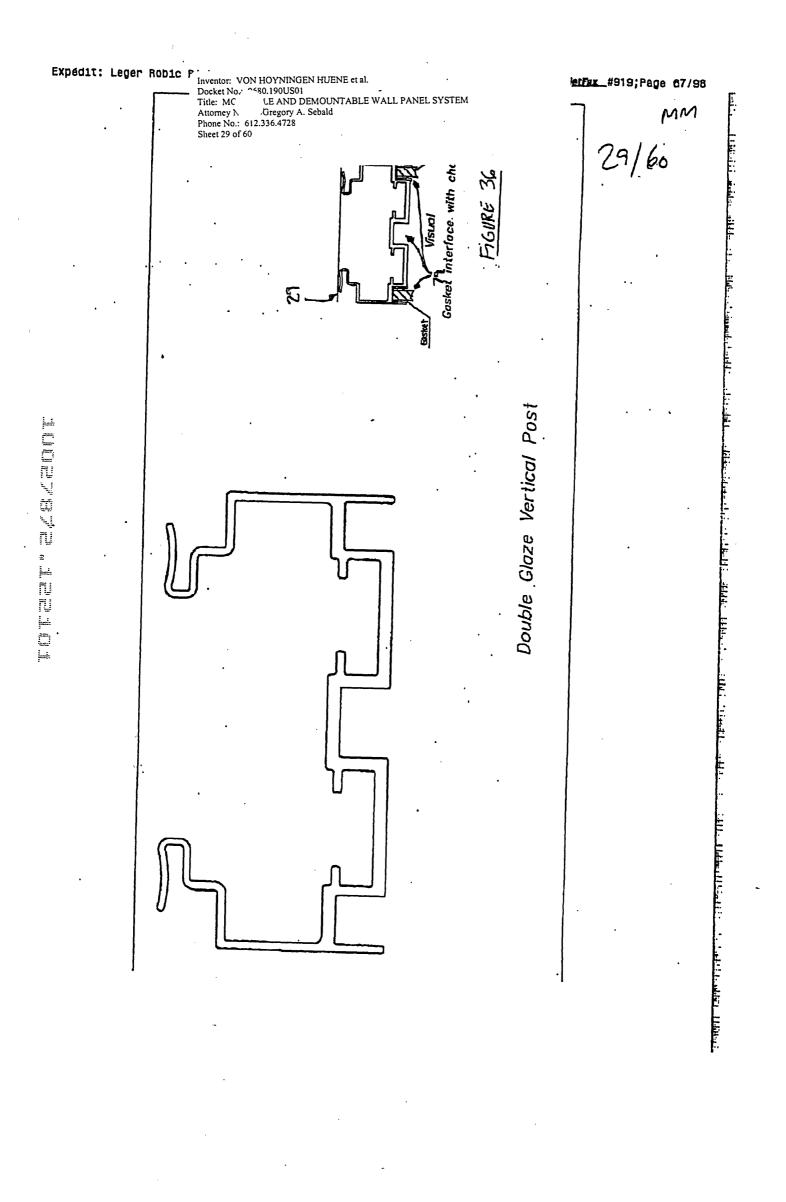


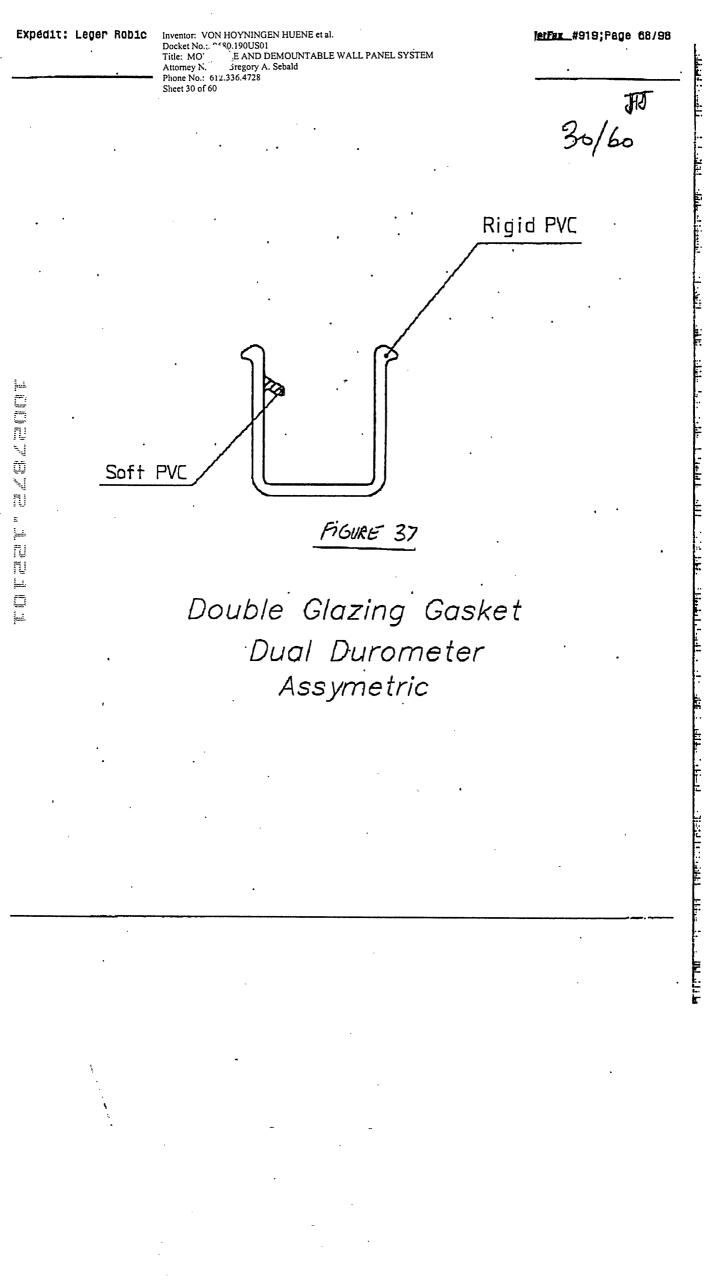


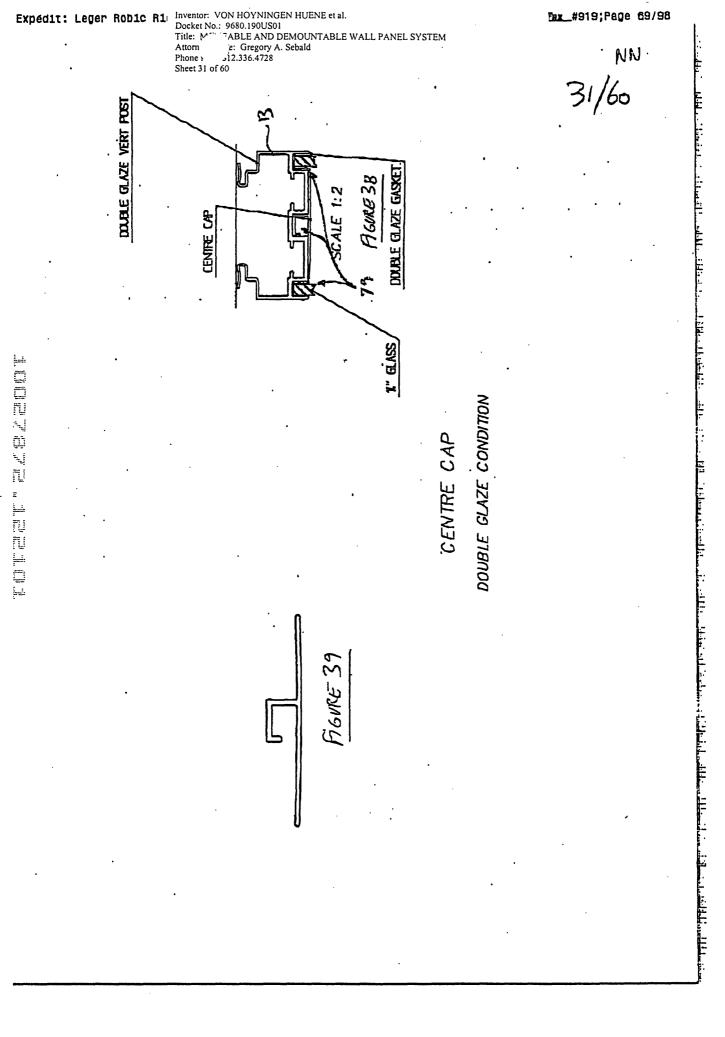
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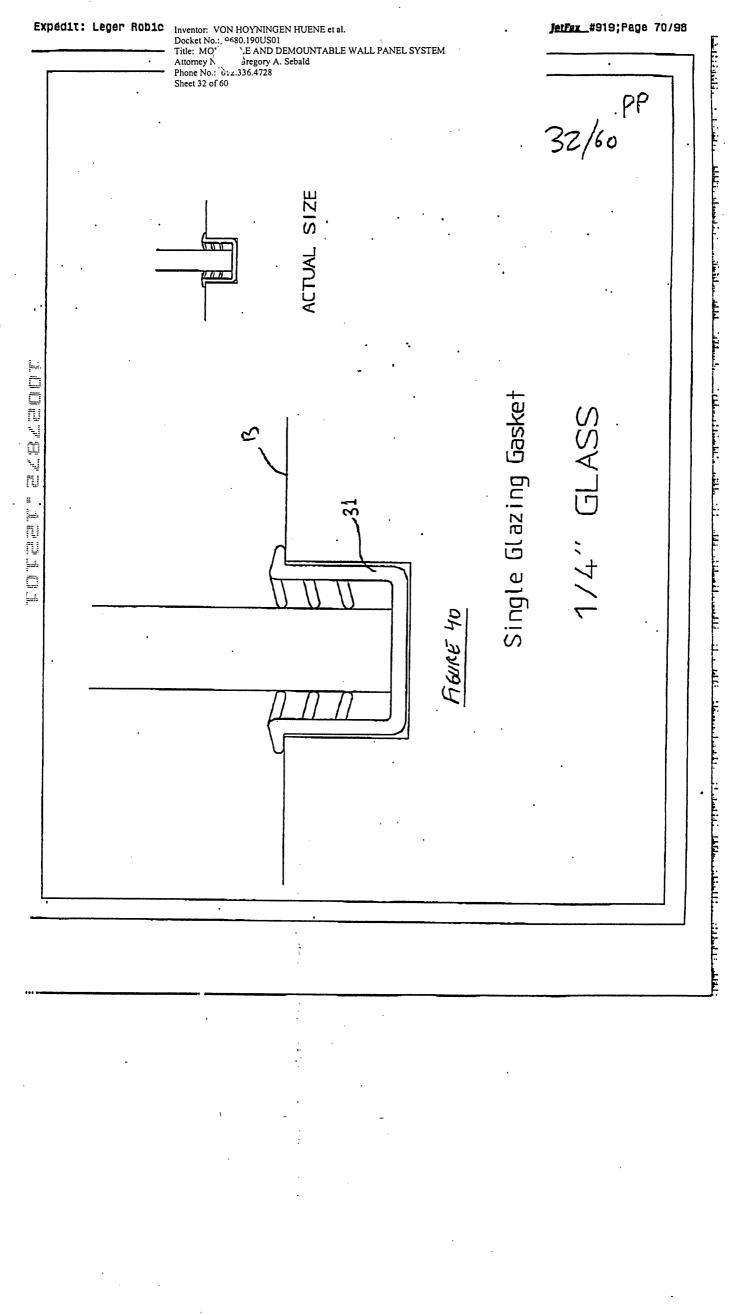




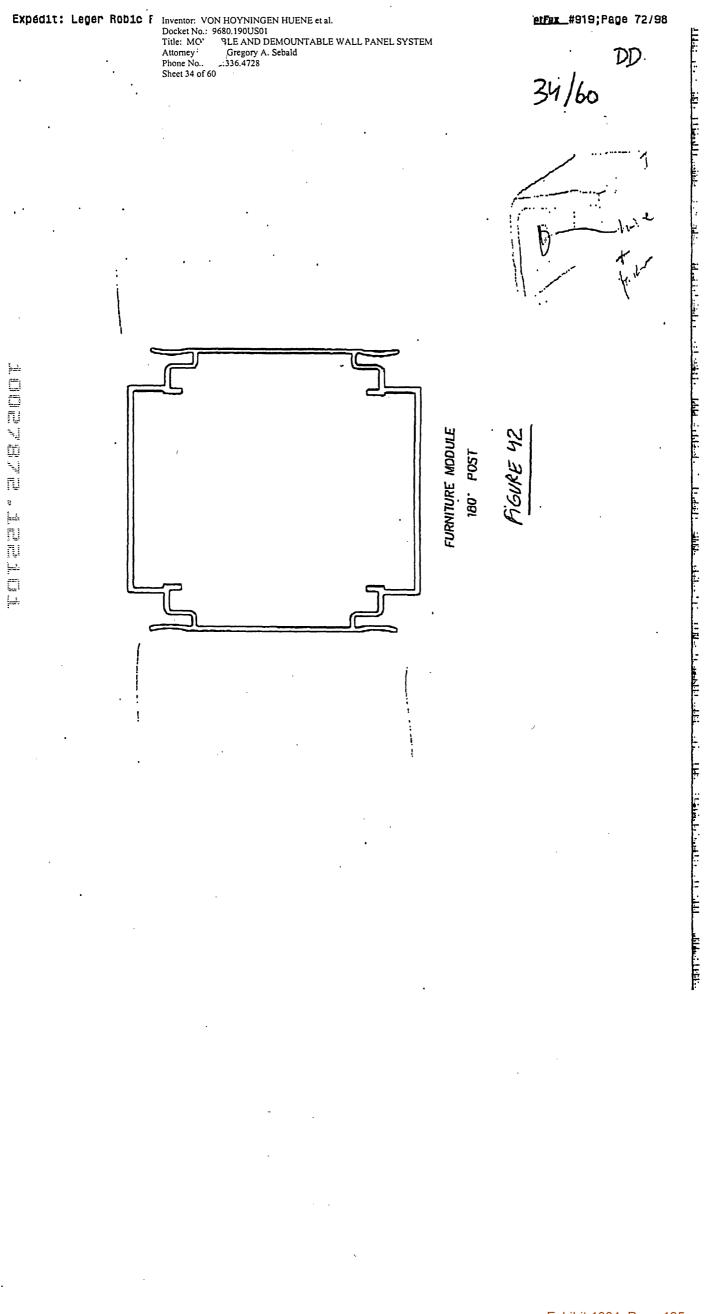


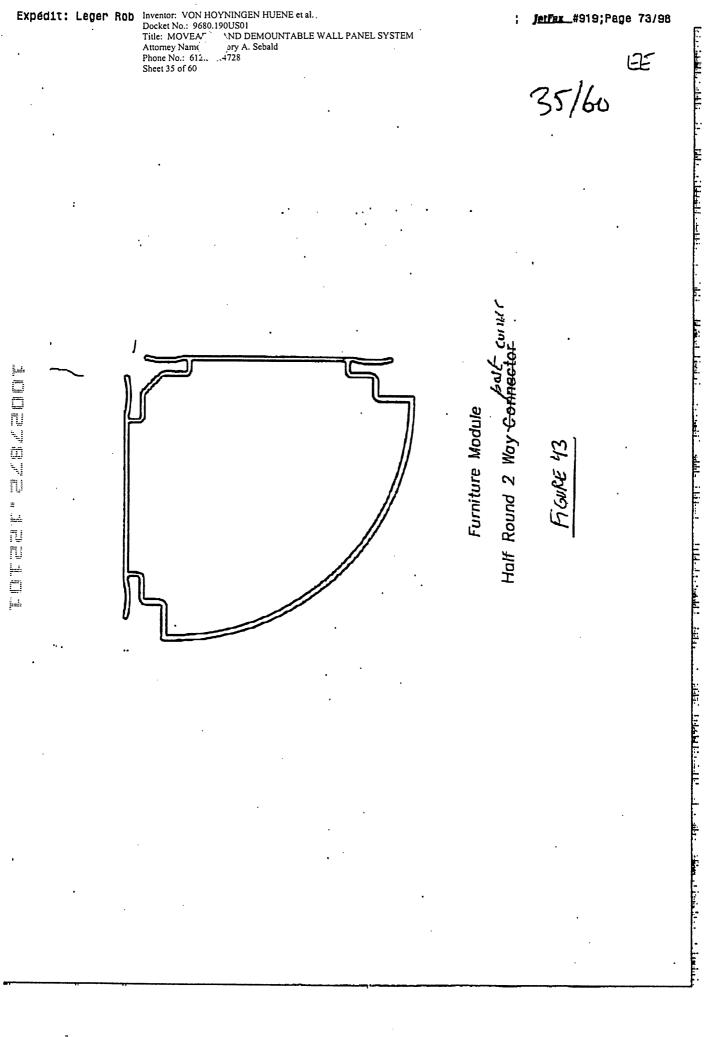
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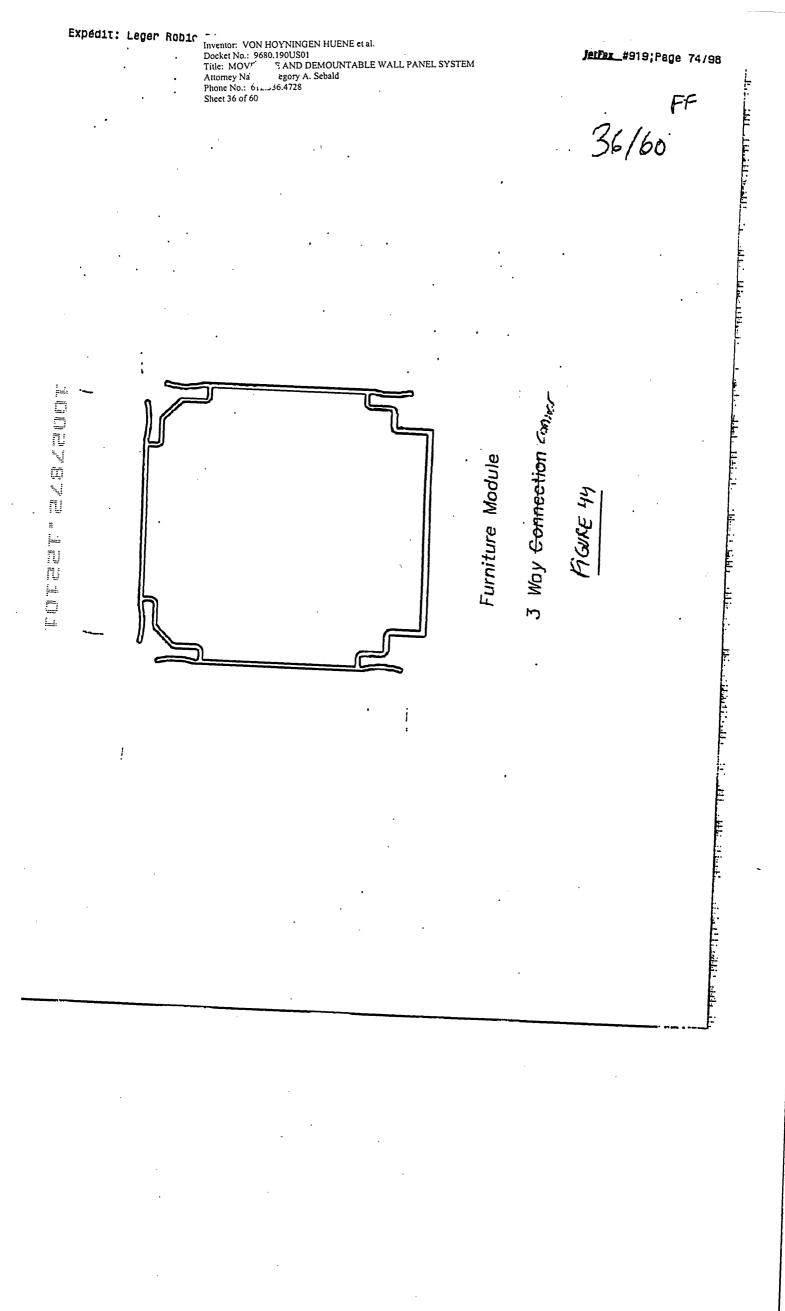


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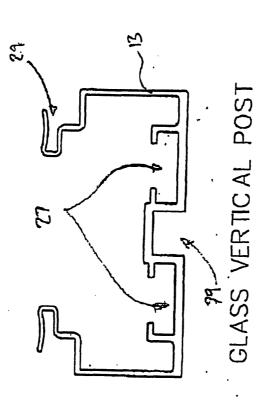
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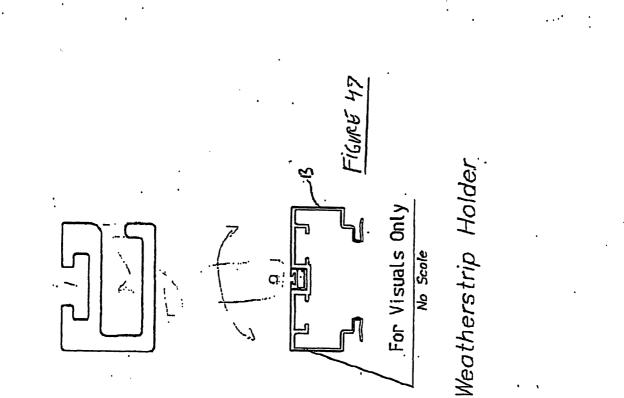


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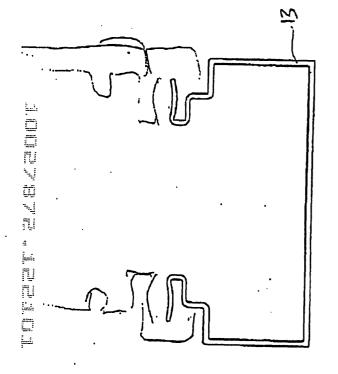
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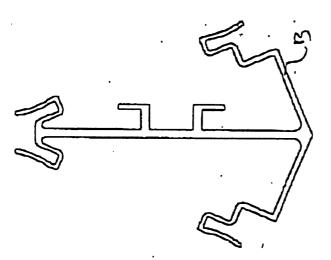
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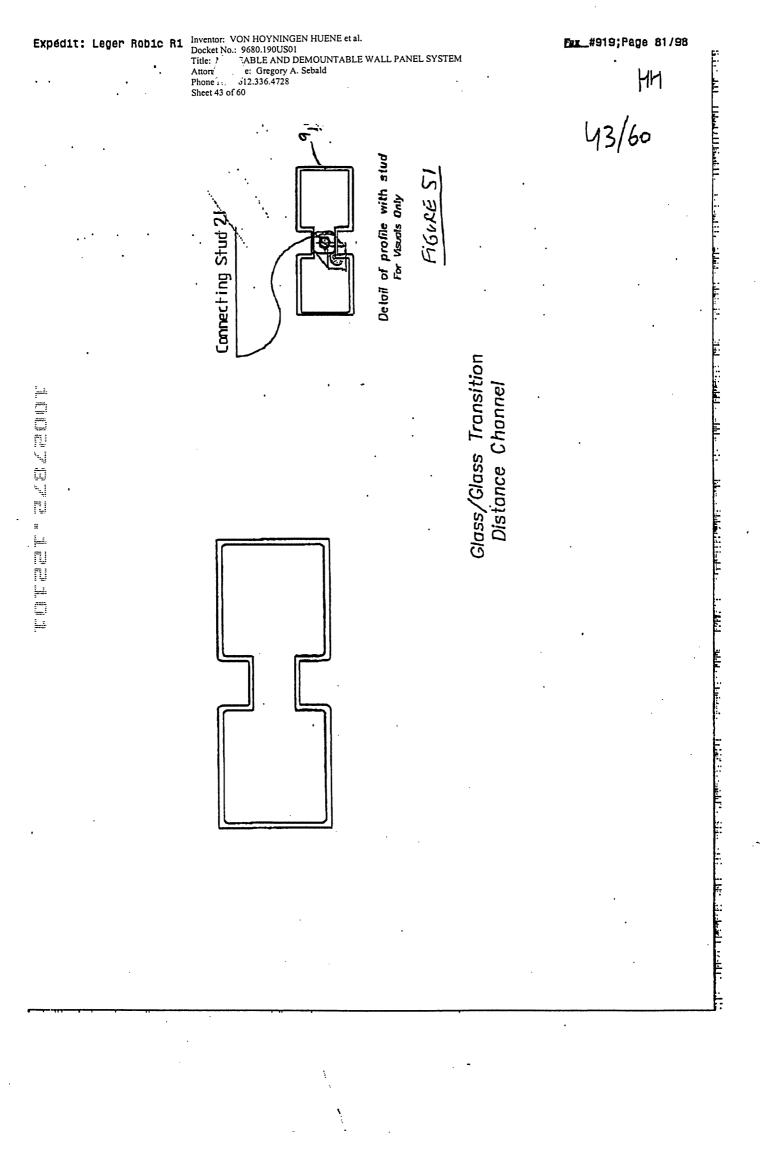
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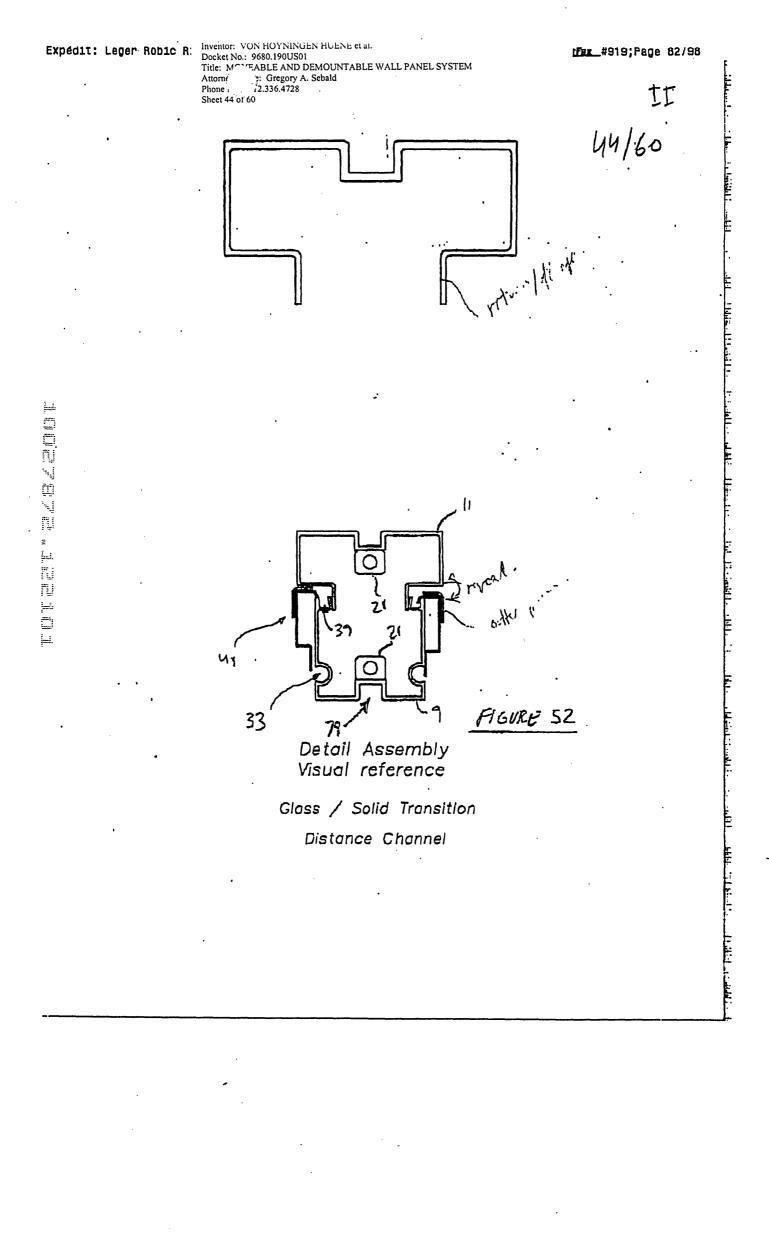
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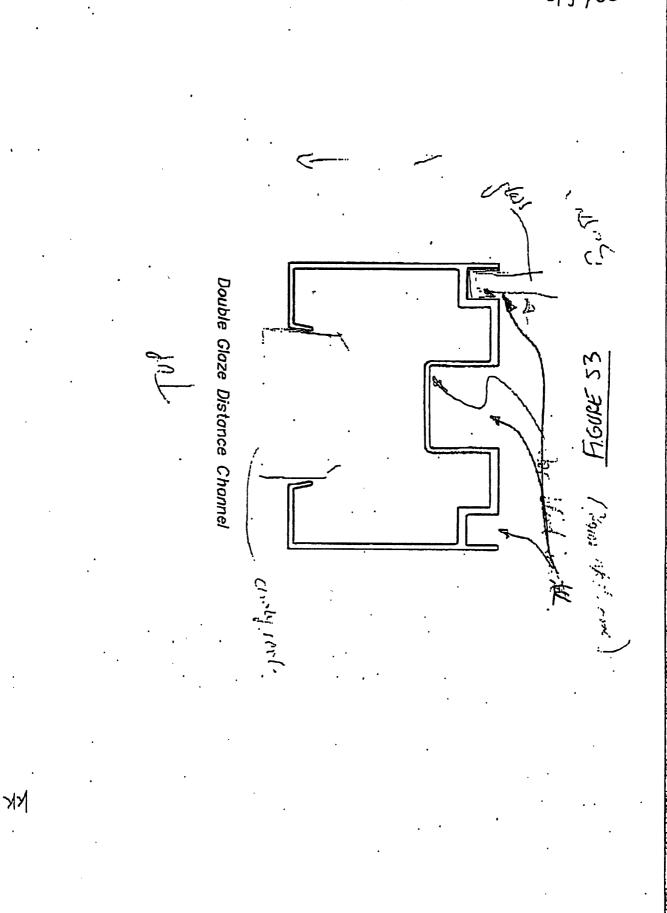
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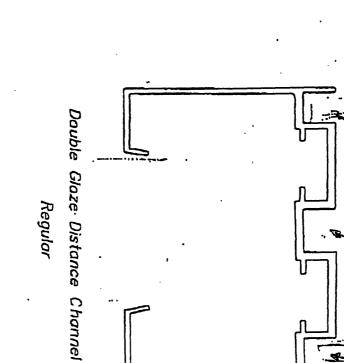


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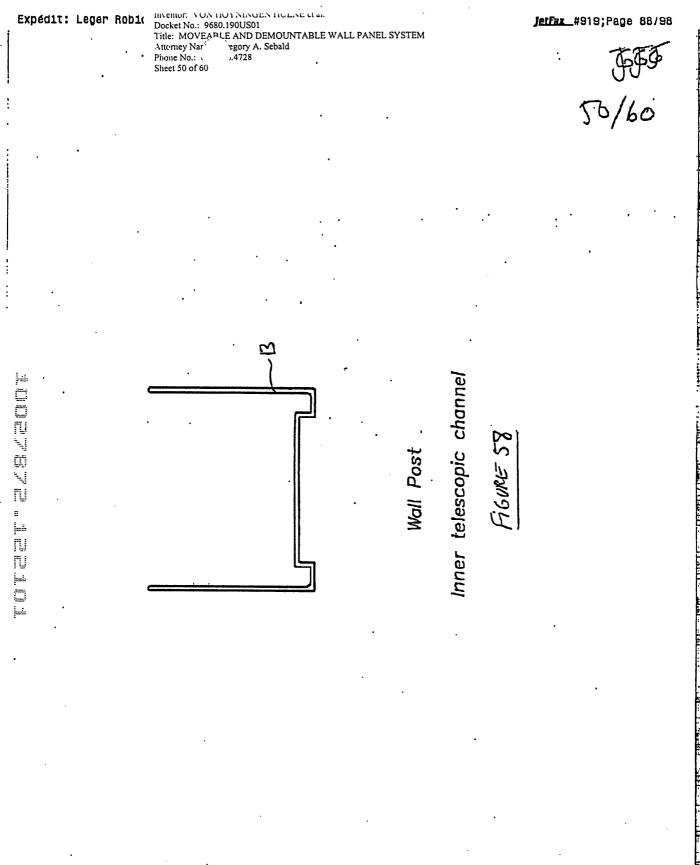
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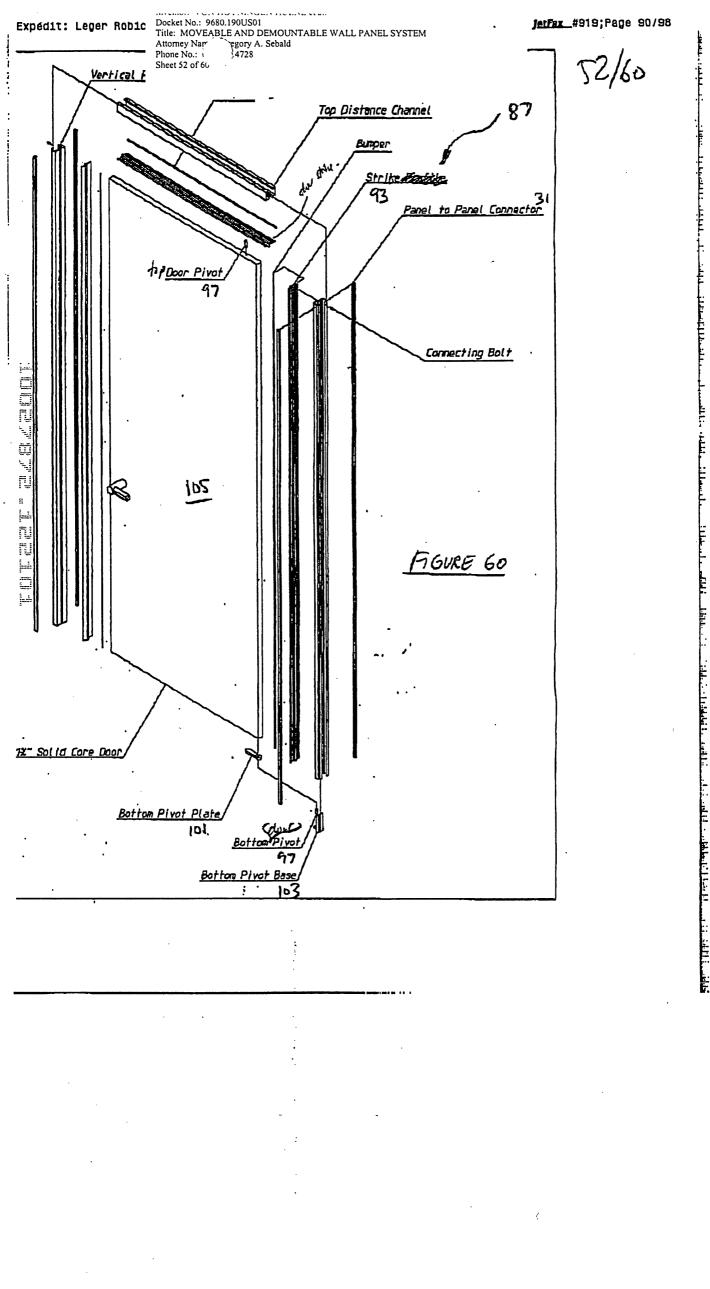
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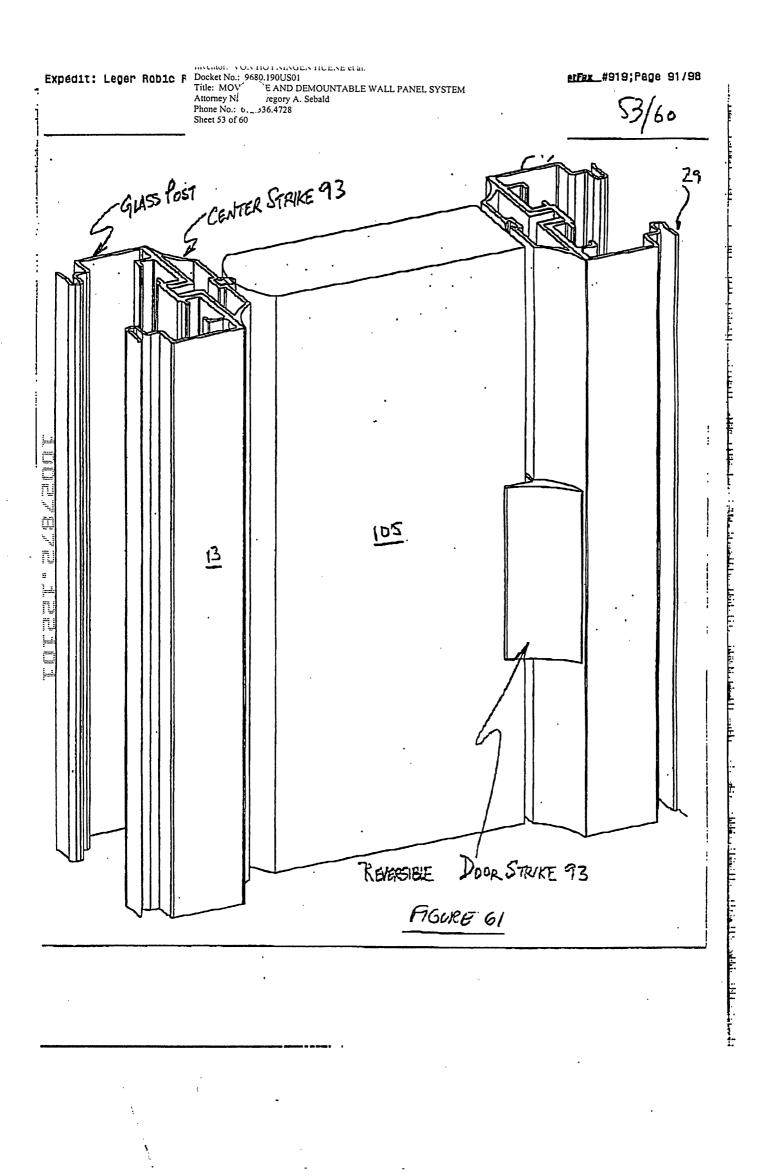


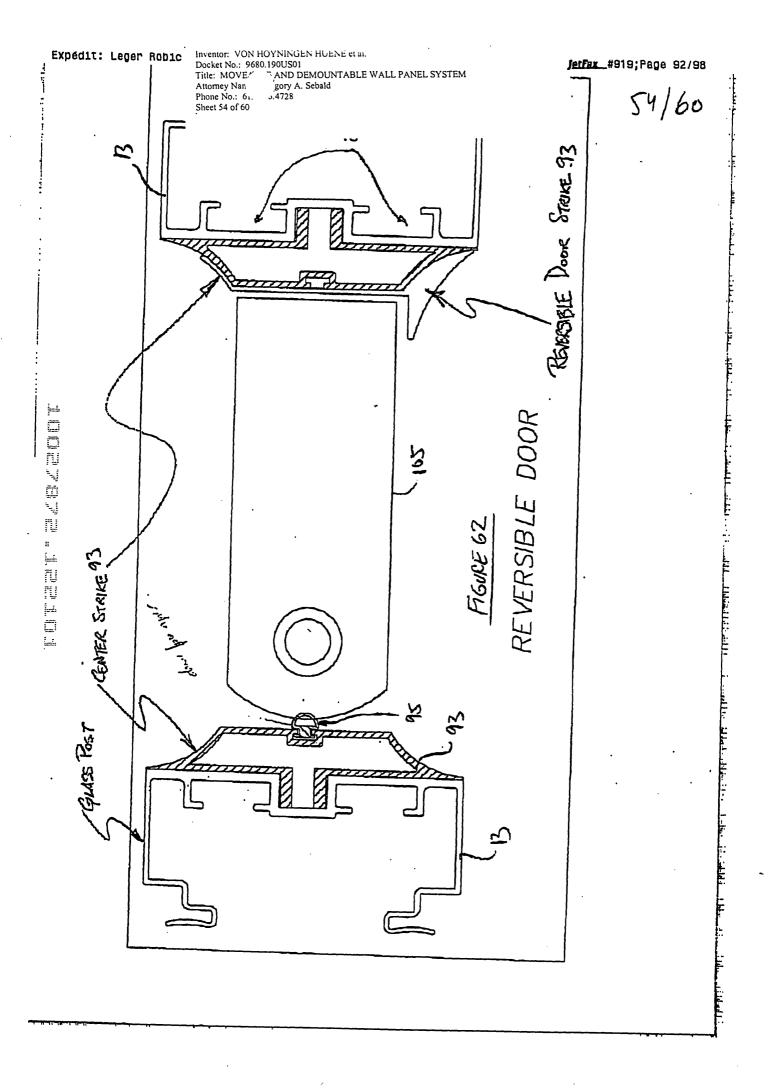
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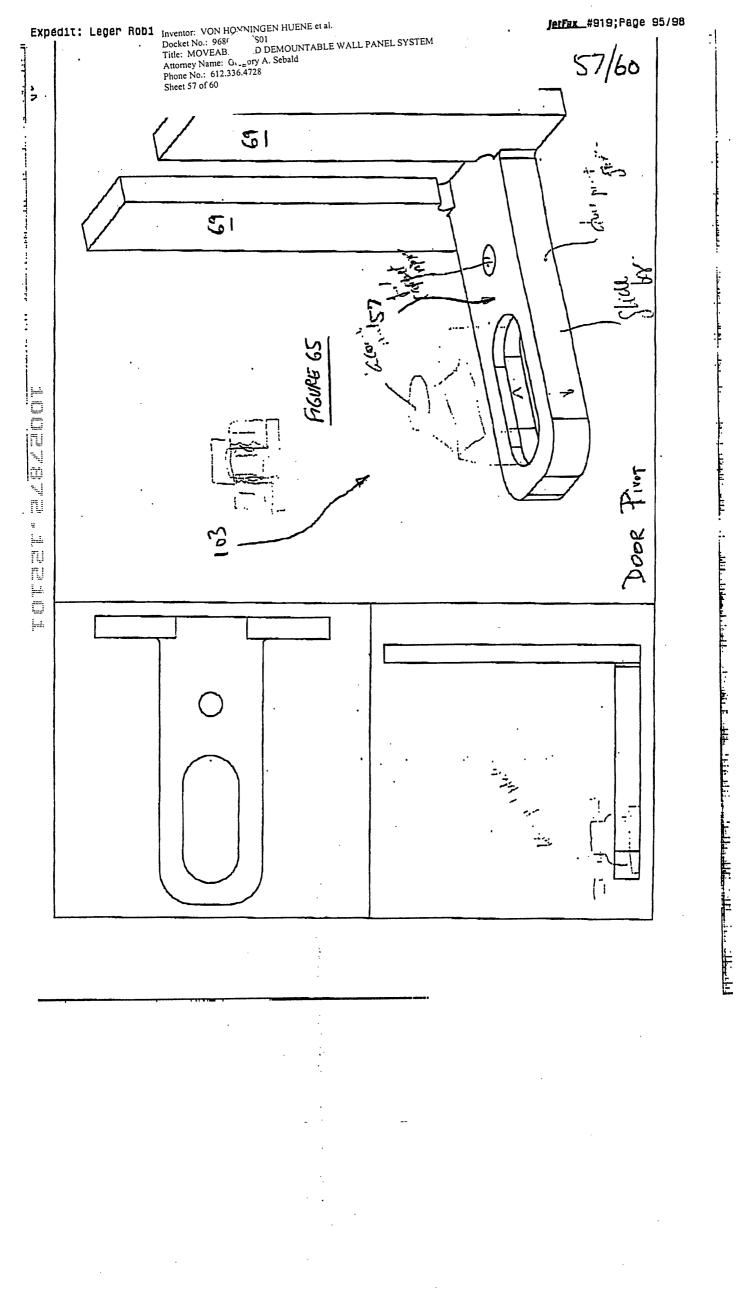


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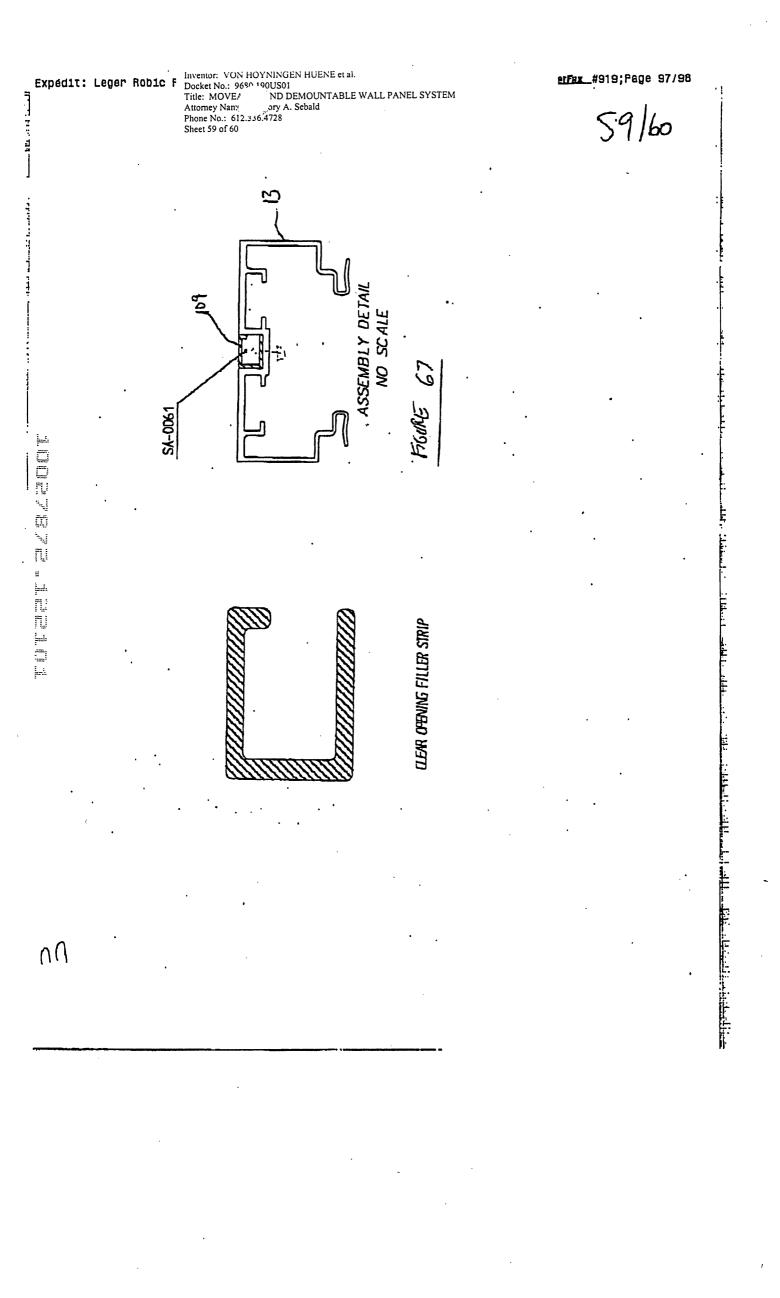
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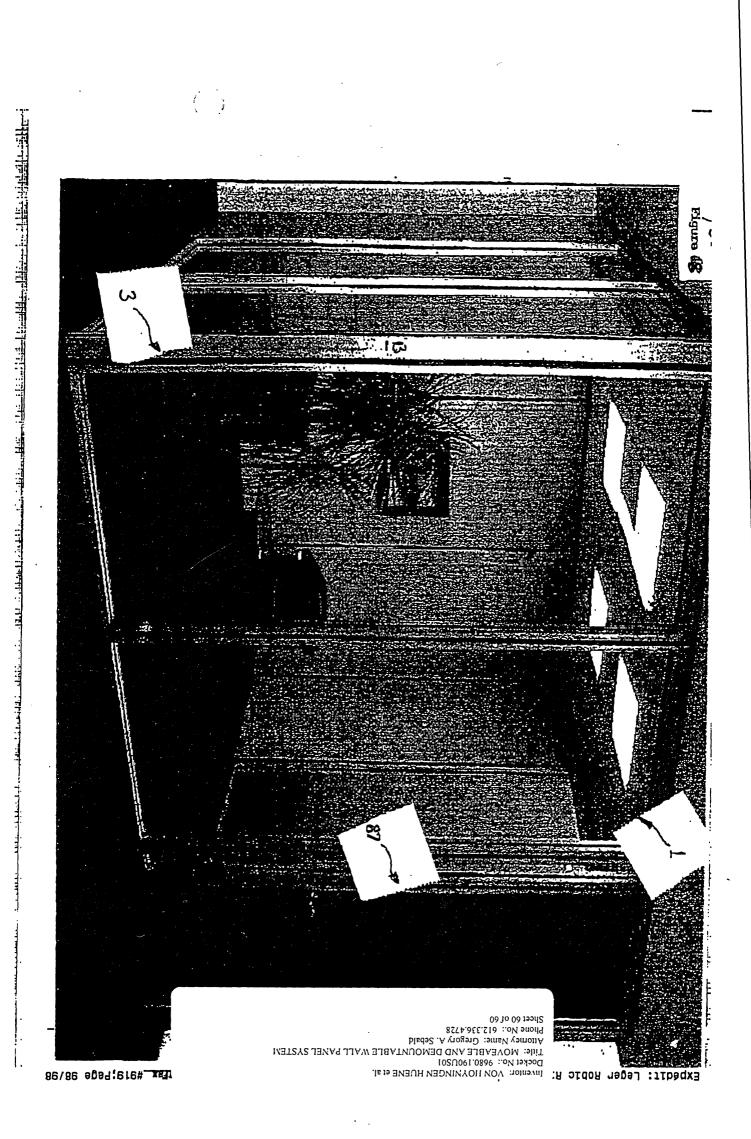
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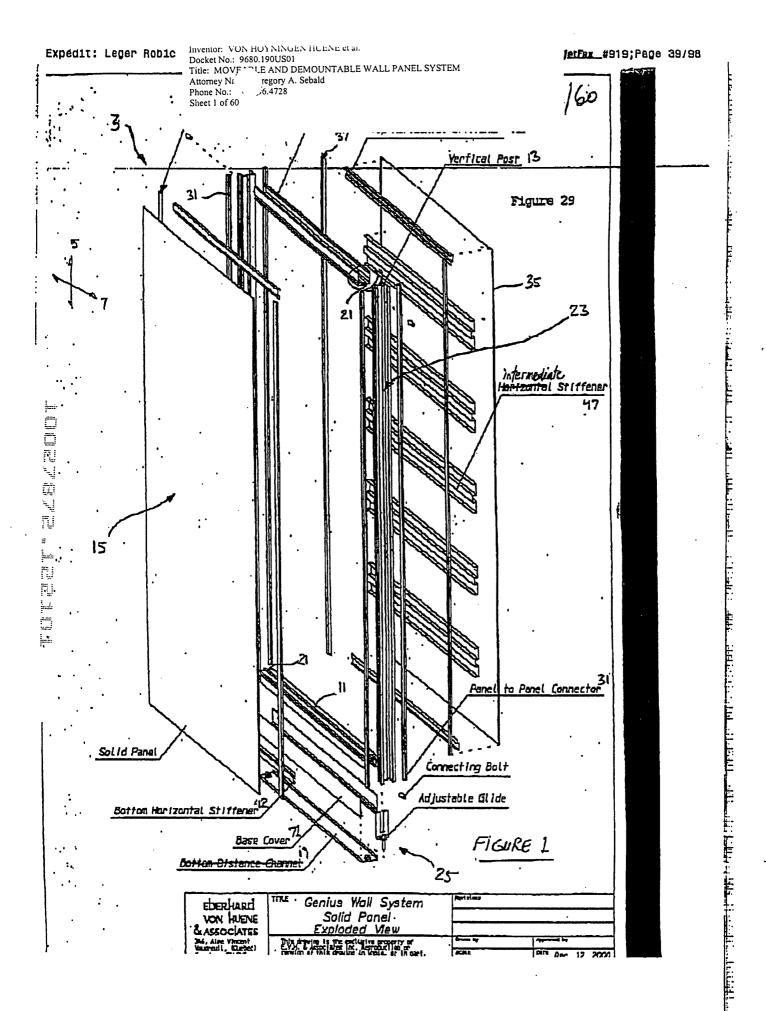


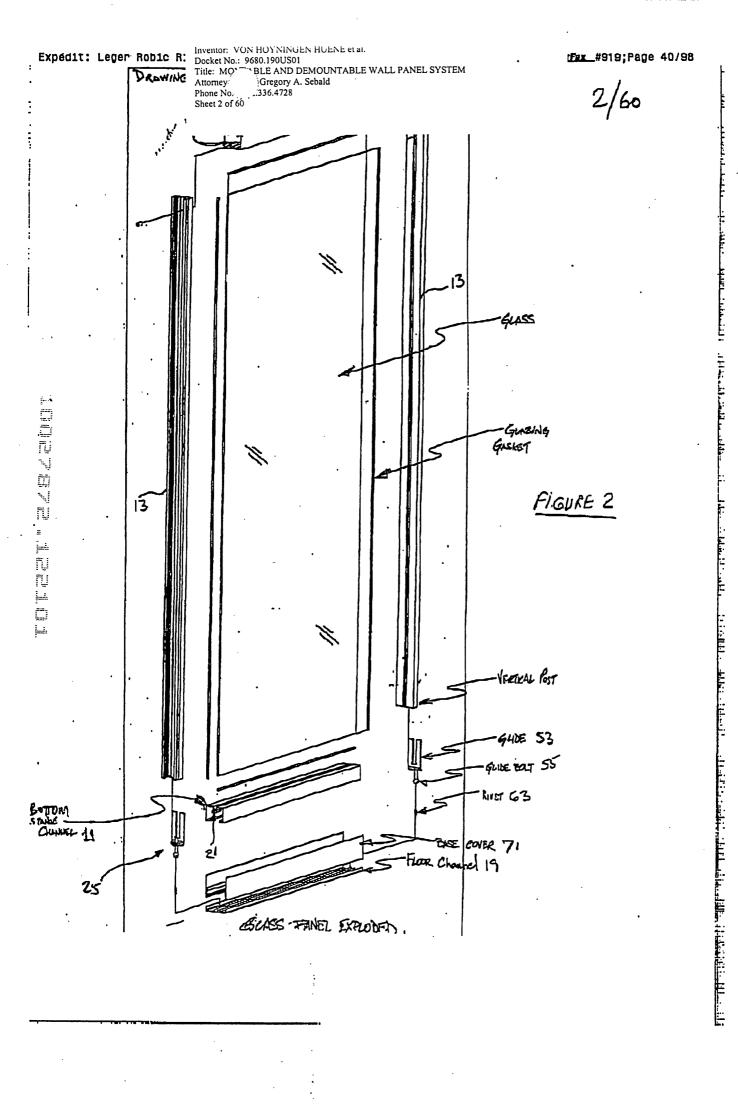
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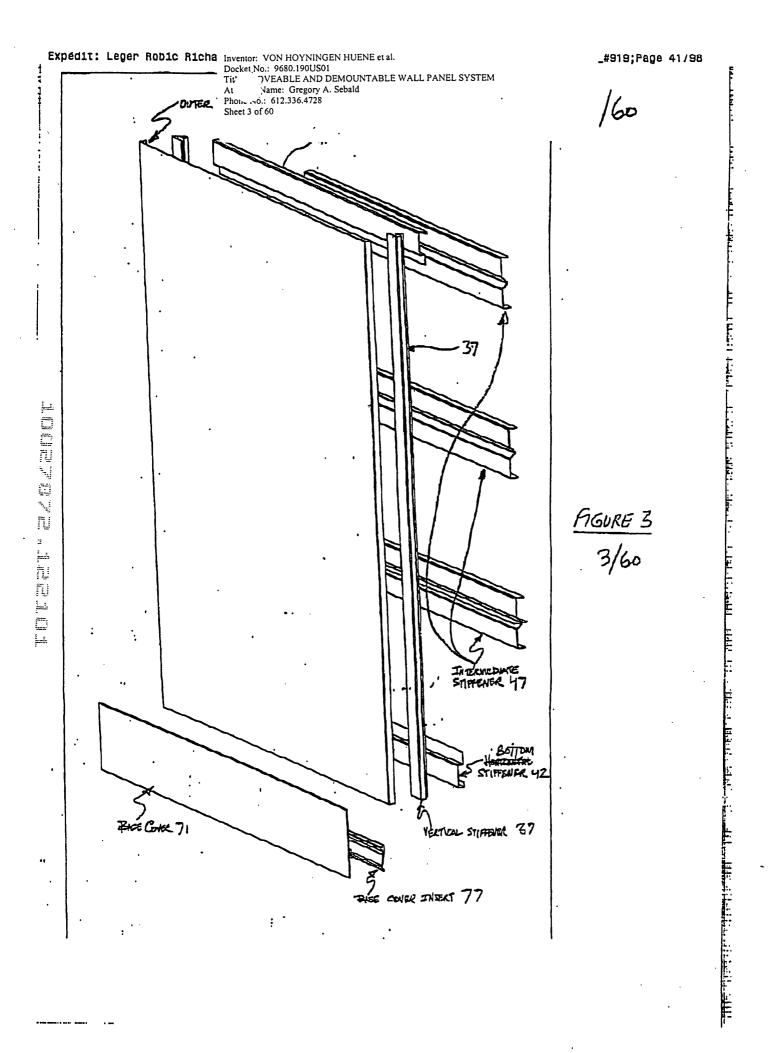


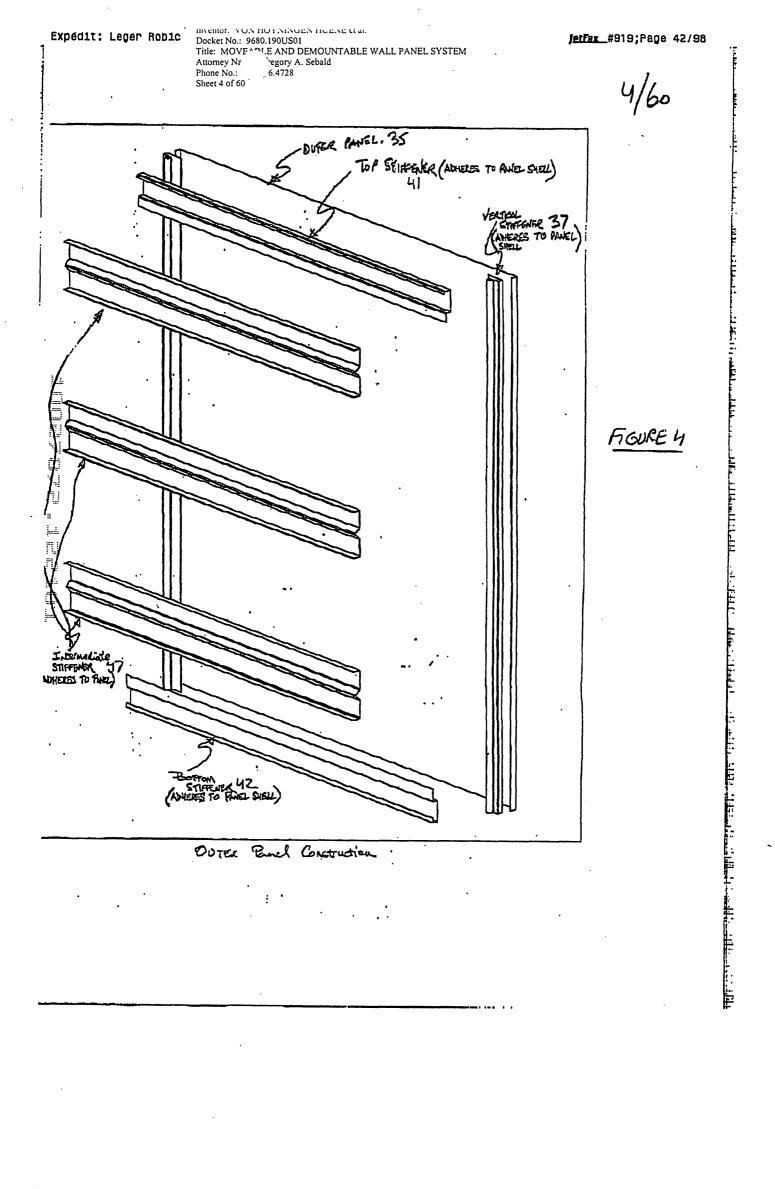


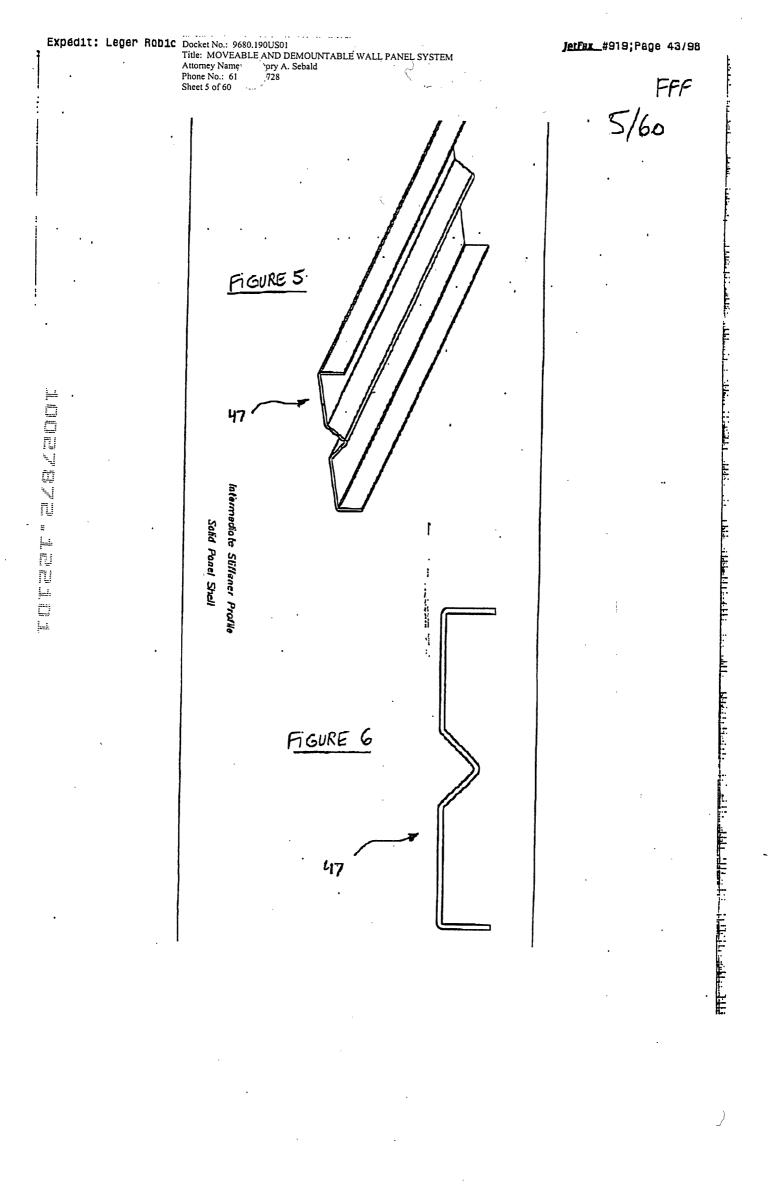
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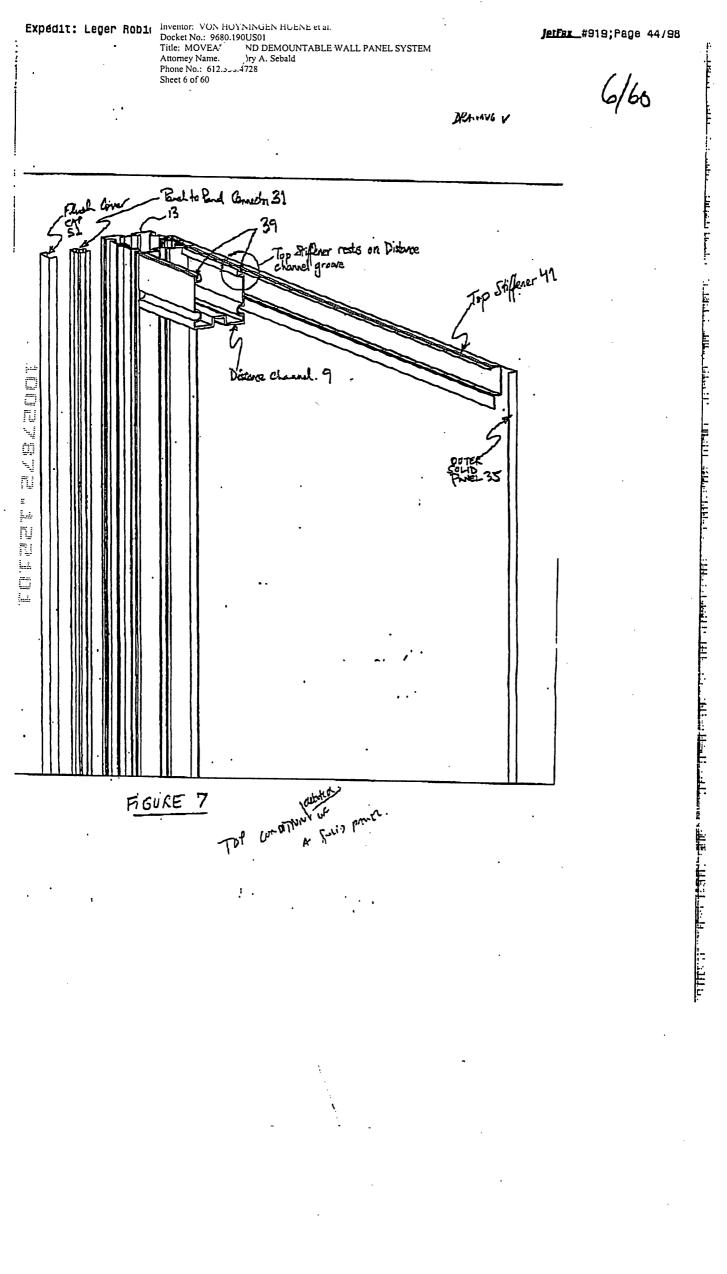


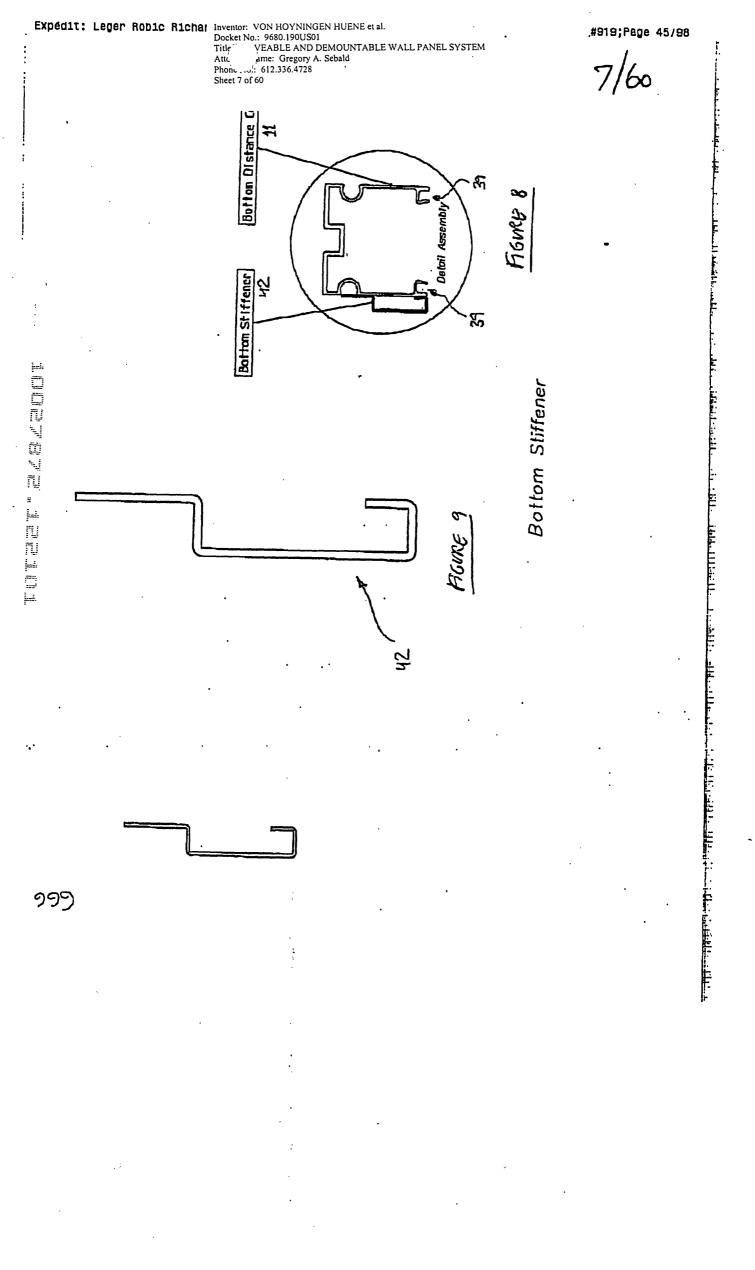


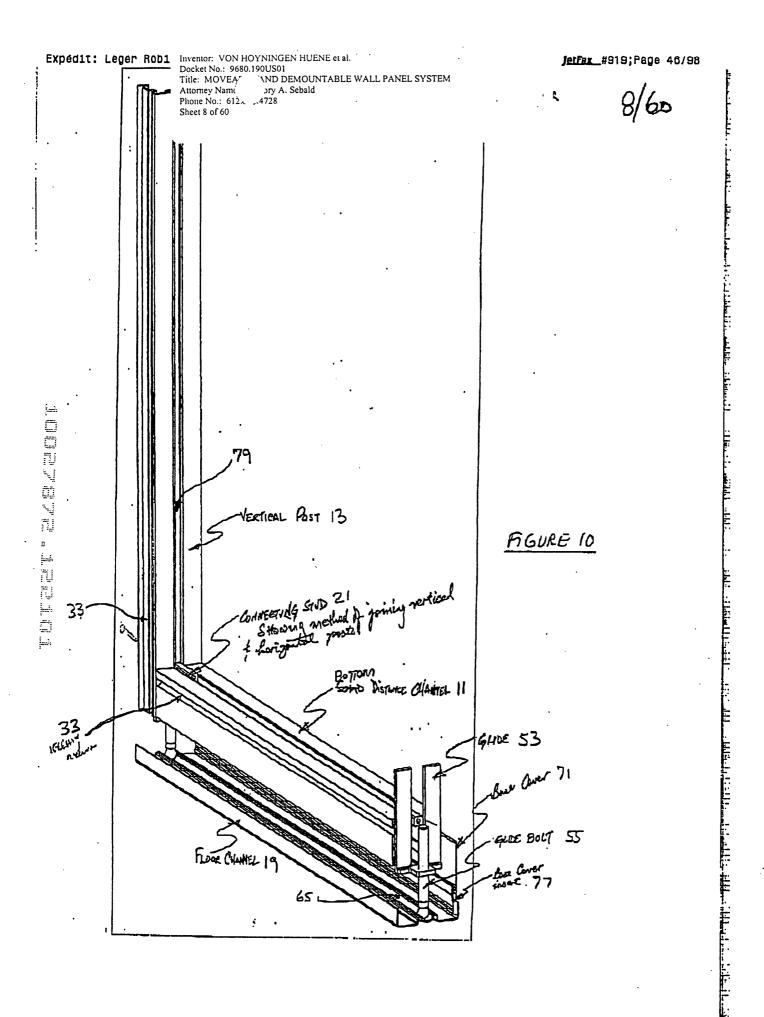


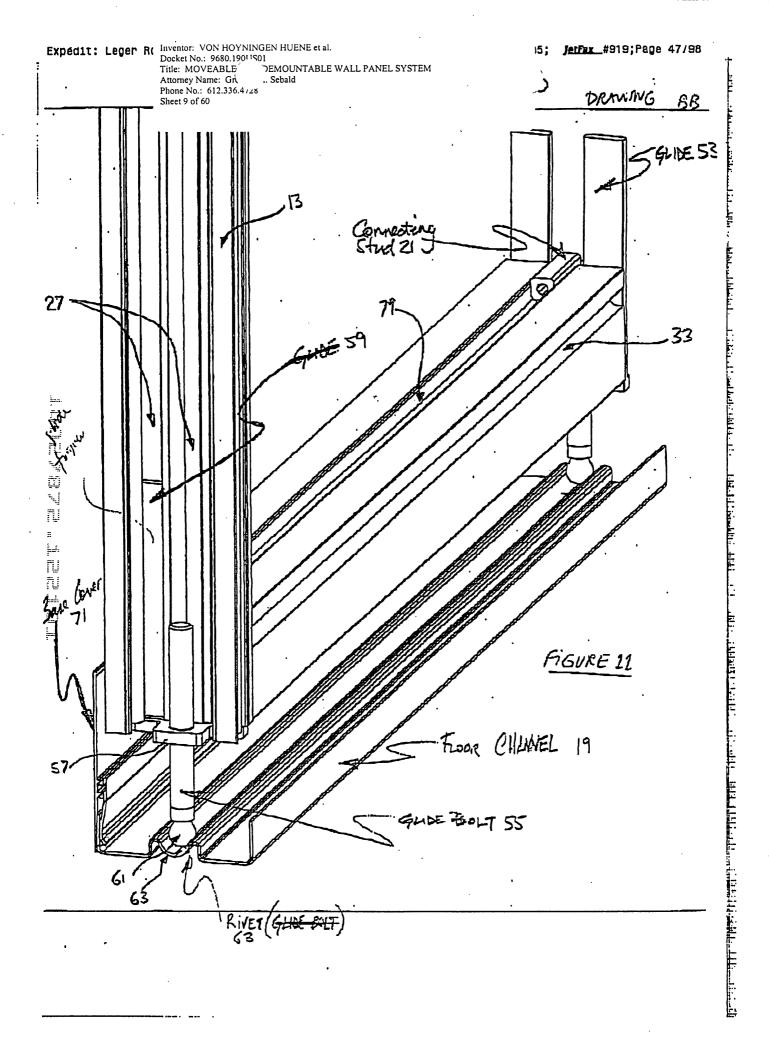


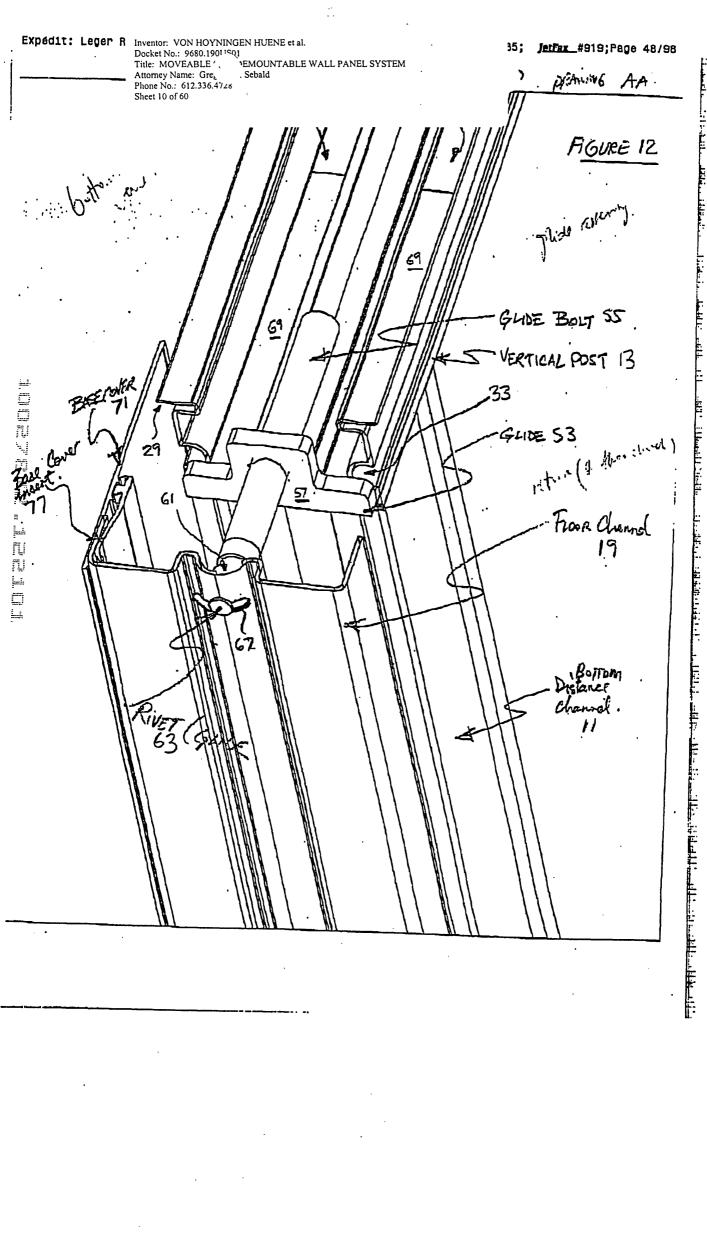


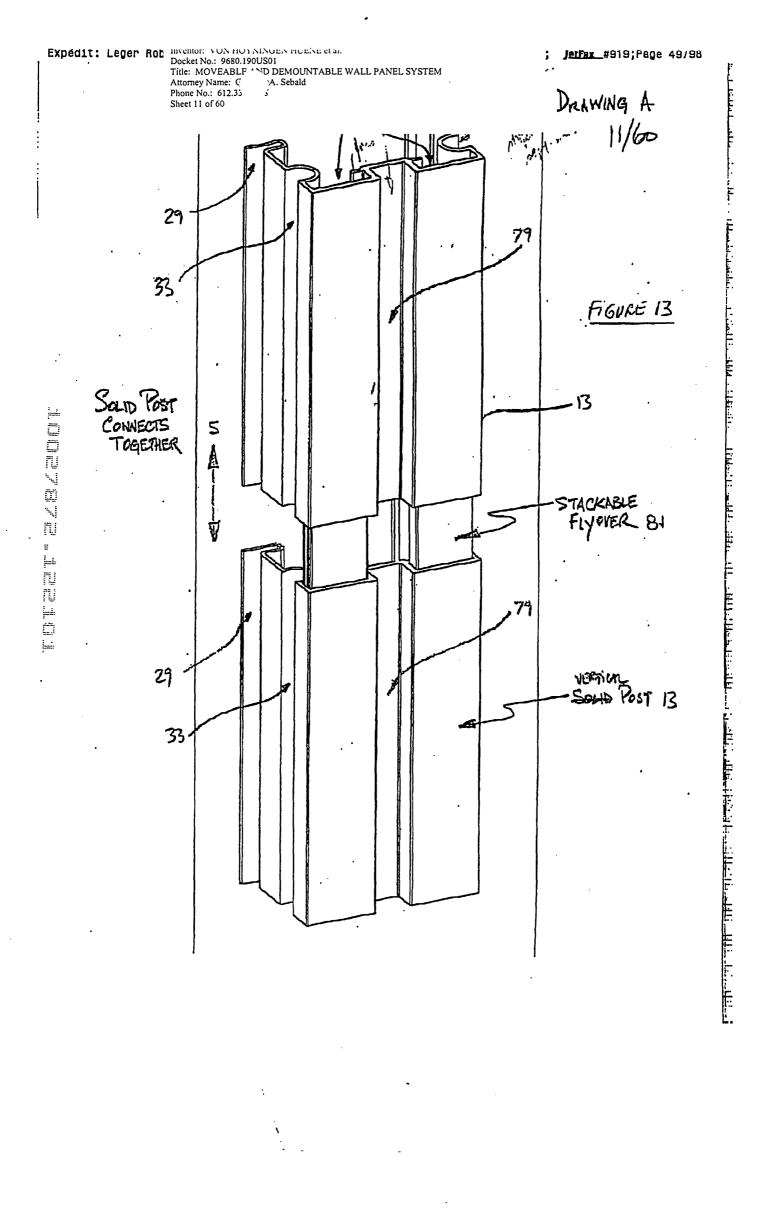


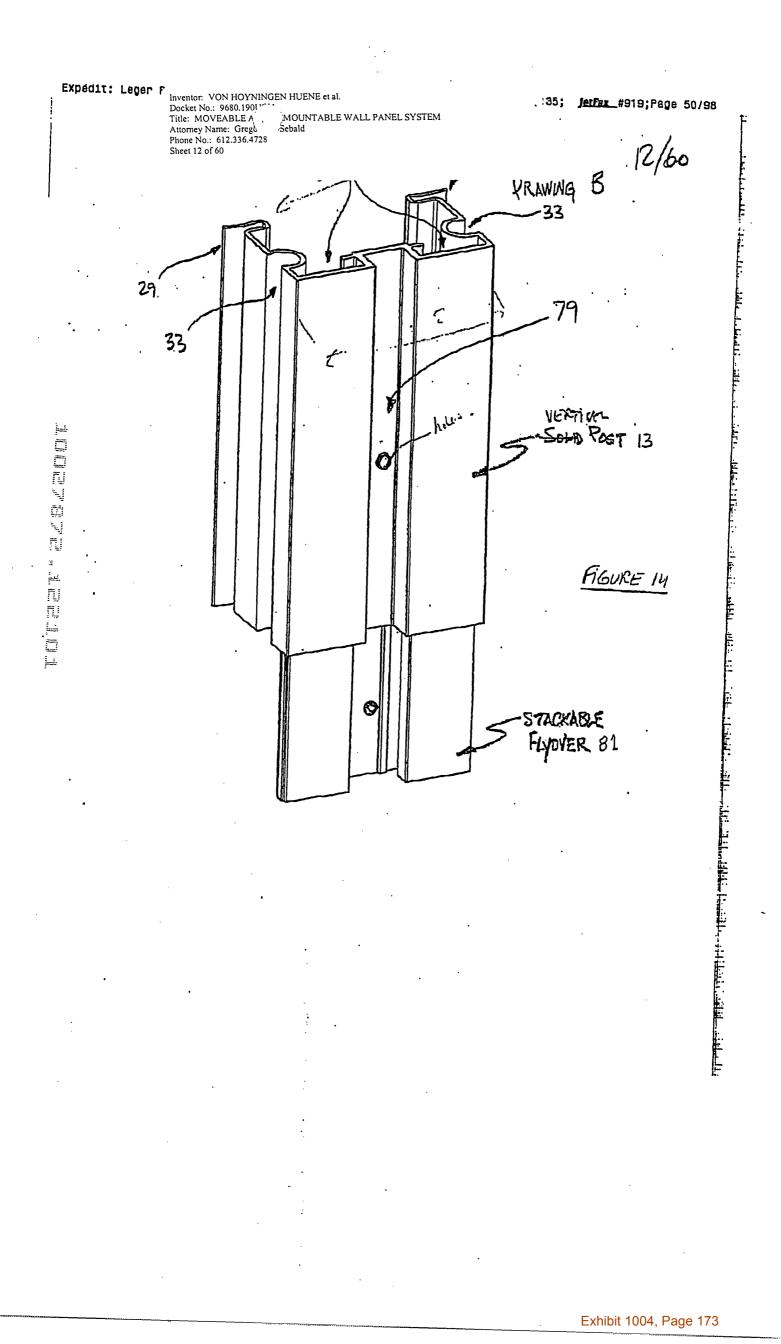






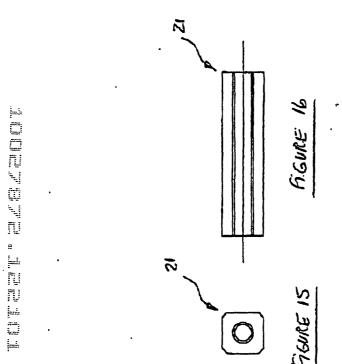






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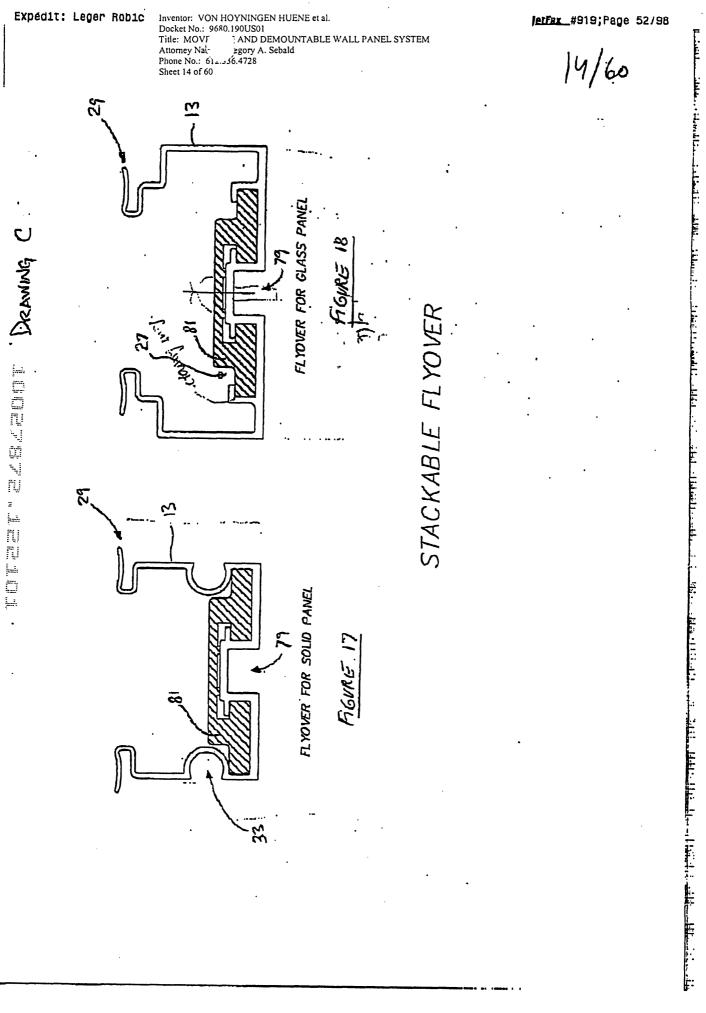
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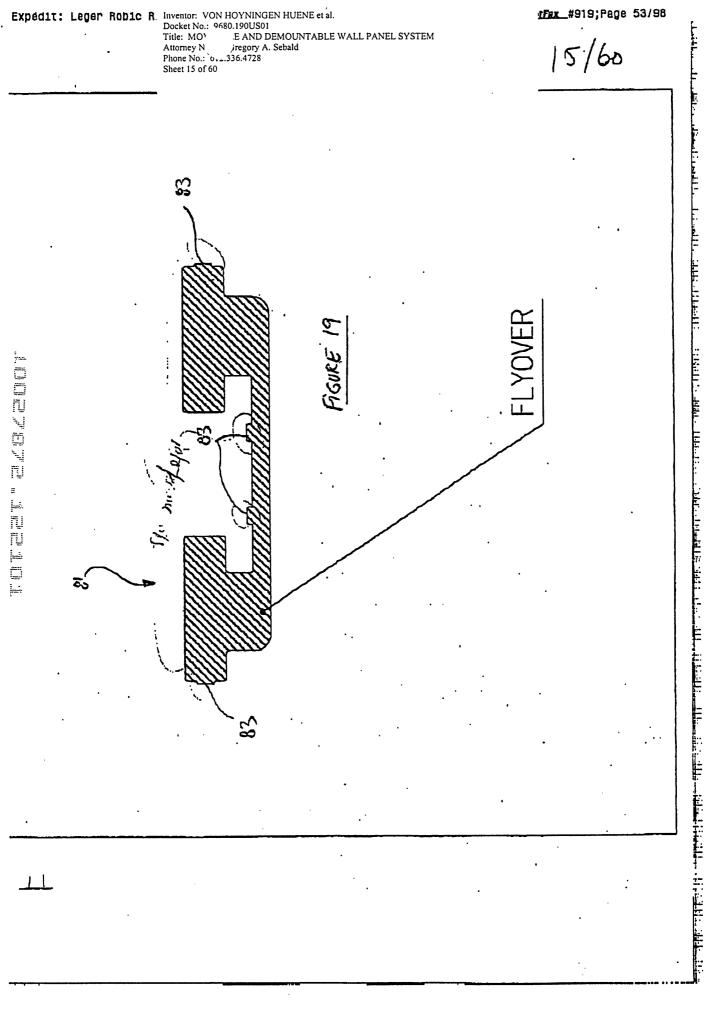
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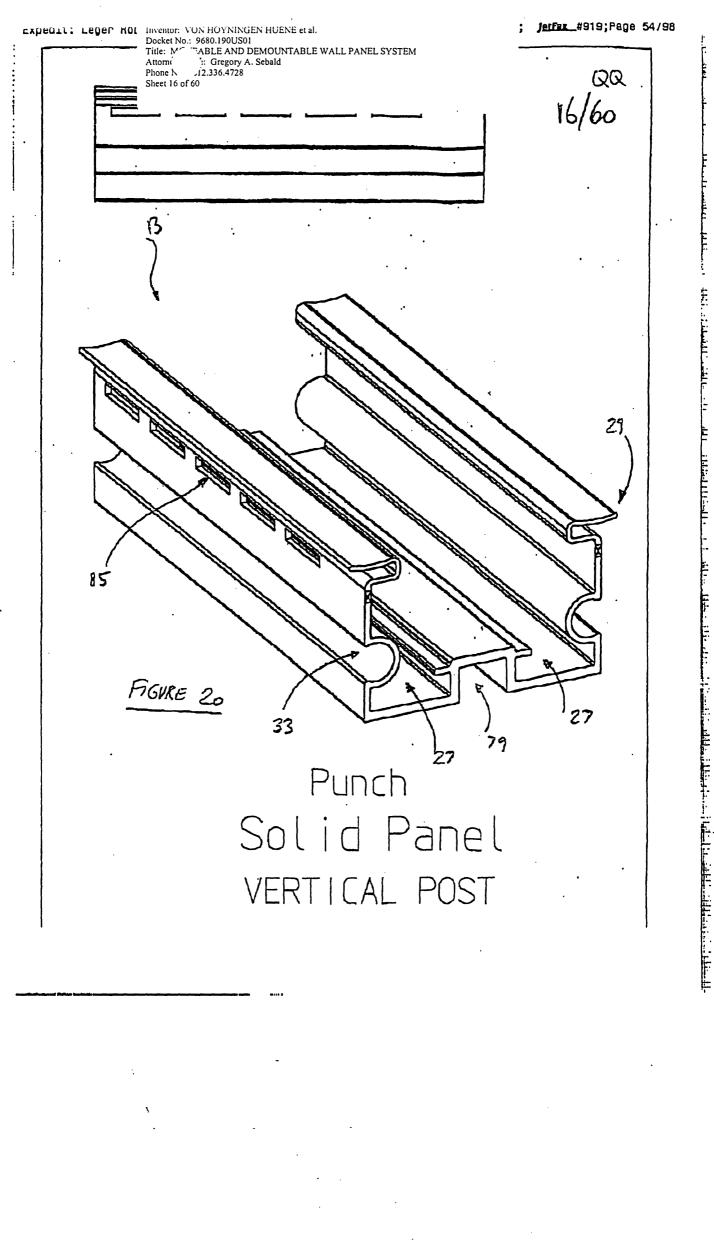
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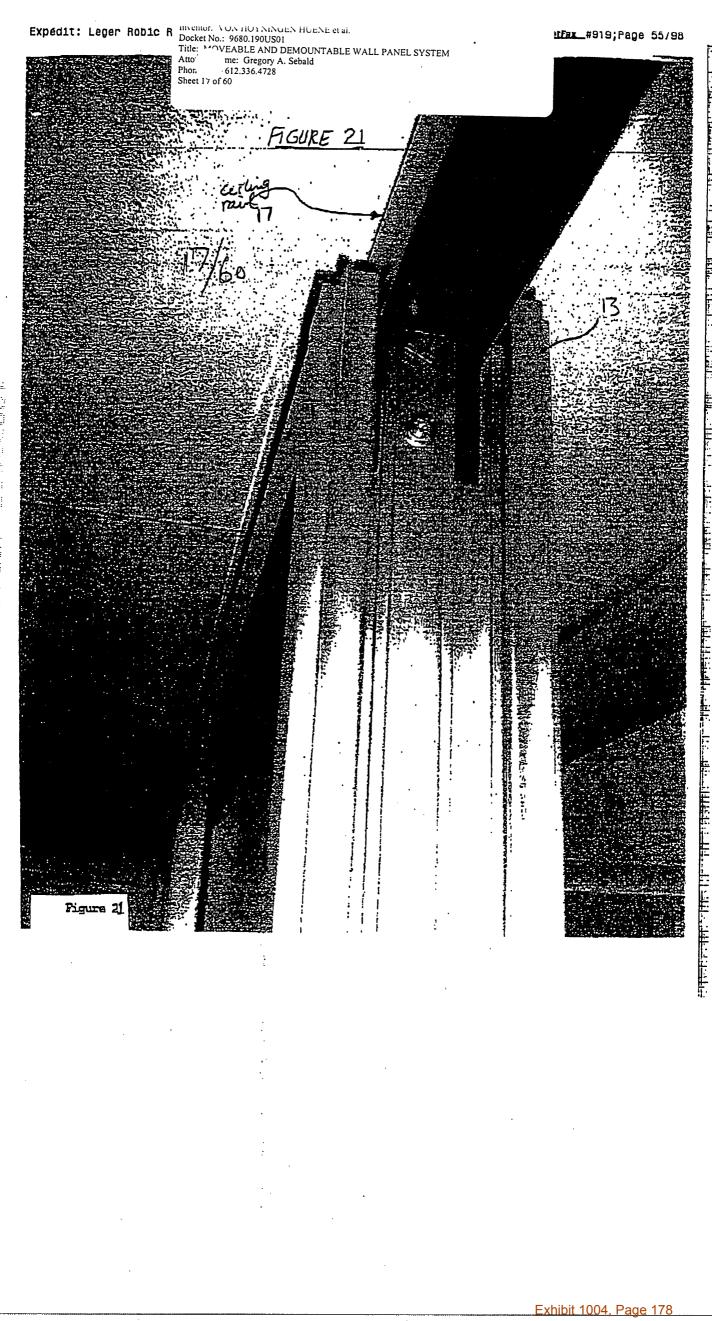
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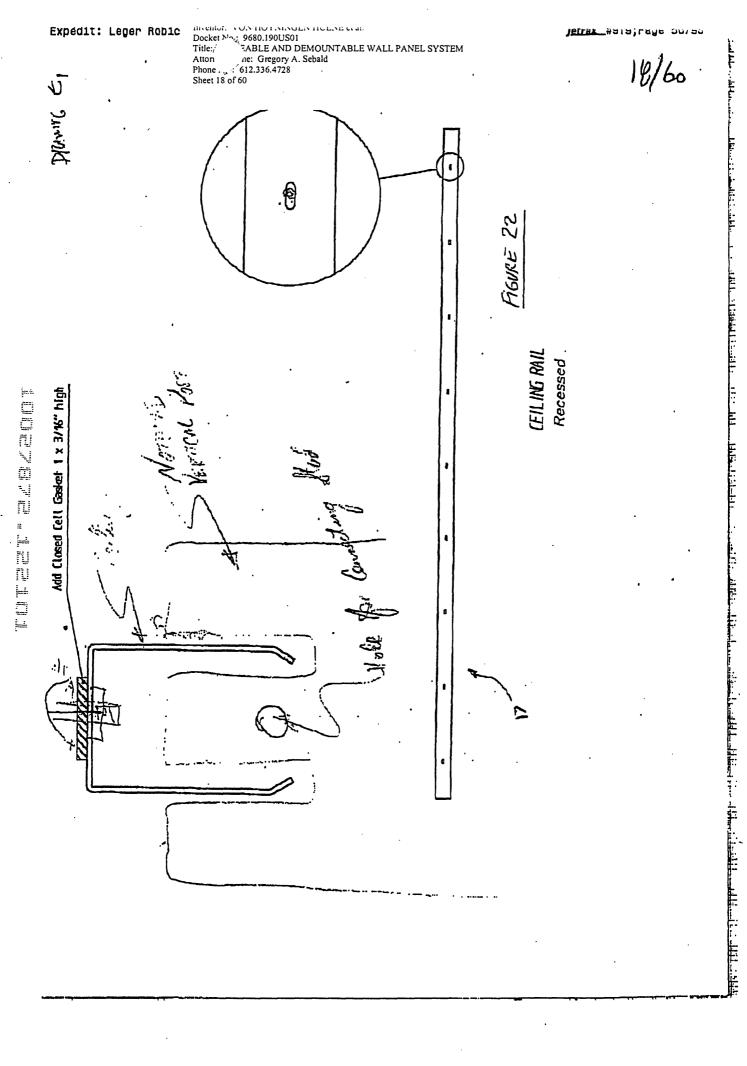
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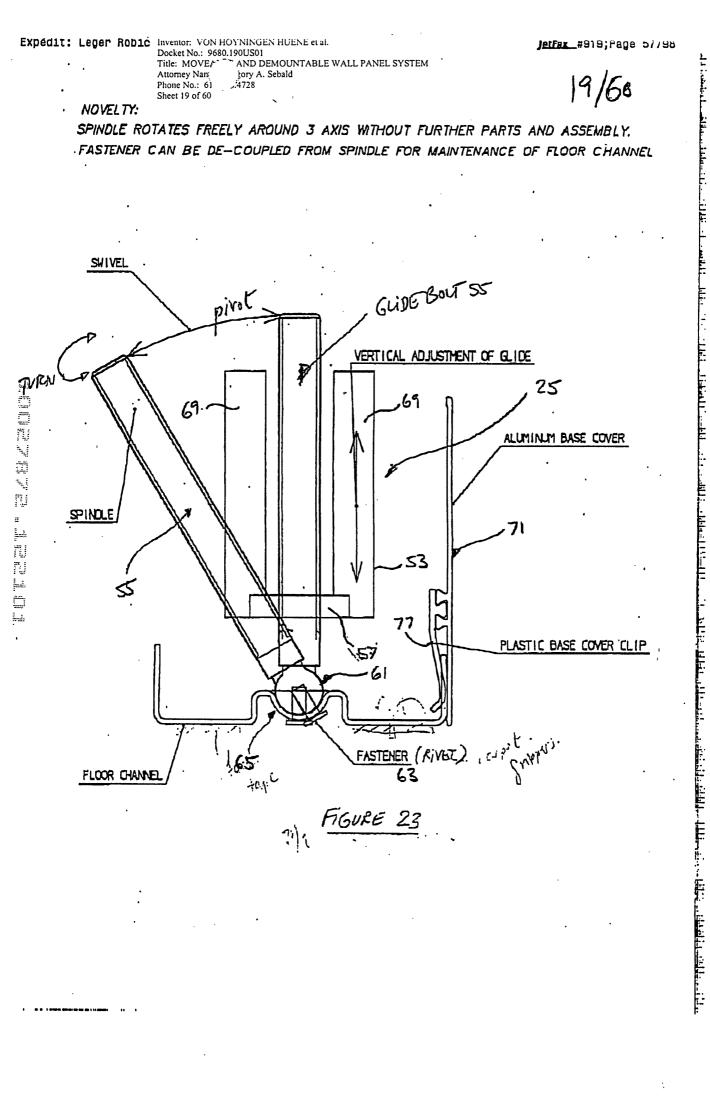


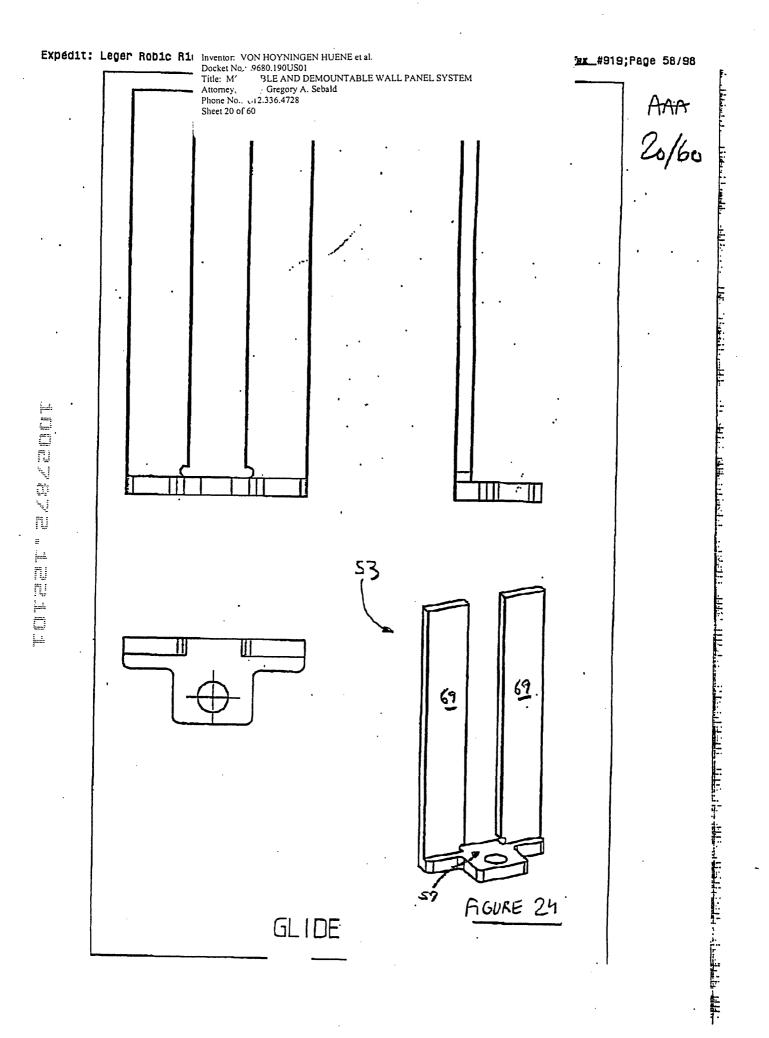
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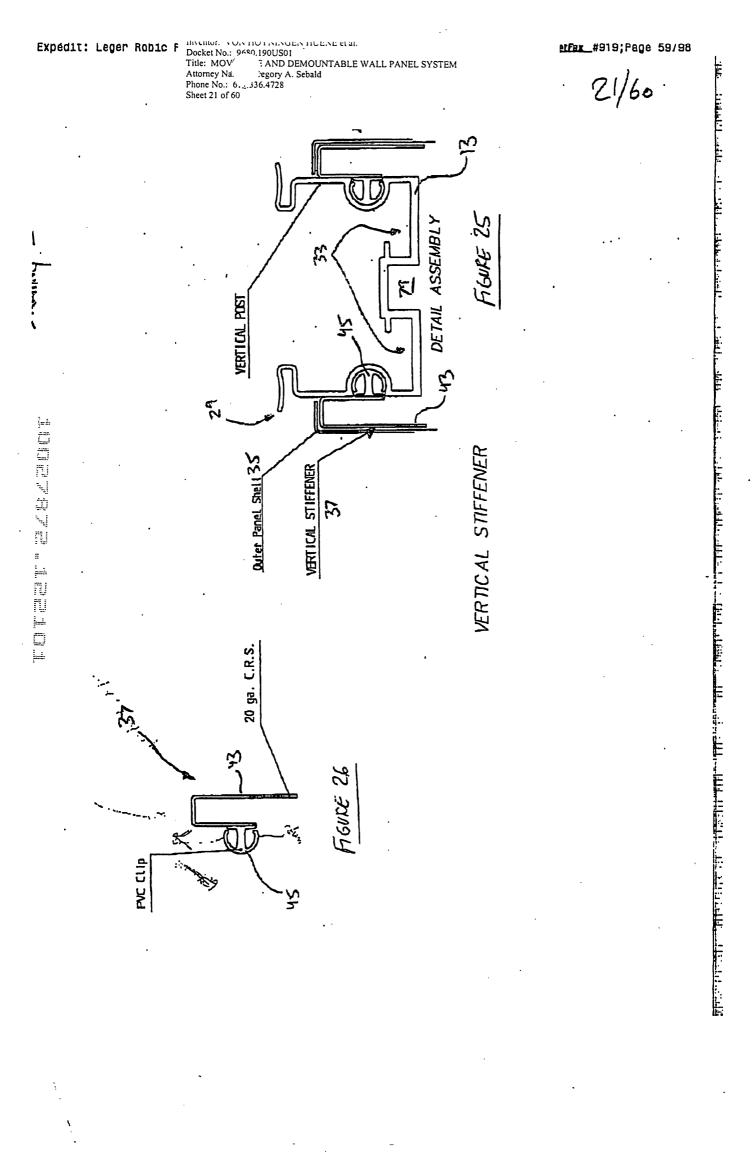
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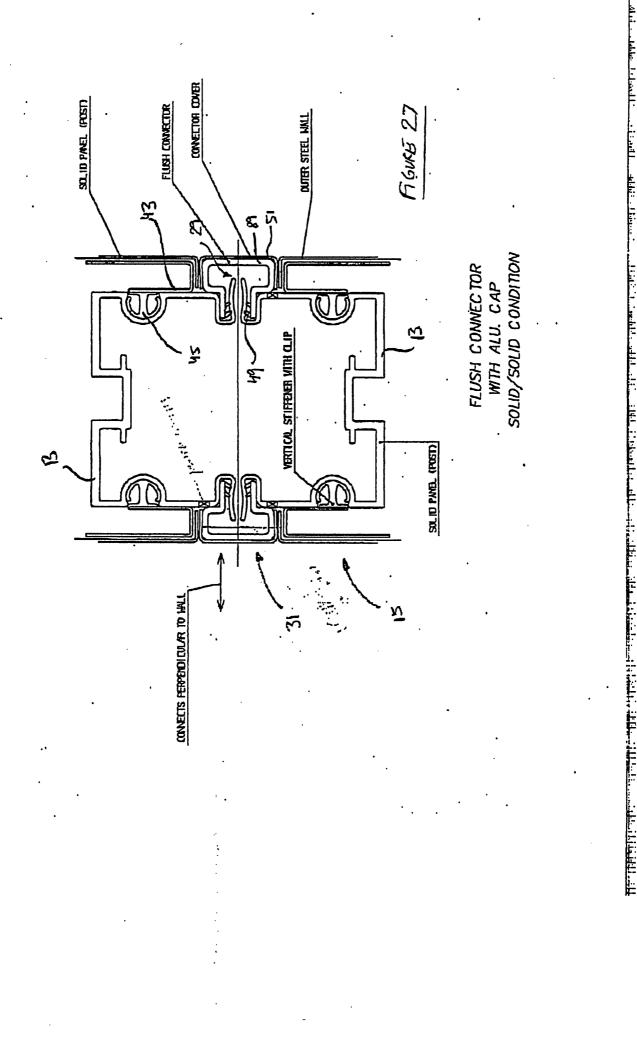


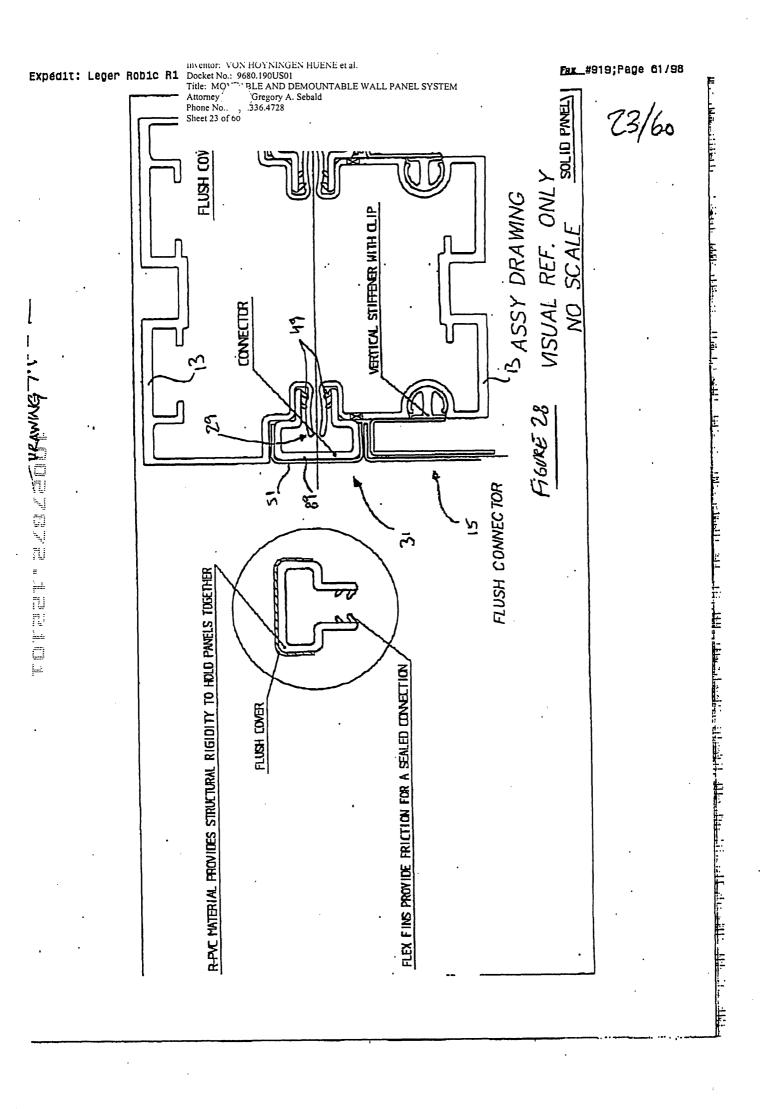


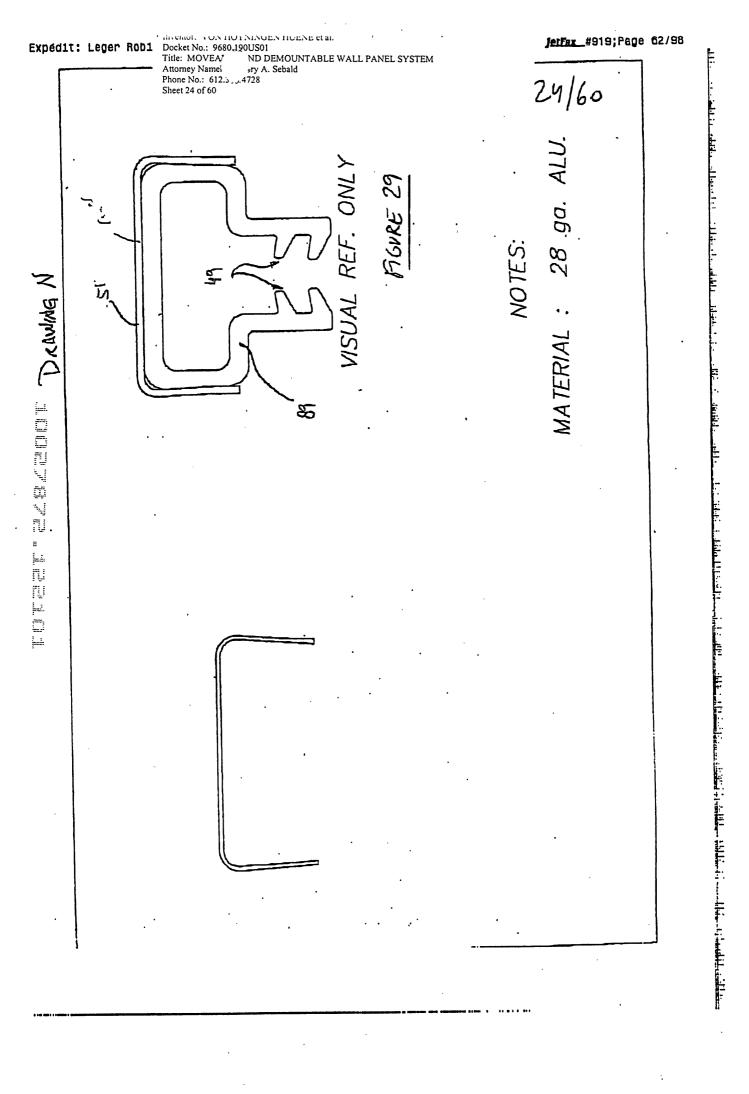


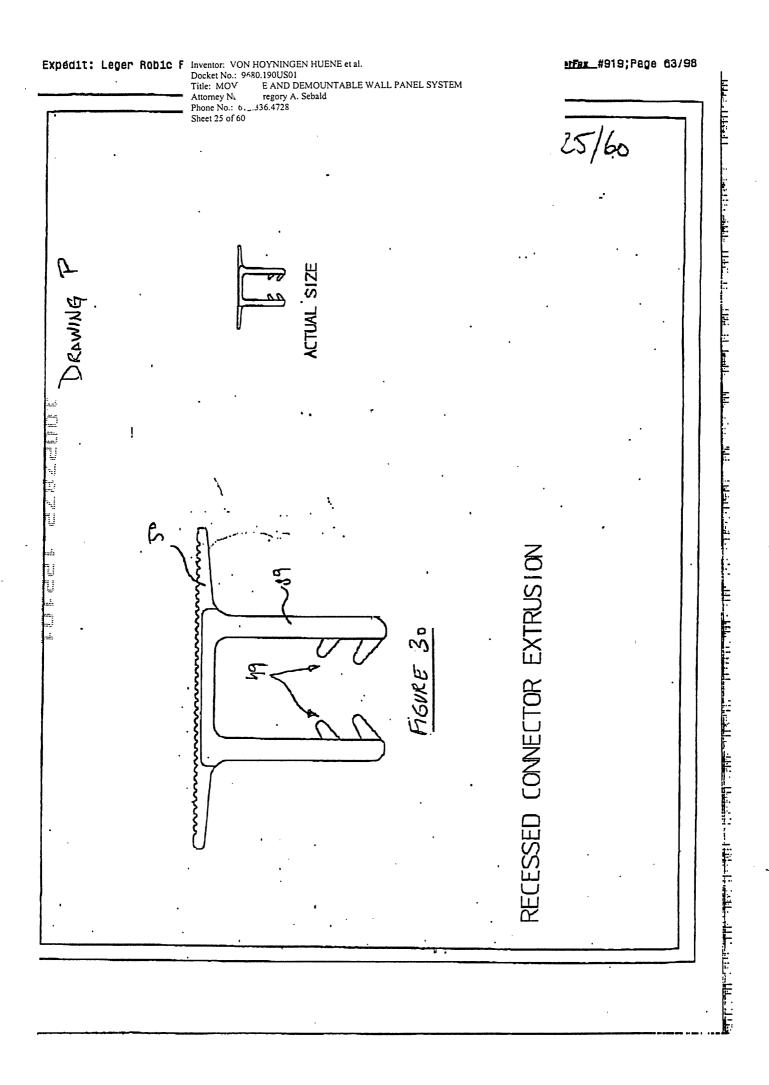
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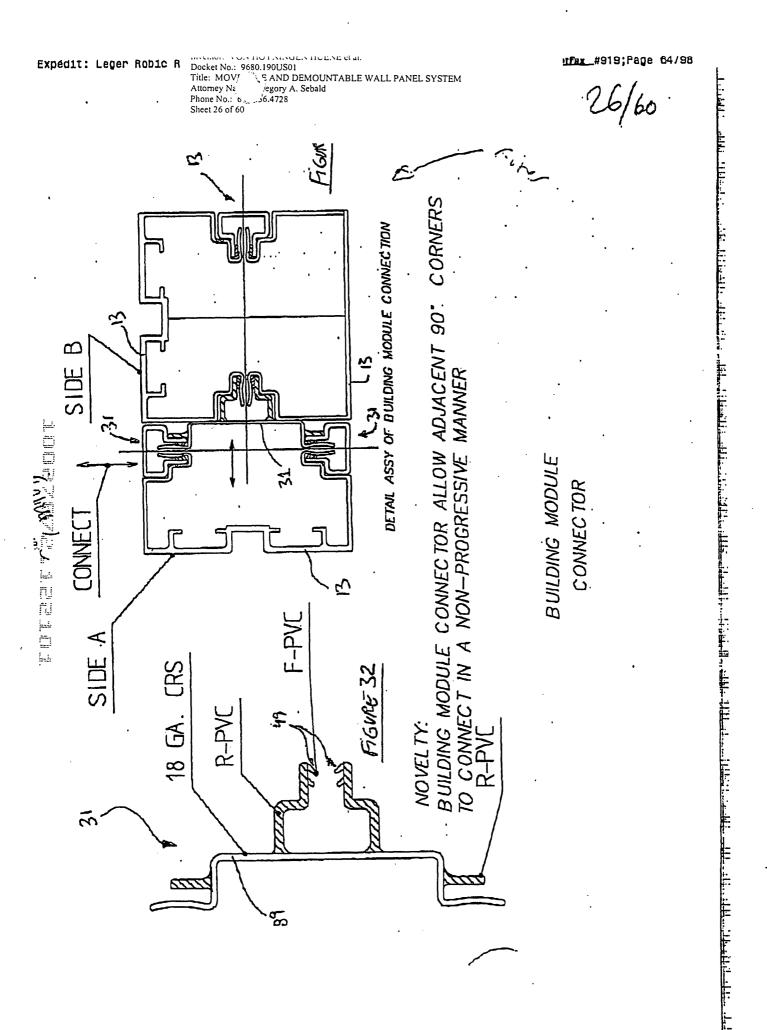
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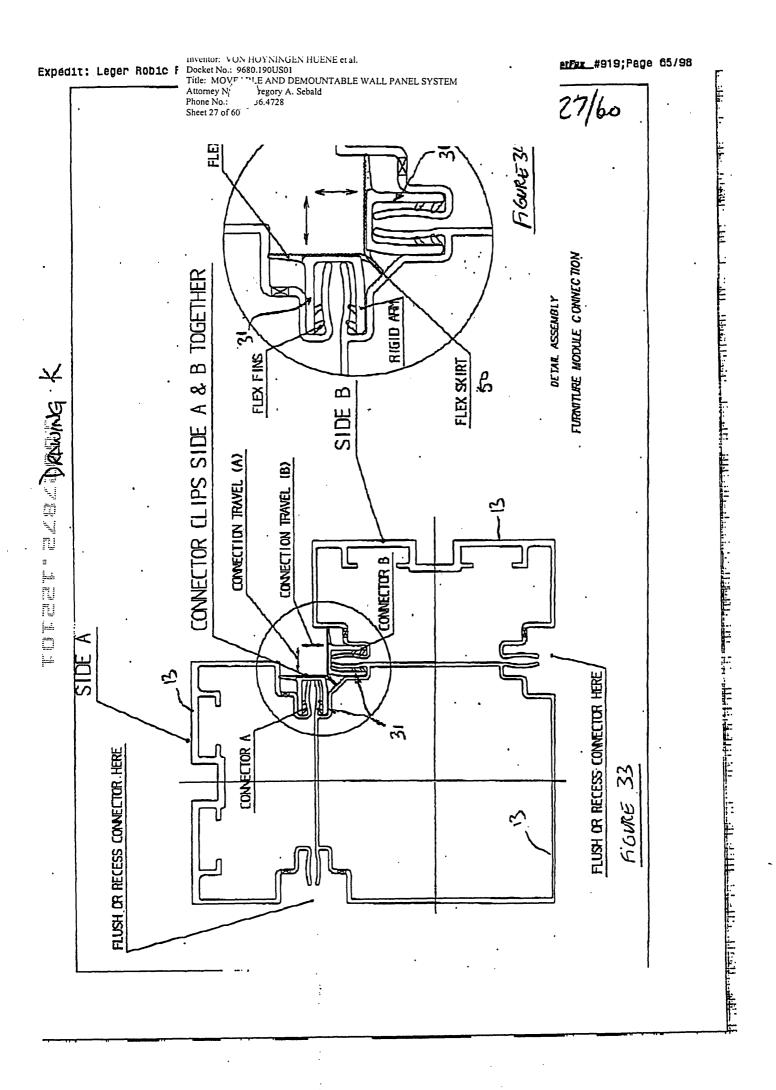








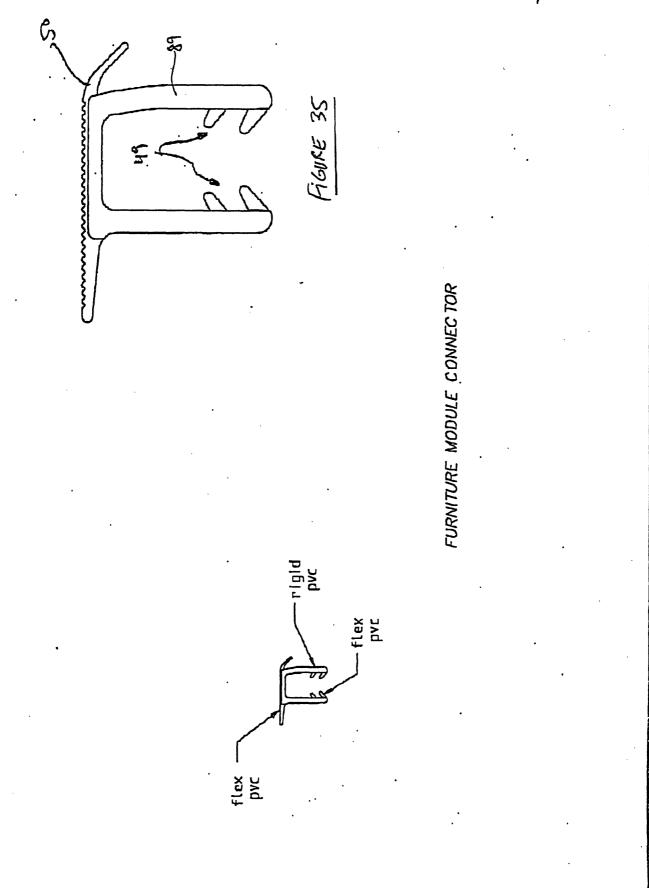


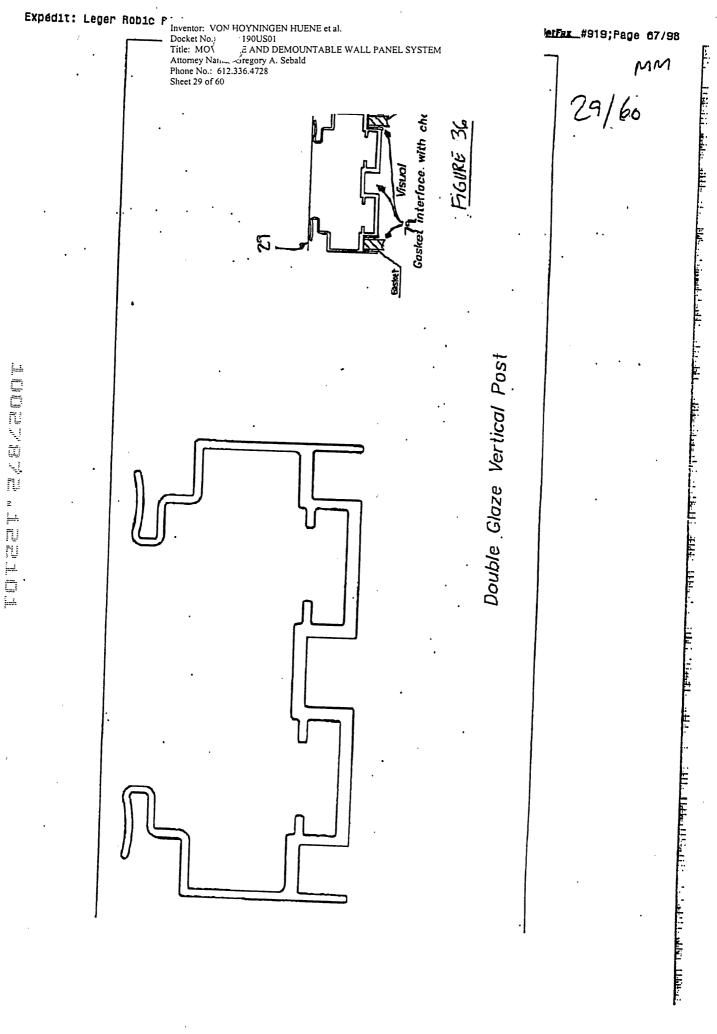


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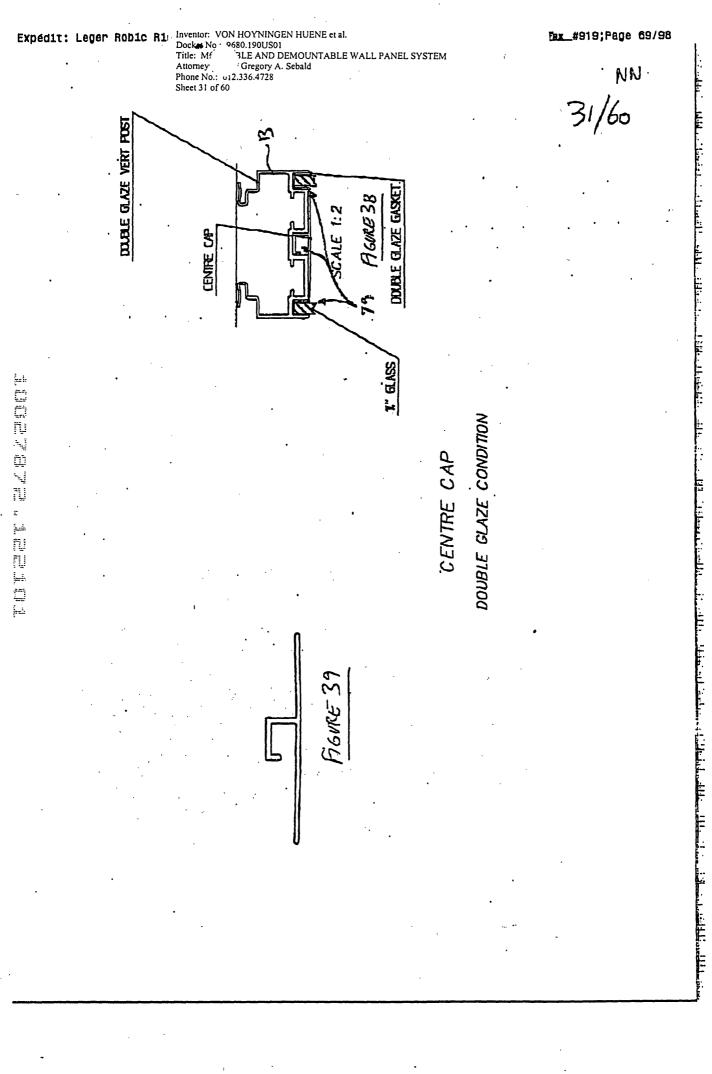
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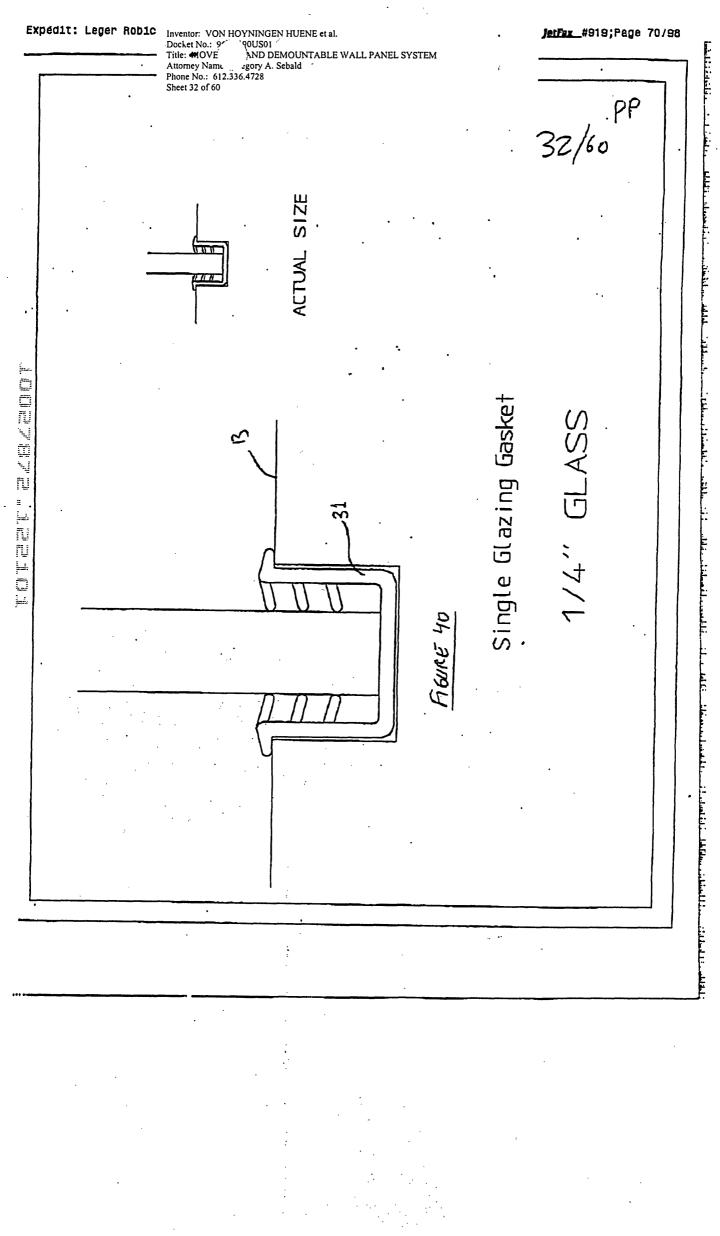


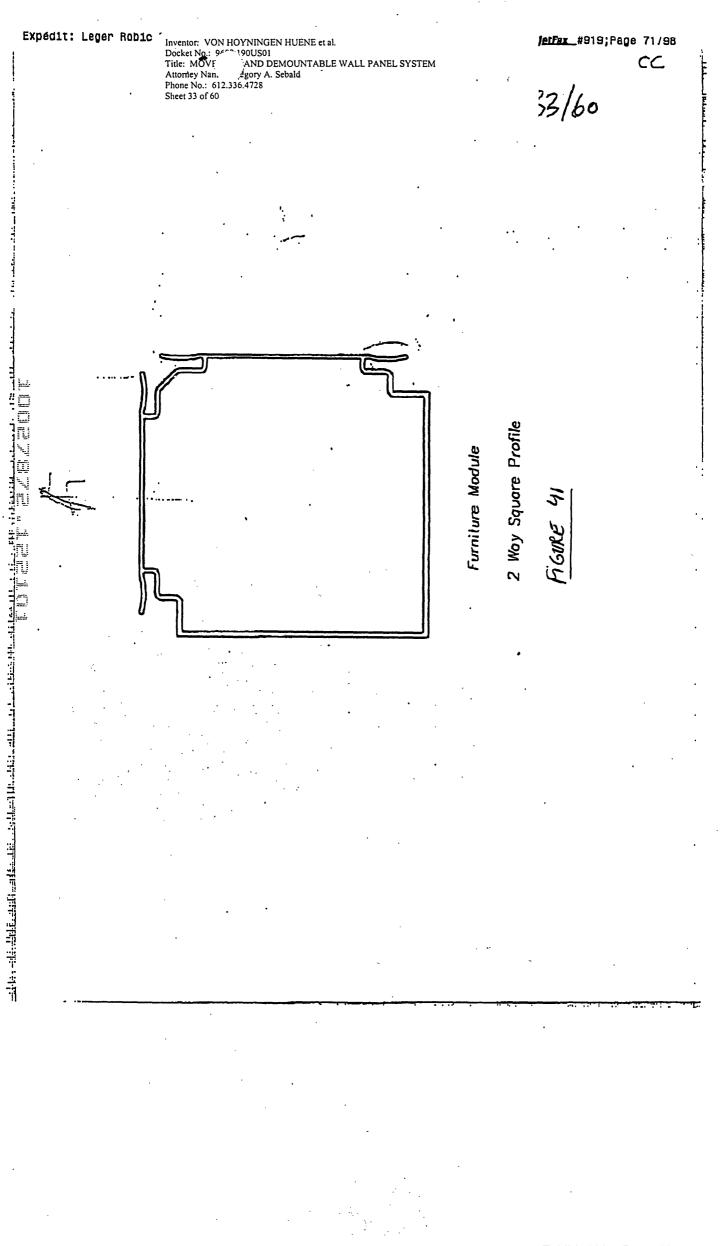


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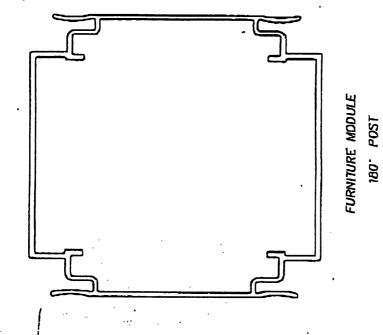
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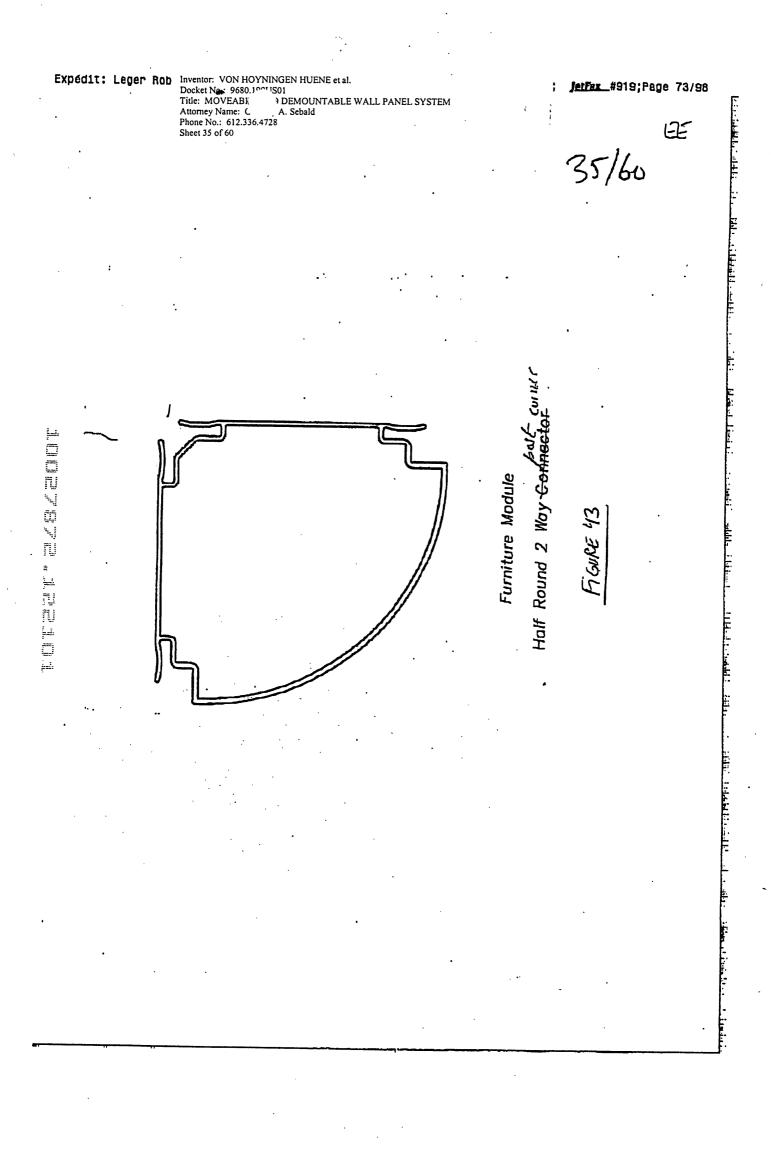


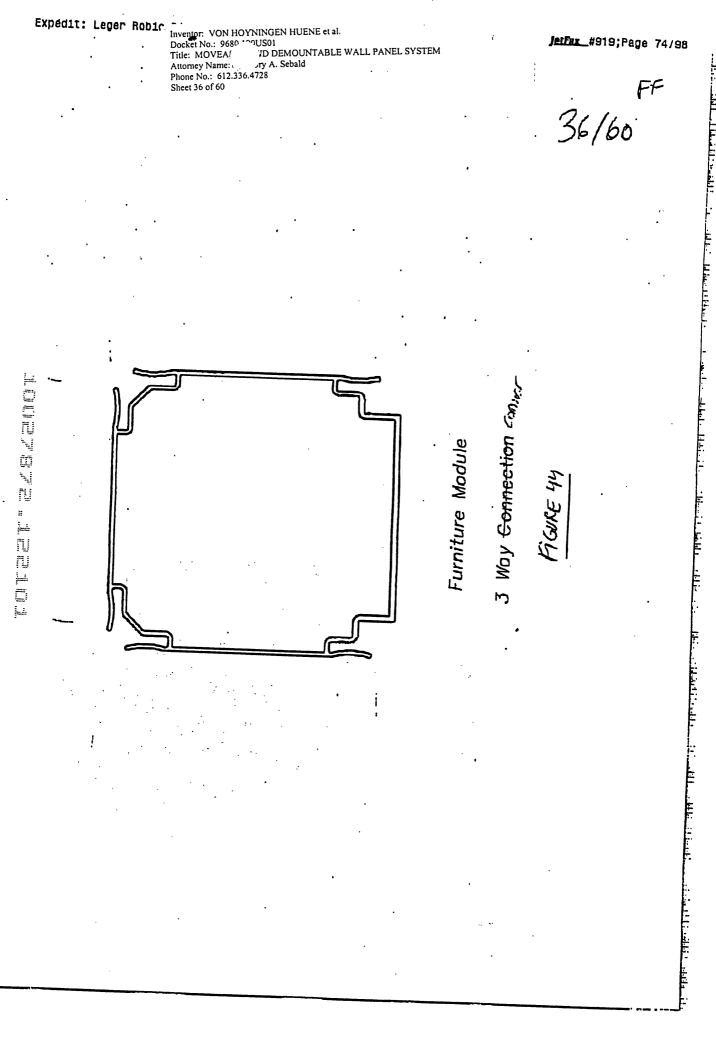
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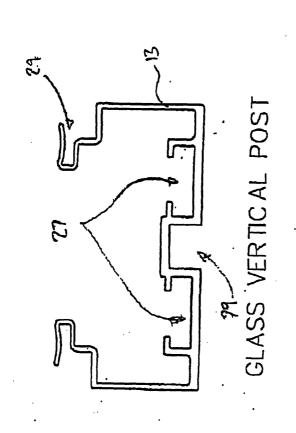
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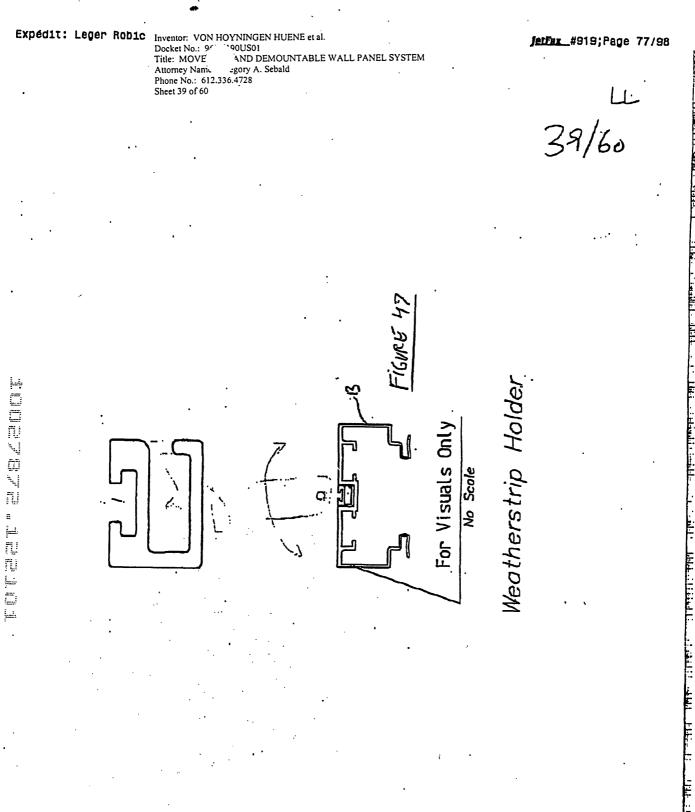
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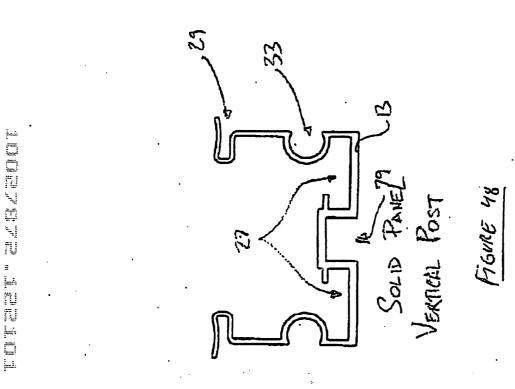
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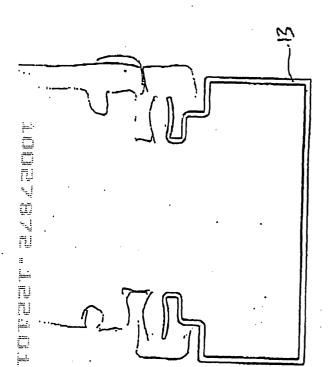
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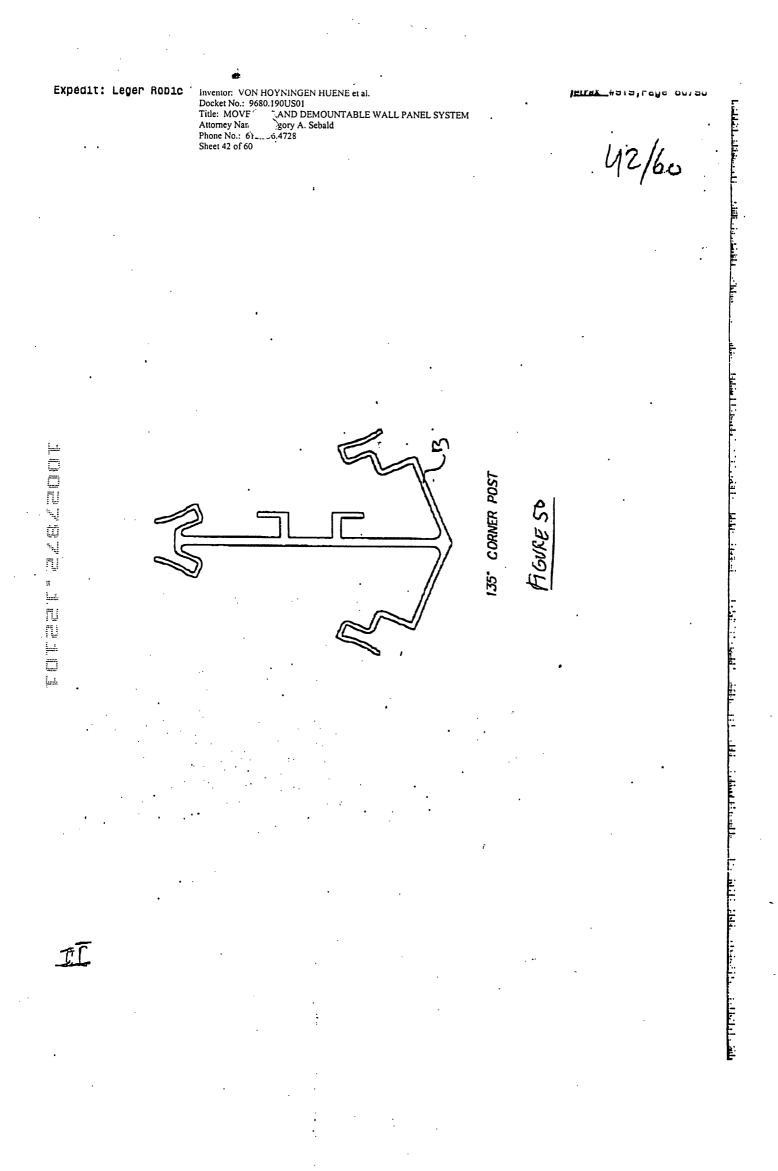
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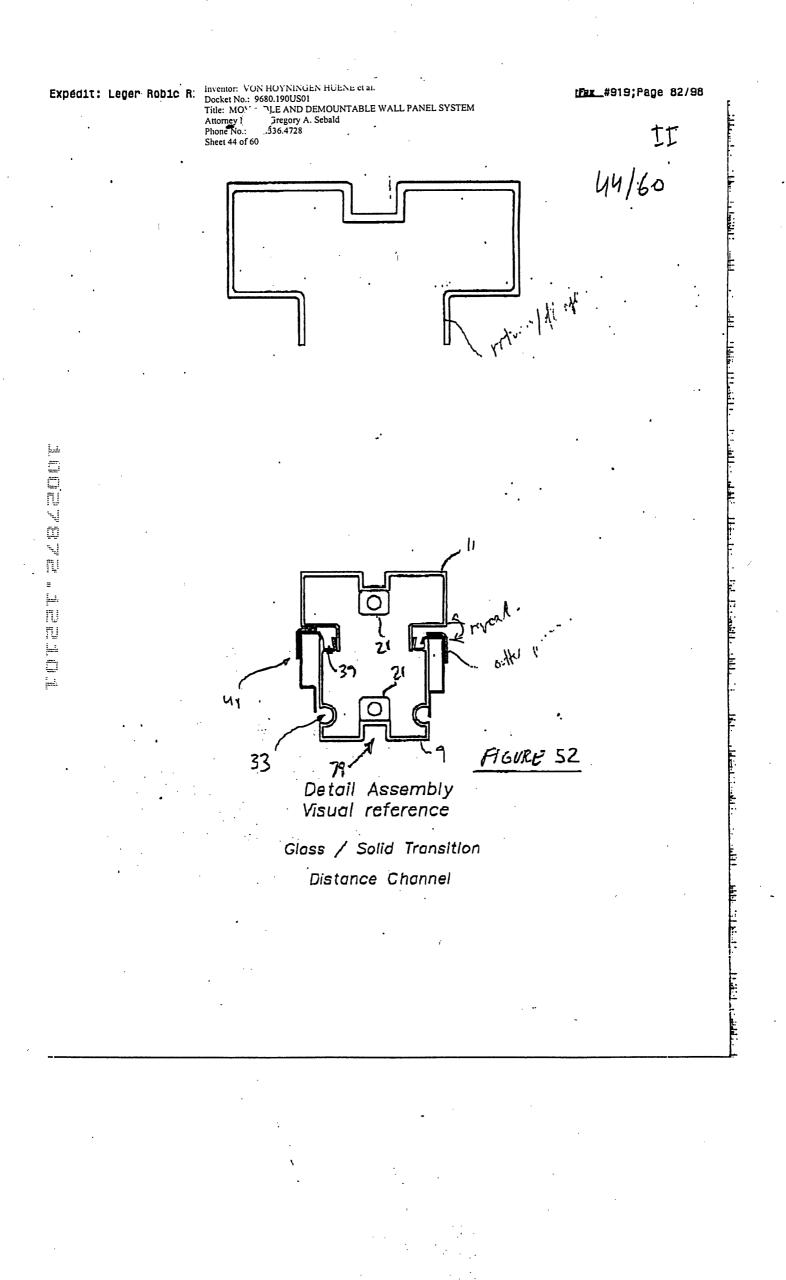
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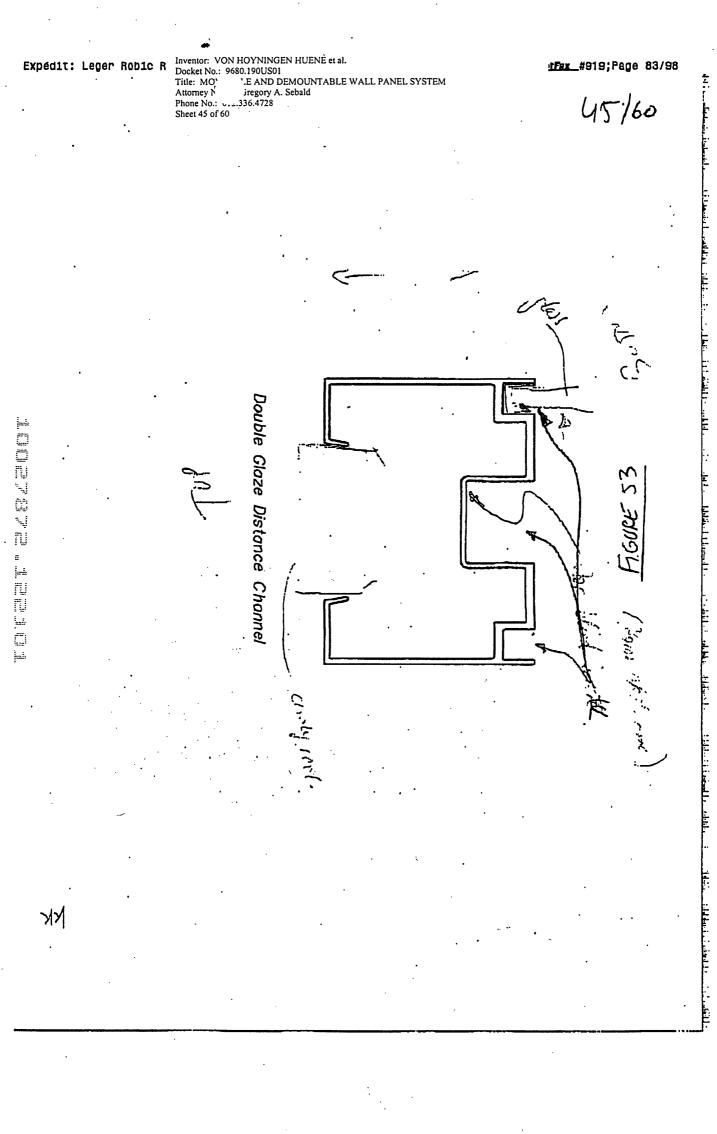
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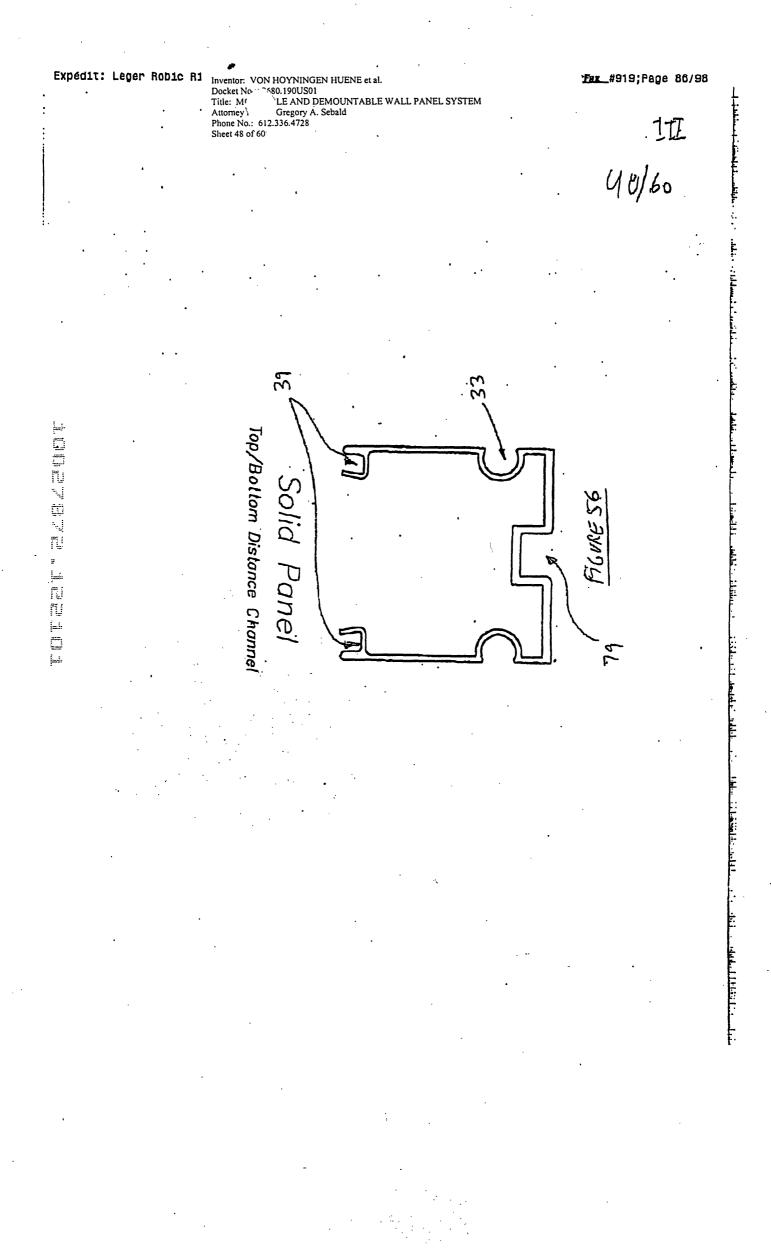
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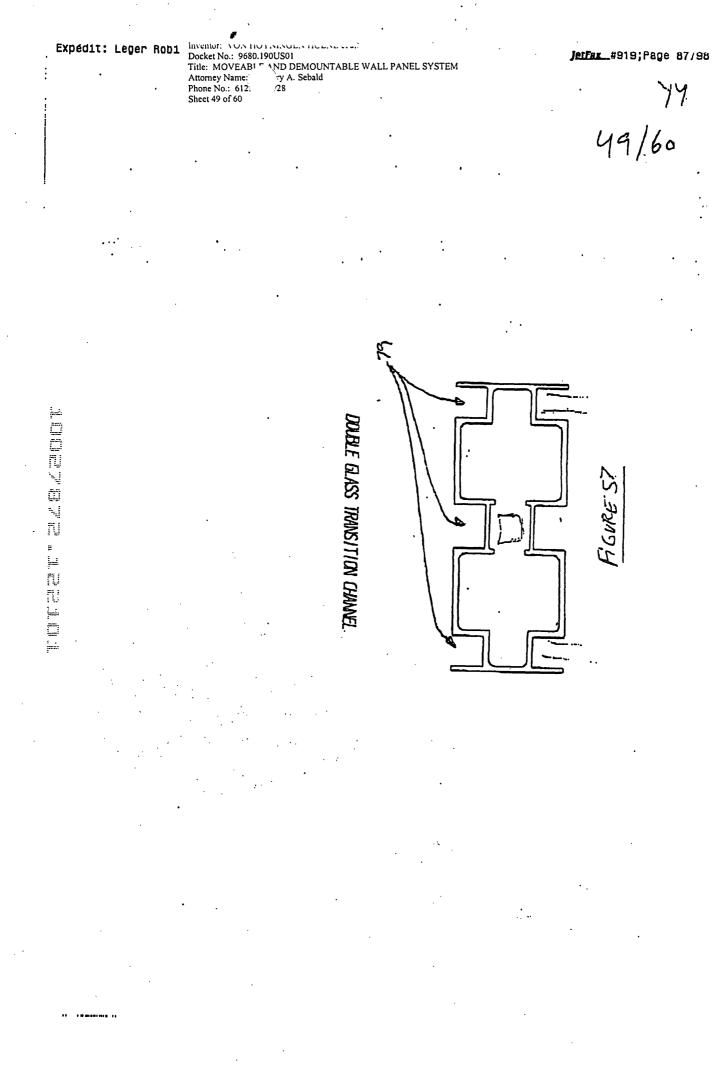
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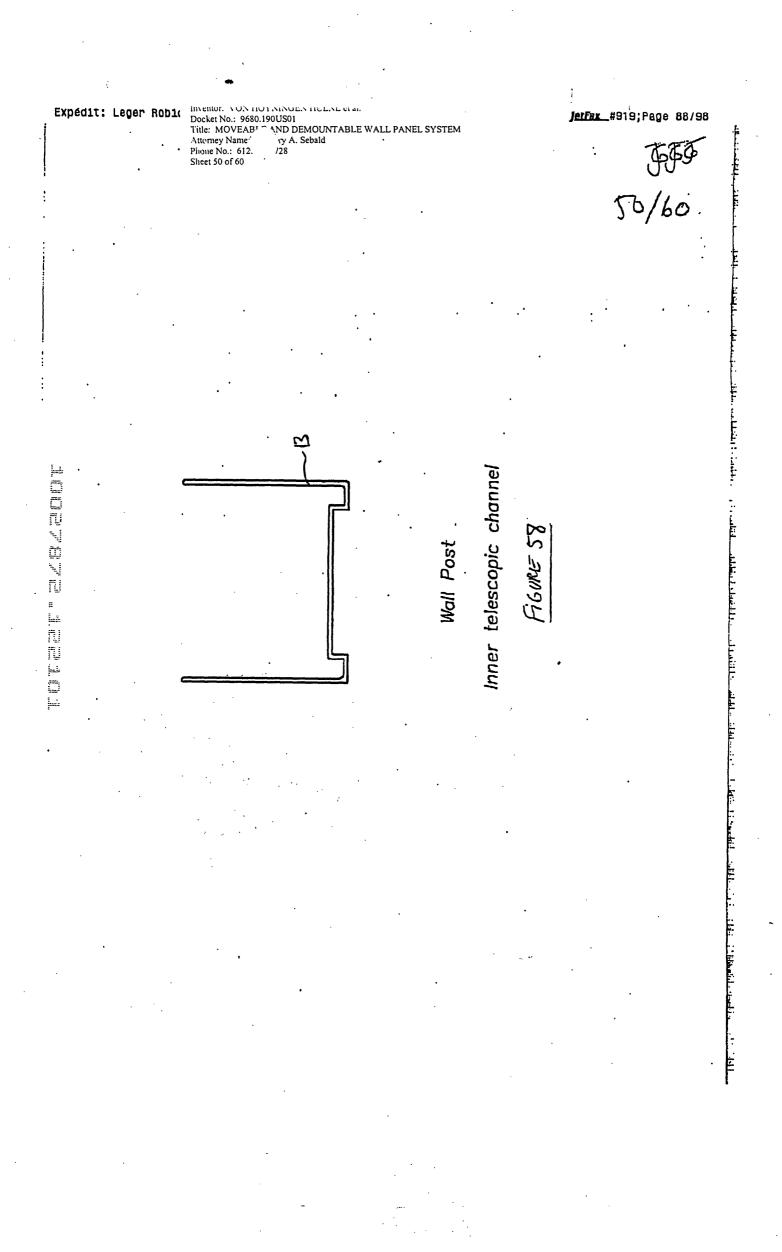
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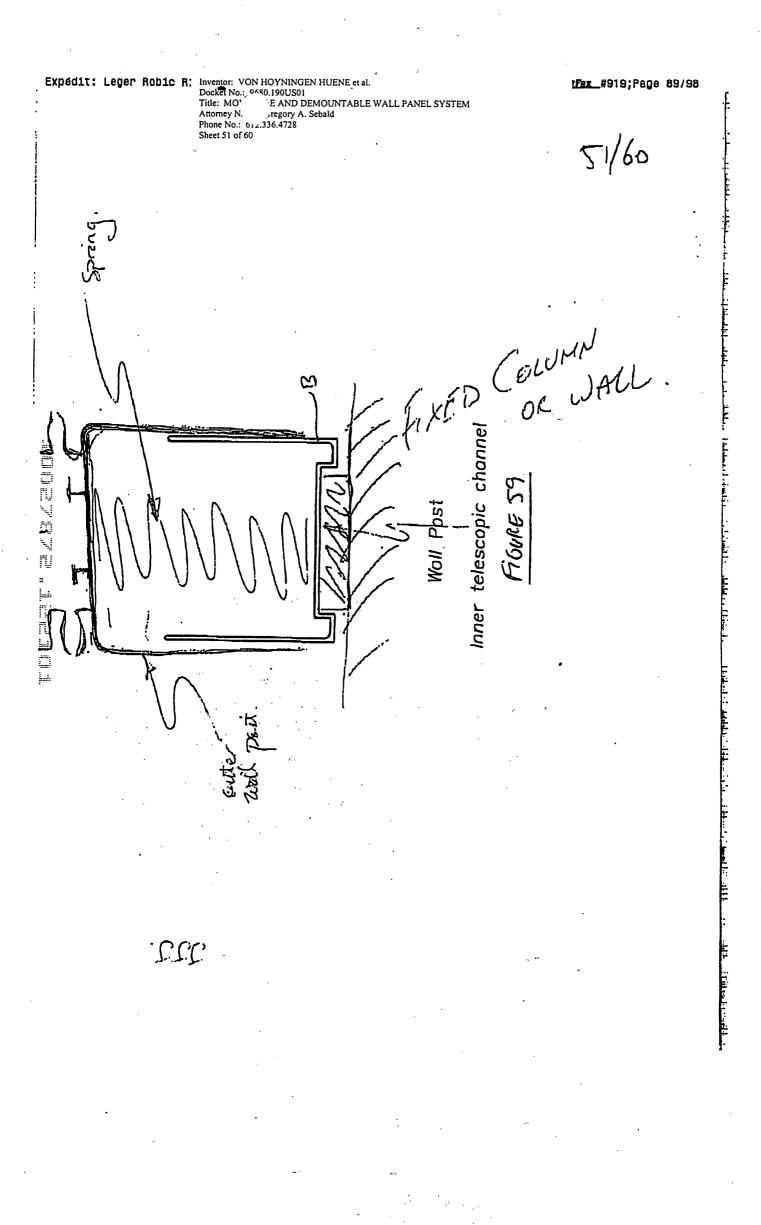
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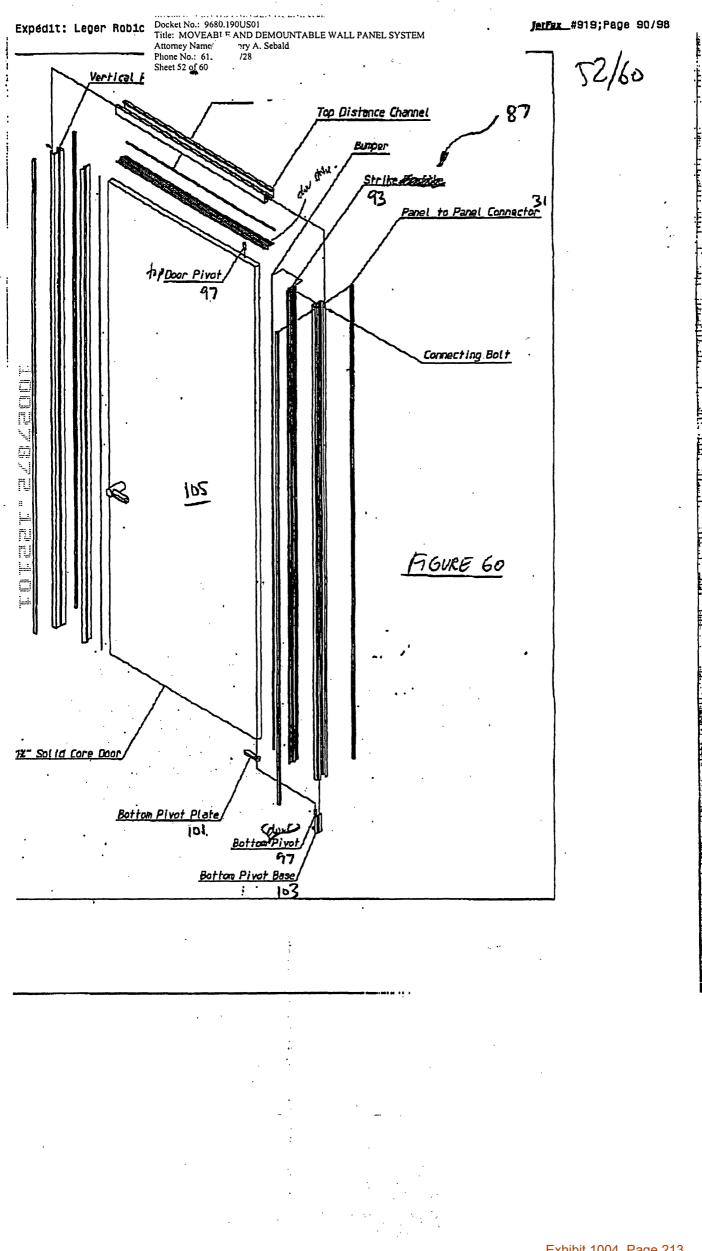


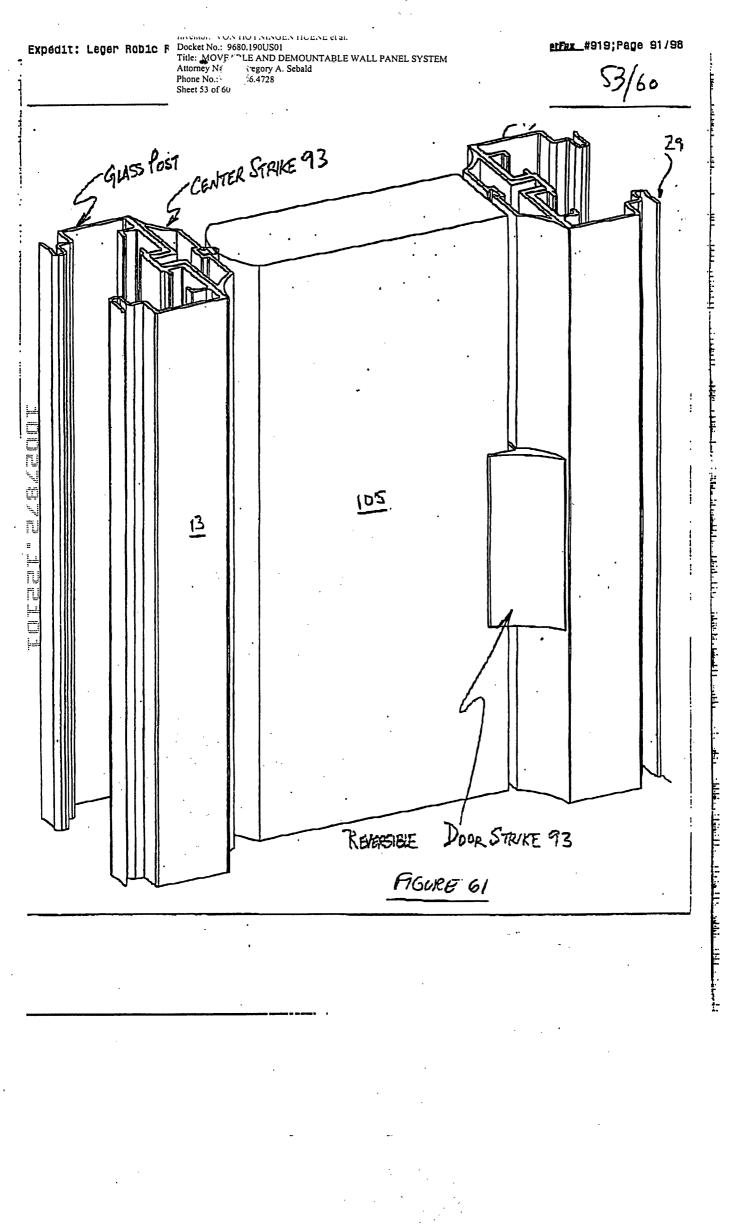


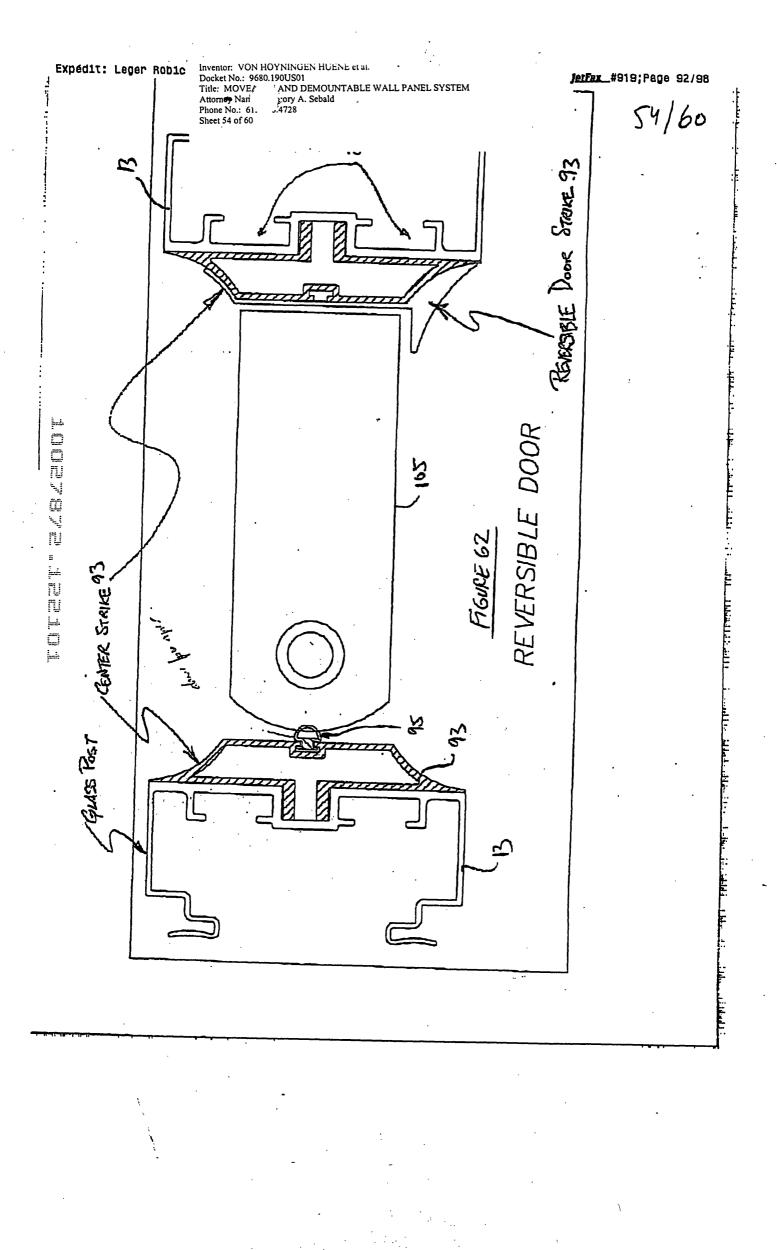
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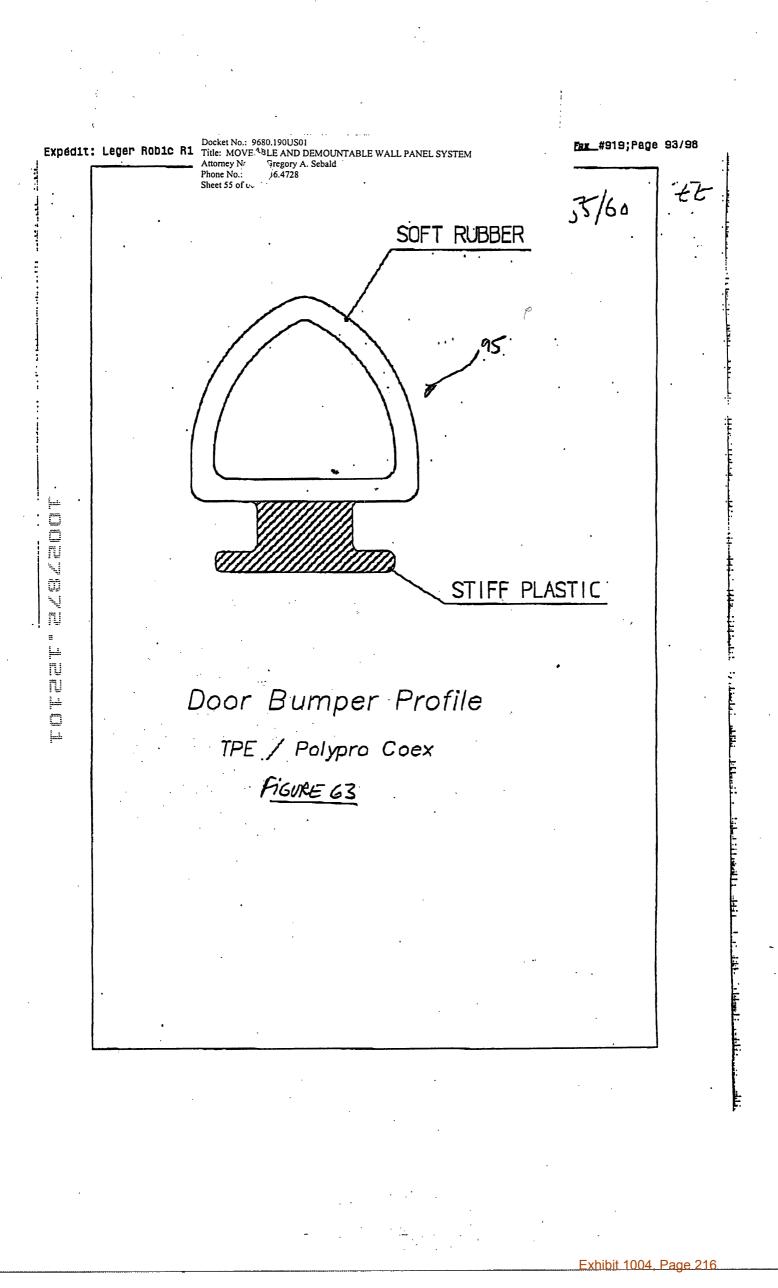








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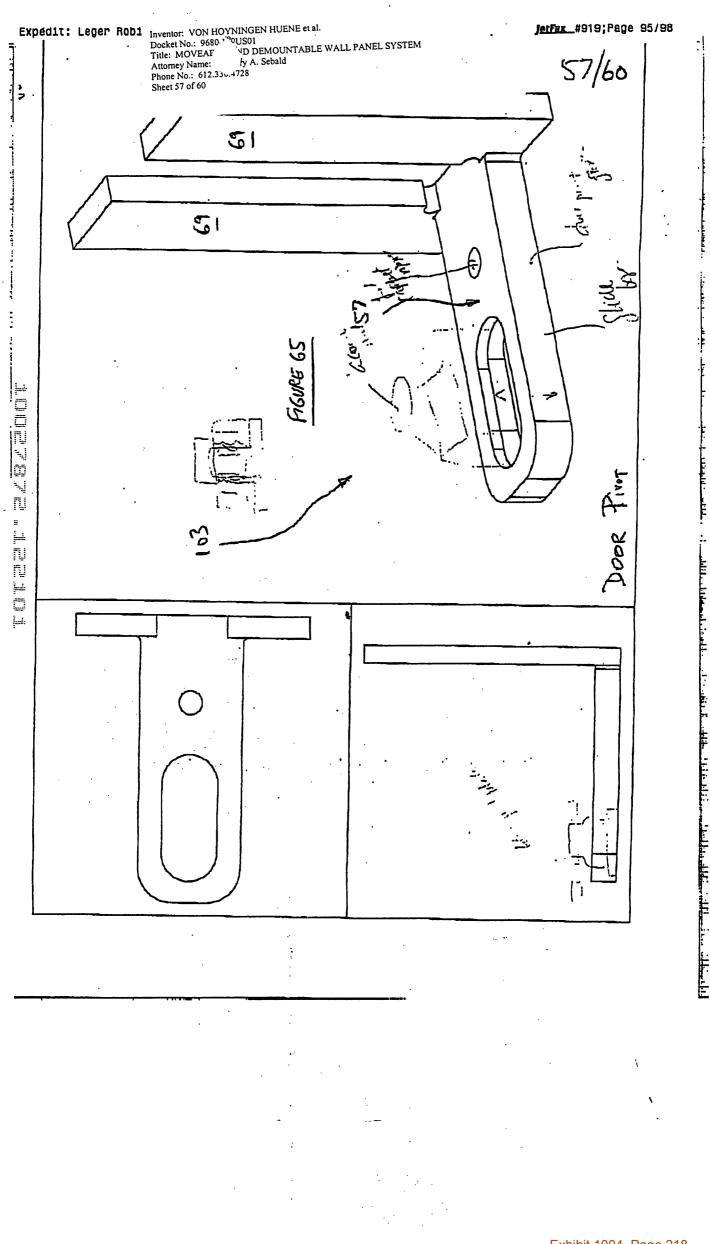
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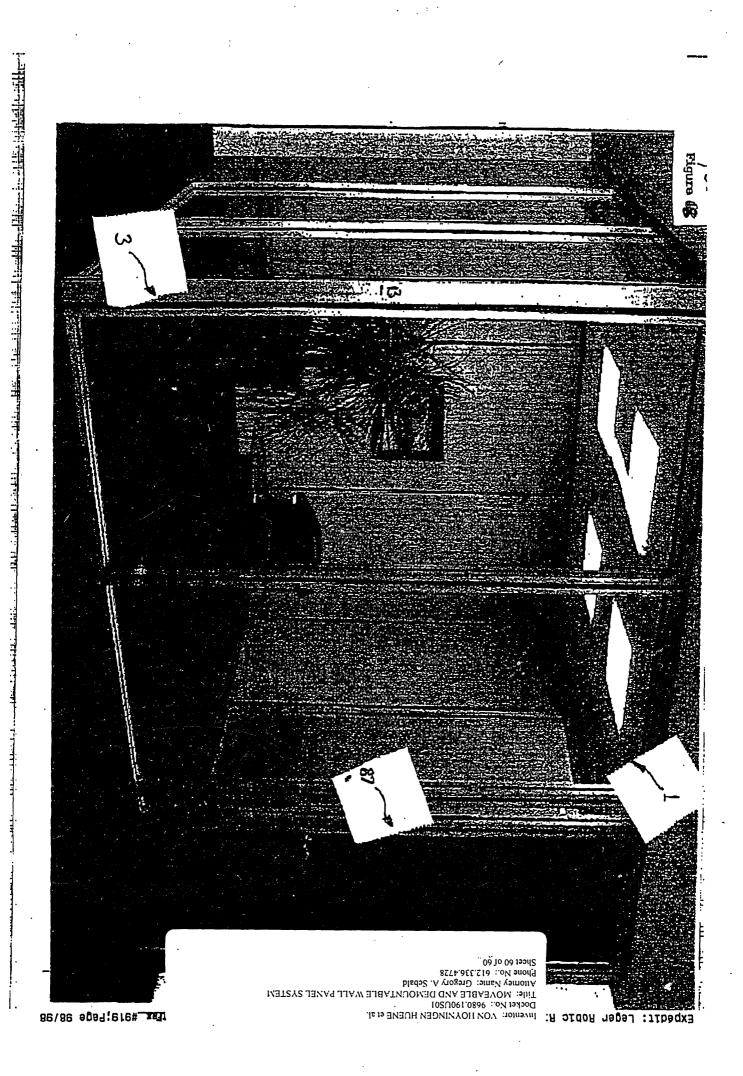
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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MOVEABLE AND DEMOUNTABLE WALL PANEL SYSTEM

The specification of which

a. 📋 is attached hereto

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(if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

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Canada	2,329,591	December 22, 2000	
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- (1) Each inventor named in the application:
- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and

(3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

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The priority document(s) will be furnished at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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- \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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DEMOUNTABLE PARTITION SYSTEM

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The present invention is concerned with movable partitions. More precisely, it is concerned with a partition system composed of mountable and demountable partitions for forming a separate room such as an office.

10 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The use of partitions for temporarily forming an office space, is known to this day. However, the partitions that are known to this day, are basically composed of a panel mounted on a metallic stand. However, the panels are aligned side by side

15 to form a predetermined office space. Such a space does not allow any privacy and is not sound-proof. Therefore, there is a need to provide a partition system that may be quickly and easily mountable and demountable and allows the creation of an office space equal in quality to a regular office.

20 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is a first object of the invention to provide an instantly mountable and demountable partition system.

25 It is a second object of the present invention to provide a partition system that may be installed with a minimum of tools.

It is a third object of the invention to provide a partition system that is able to adjust to irregular floor surfaces, thereby maintaining parallel interface of the partitions.

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It is a fourth object of the invention to provide a partition system that allows the removal of a single partition without affecting the neighbouring partitions.

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It is a fifth object of the present invention to provide a partition system that is easy and simple to install.

- 5 The objects of the present invention are achieved with an adjustable partition system that is readily mountable and demountable, the partition system comprising a plurality of partitions, each partition comprising a panel mounted on a frame, the frame comprising two vertical members parallel to each other, the vertical members defining the length of the frame and two horizontal members
- 10 defining the width of the frame, each partition comprising a top portion and a bottom portion, the top portion adapted to be secured to a ceiling by a first connector for connecting the horizontal member on the top portion of the partition to a ceiling grip, and the bottom portion adapted to be secured to the floor, by a second connector for securing the horizontal member on the bottom portion of the
- 15 partition to the floor, and an adjustable glide for allowing adjustment of the partition relative to the level of the floor; and a door detachably mounted to a door strike.

An advantage of the partition system of the present invention is that it may be readily installed in a pre-existing room with its pre-existing architectural features.

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Another advantage provided by the partition system of the present invention, is that it allows the creation of a room having a partition regularly and evenly spaced, thereby maintaining a parallel interface of the panel.

25 A further advantage of the partition system of the present invention is that it allows mounting and demounting of individual partition sections independently from the others.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Figure 1 is a perspective view of the partition system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

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Figure 2 is a perspective view of the top portion of a partition member according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

5 Figure 3 is a perspective view of the bottom portion of two partition members according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 4 is the top portion of a door comprising a door pivot assembly.

10 Figures 5a, b, c, d, and e, are perspective views of an adjustable glide according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, connecting the bottom portion of a partition section to the floor.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a disassembled solid panel.

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Figure 7 is a door strike assembly according to a preferred embodiment of present invention.

Figure 8 is a cross-sectional view of a building module connector according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 9 is a face view of two vertical members of Figure 2, connected to the floor.

Figures 10a to 10c are cross-sectional views of two, three, and four-way 25 connections of furniture and building modules according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 11 is a cross-sectional view of a stiffener designed to be installed on an inner face of a solid panel.

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Figure 11b is a cross-sectional view of a building module.

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Figure 12 is a cross-sectional view of a connector for connecting two partitions.

Figures 13a and 13b are cross-sectional views of different connectors used for connecting two partition members.

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Figure 14 is a cross-sectional view of a stiffener designed to be mounted on an inner face of the top portion of a solid panel.

Figure 15a is a vertical stiffener of Figure 14 Including a spring clip.

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Figure 15b is a perspective view of a spring clip.

Figure 16 is a perspective view of a stiffener designed to be mounted on an inner face in the middle section of a solid panel.

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Figure 17 is a cross-sectional view of a vertical post for a solid panel.

Figure 18 is a cross-sectional view of a vertical member for a glass panel.

20 Figure 19 is a cross-sectional view of a recessed ceiling rail.

Figure 20 is a cross-sectional view of the top distant channel of a solid panel.

Figure 21 is a perspective view of a door strike according to a preferred 25 embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 22 is a side view of a door bumper according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

30 Figures 23a to 23c are different views of a floor channel according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

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Figure 24 is a perspective view of the adjustable glide according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 25 is a cross-sectional view of a bottom distance channel for a glass panel according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. 5

Figure 26 is a side cross-sectional view of a base cover according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

10 Figure 27 is a perspective view of a pivot plate according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 28 is an exploded view of a panel member according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

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Figure 29 is an exploded view of a partition member according another embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 30 is an exploded view of a door according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention used in the partition system of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

As seen in Figure 1, the partition system according to the present invention 25 comprises a plurality of partition members. Each partition member comprises a panel which may be made of any suitable material that may be used as a wall structure or a material selected from the group consisting of steel, wood, gypsum, plastic, fiber-glass or any variety of finishes selected from the group consisting of fabric, vinyl, veneer, paint, laminate. The panel is mounted on a frame, which comprises at least two vertical members and two horizontal members. 30 The horizontal member defining the top of the partition, is adapted to be connected

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portion of the partition is adapted to be secured to the floor through an adjustable connector.

Referring to Figures 2, 28 and 29, there is shown a celling rail according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The ceiling rail is designed to receive the top portion of the partition member. The partition member is fixed to the ceiling rail through a ceiling connector, which may be a T-slot connector or a caddy clip. It should be understood that any other type of connector may be used in the context of the present invention, and that is known to a person skilled in the art is included in the scope of the present invention.

As may be seen in figures 3 and 5a to 5e, the lower portion of each partition member is adapted to be secured to the floor through an adjustable connector. More precisely, the adjustable connector comprises an adjustable glide. As best

- 15 seen in figure 9, the glide assembly comprises a threaded bolt and a nut, which are connected to a bracket on the floor channel. The adjustable glide assembly is attached to the lower end of a vertical member of a partition member. The adjustable glide is further adapted to be connected to a floor channel. In the illustrated embodiment, the adjustable glide is connected to the floor member
- 20 through bracket means. Thus, the adjustable glide serves as an adjustable connector between a partition member and the floor. The purpose of providing such an adjustable connector is to allow each of the partition members to be properly aligned relative to each other. This maintains a parallel interface of the panel. It should be noted that the partition system of the present invention uses the ceiling as a level point.

As seen in figures 1 and 30, the partition system according to the present invention also comprises a door, which may pivot between an open and closed position. The door is secured to the panel assembly through a pair of pivoting rods that are secured on the top and bottom of the same side of the door. As best seen in figure 4, the top portion of the door comprises a pivoting rod, which may be inserted in an opening on the door strike assembly as best seen in figure 7. As

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seen in figure 27, a pivot plate is secured at the bottom of the door and comprises an opening for receiving the pivoting rod therein.

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Referring now to Figures 12, 13a and 13b, the partition system according to the present invention, is also provided with different connectors for connecting at least two partition members together. As seen in Figure 12, the corner connector is designed to connect two partition members perpendicularly or in different angles. It is used to form a corner. As best seen in Figure 10c, the corner connector is designed to retain a portion of the vertical member of each partition member.

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Referring now to Figure 13a, there can be seen a recessed connector. This connector comprises two wings extending upwardly. These wings are made of soft PVC and are flexible. The core of this connector, which consists of a gripping device, is made of hard PVC. This connector is especially useful to be used in

- 15 combination with a solid panel such as seen in Figure 6, since the wings are designed to cover the series of openings which are present along the entire length of the vertical post. When needed, it is possible to install a hook or a bracket in the openings by pushing in the flexible wing of the recessed connector.
- 20 Referring now to Figure 13b, a flush connector may also be used to connect the partition members. As opposed to the recessed connector, the flush connector does not comprise a pair of wings, and is designed to create a uniform surface when it is installed on the vertical members of the adjacent partition members.
- 25 Referring now to Figures 11a, 14, 16 and 29, there are shown different stiffeners that are used in solid panel partition systems. The function of such stiffeners is to support the panel which may be flexible if it is made of a steel sheet, and also to provide means for mounting and demounting the panel to the structural frame. Spring clips, such as shown in Figures 15a and 15b, are used so as to allow the panel to be mounted to a structural frame in a snap-fit fashion.

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The floor channel is designed to support the entire weight of each partition member. It is designed to distribute the weight of the partition members evenly. The floor channel of the present invention has been designed so as to resist earthquakes and to maintain its rigidity for each partition member.

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As previously mentioned, the partition system according to the present invention has been designed to provide partitions that are easily and quickly mountable and demountable for creating a new room. Furthermore, the system allows the attachment and detachment of a single partition member, without disturbing the neighbouring partition members. Therefore, there is no need to disturb the

10 neighbouring partition members. Therefore, there is no need to disturb the neighbouring partition members if one partition member needs to be replaced or removed.

Although the present invention has been explained hereinabove by way of a preferred embodiment thereof, it should be pointed out that any modifications to this preferred embodiment within the scope of the present invention is not deemed to alter or change the nature and scope of the present invention.

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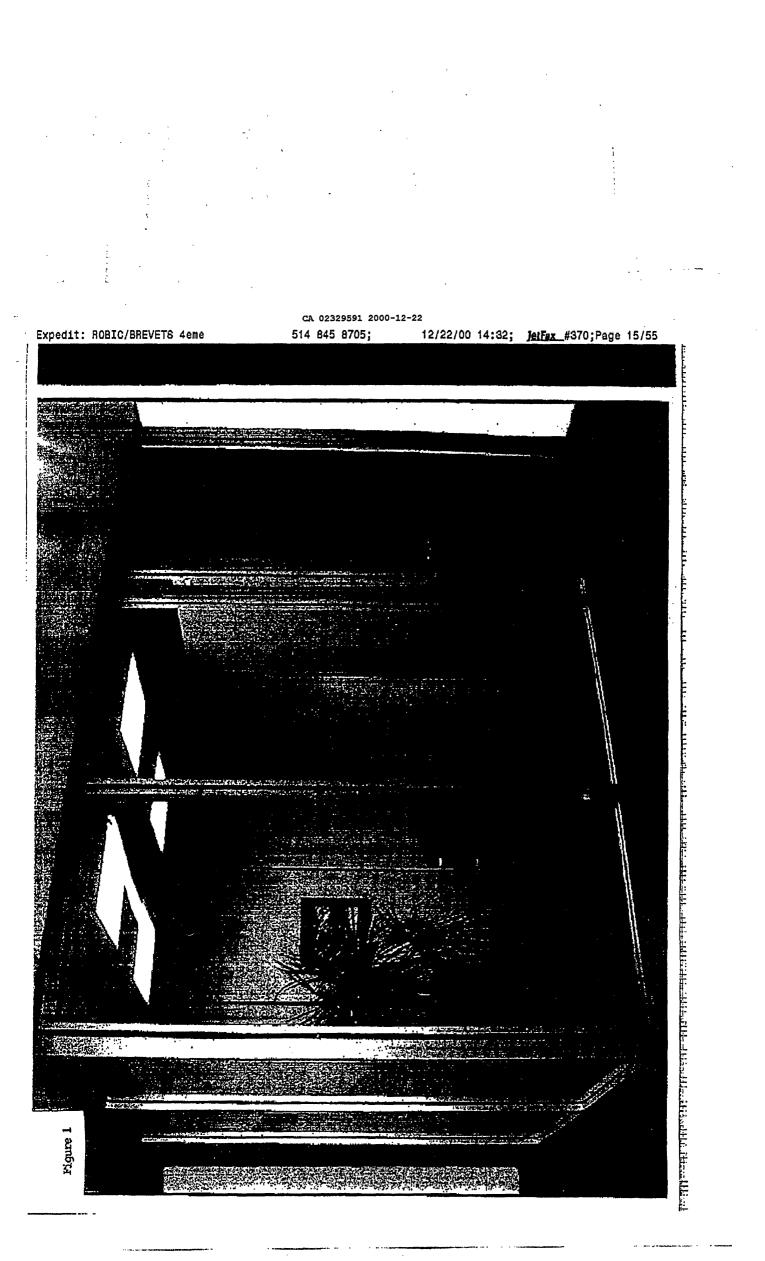
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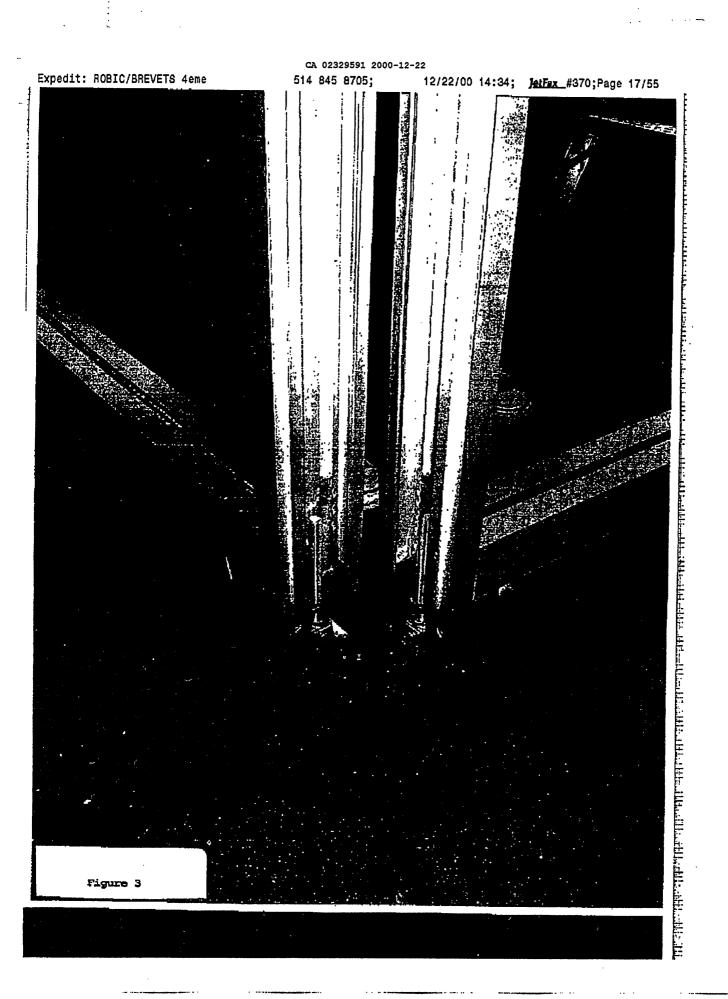
- Wall thickness is 3 ½ inches thus allowing for superior sound rating, as well as passthrough components, i.e. electrical wires, communication and network cables, air conditioning, fiber optic cables, etc.
- Panel shells are removable by means of specially designed connecting strips. These connecting strips and the shells are designed in such a way as to achieve on site demountability. Moreover, it allows for field installation of electrical, communication and fiber optic wires.
- The adjustability at the ceiling is +/- 1 inch
- Panels are stackable. The unique splice connector allows panels to be stacked on top of each other, thereby allowing these stacked panels to exceed 120" in height.
- The panel-to-panel connector gives both the ability to adjust for "panel creep" and, using the flush version, allows this system to be used in "clean room" and fire-rated corridor environments.
- The vertical and horizontal shapes are designed so that it can accommodate both single or double glazing, and a variety of blinds and privacy screens.
- The unique design of the lower glide system allows for an adjustability of over 3 inches
- The panels may be attached to drywall by means of a telescoping wall connector.
- The specially designed glazing posts allow for electrical and communication wiring to be housed inside these posts.
- Panels shells may be manufactured from a variety of materials, i.e. steel, wood, gypsum, plastic, fiberglass, etc, in a variety of finishes (Fabric, vinyl, veneer, paint, laminates)

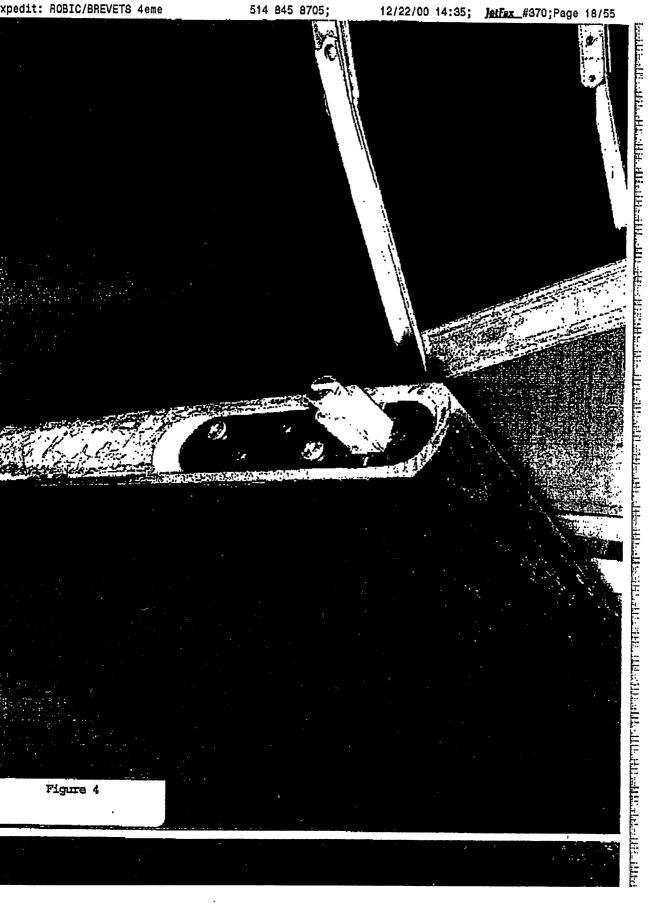
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- The wall has the capacity to allow for pocket doors, pivot doors and hinged doors.
- Ability to accommodate 3" thick flat screen TV's within solid panels.
- Minimal number of "loose" components on the job site allows for an easy and clean installation.
- It allows for hanging componentry, i.e. worksurfaces, overheads, light accessories.
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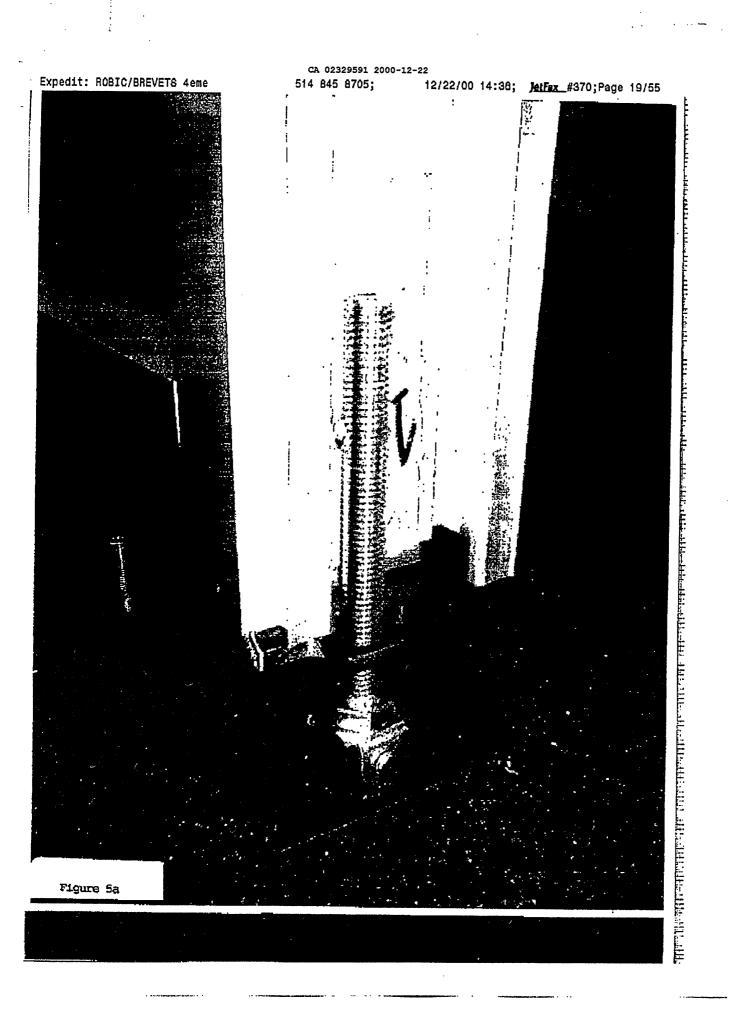


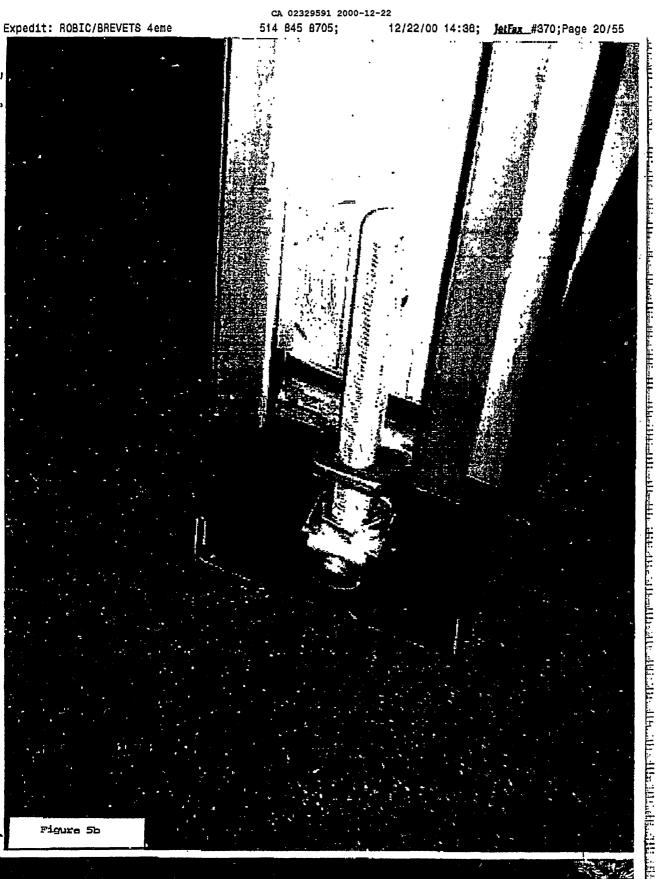




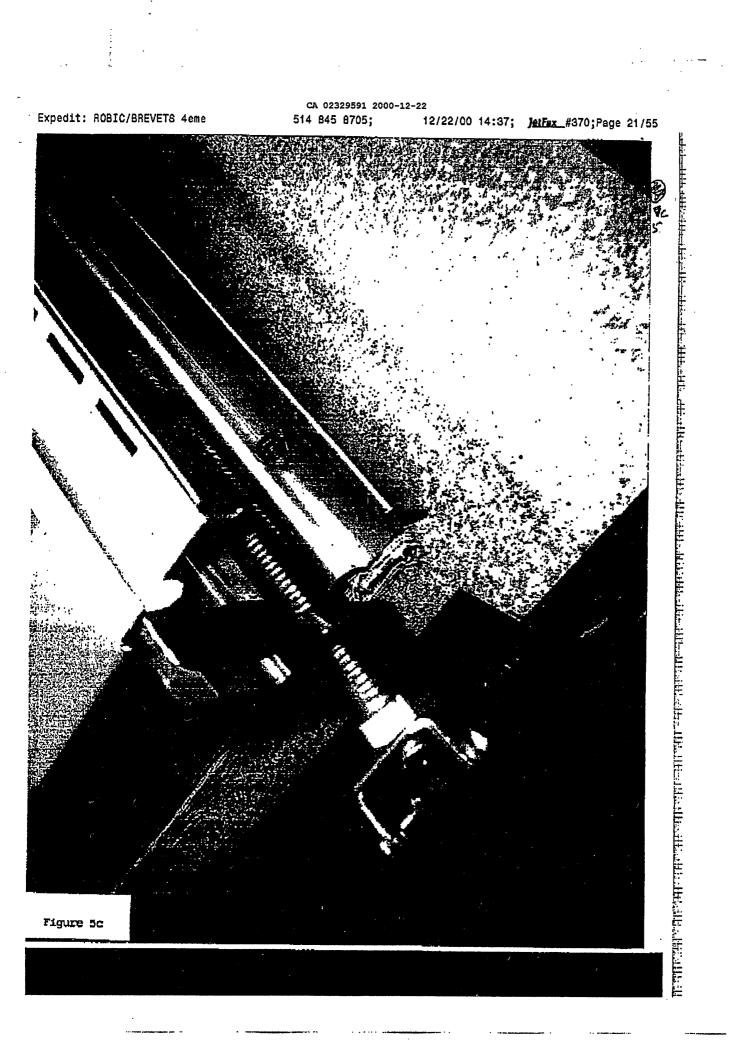


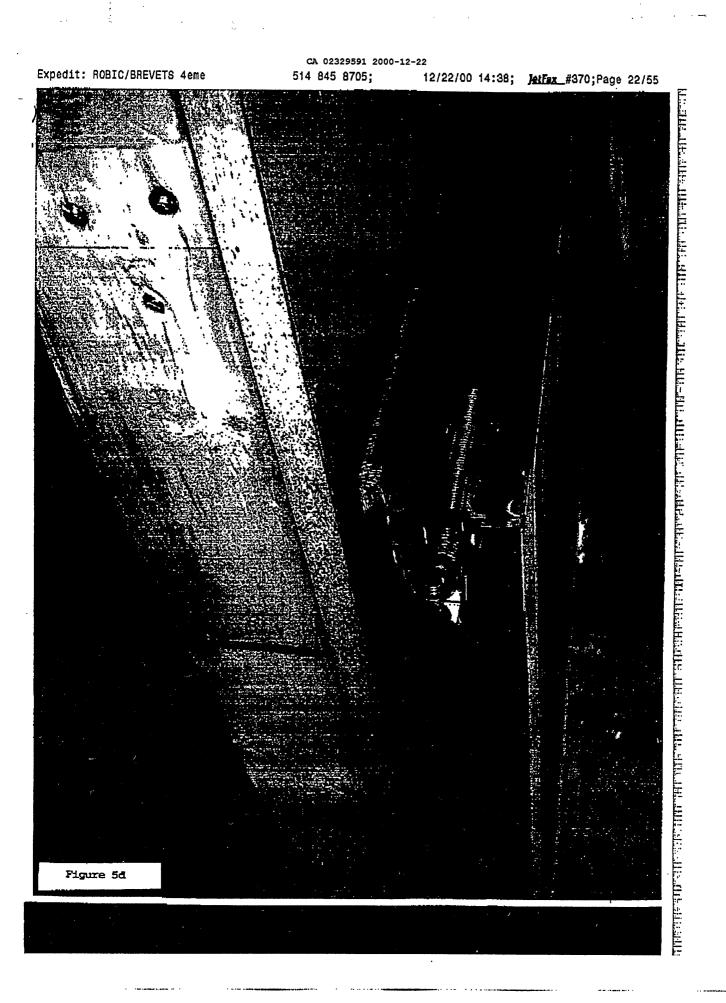
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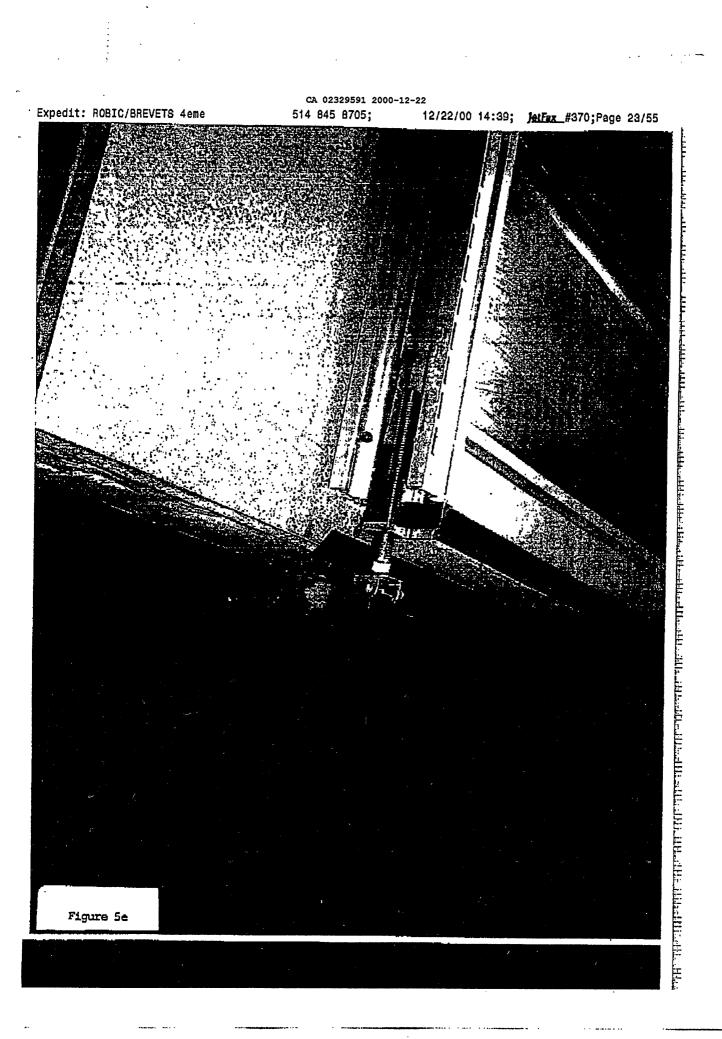


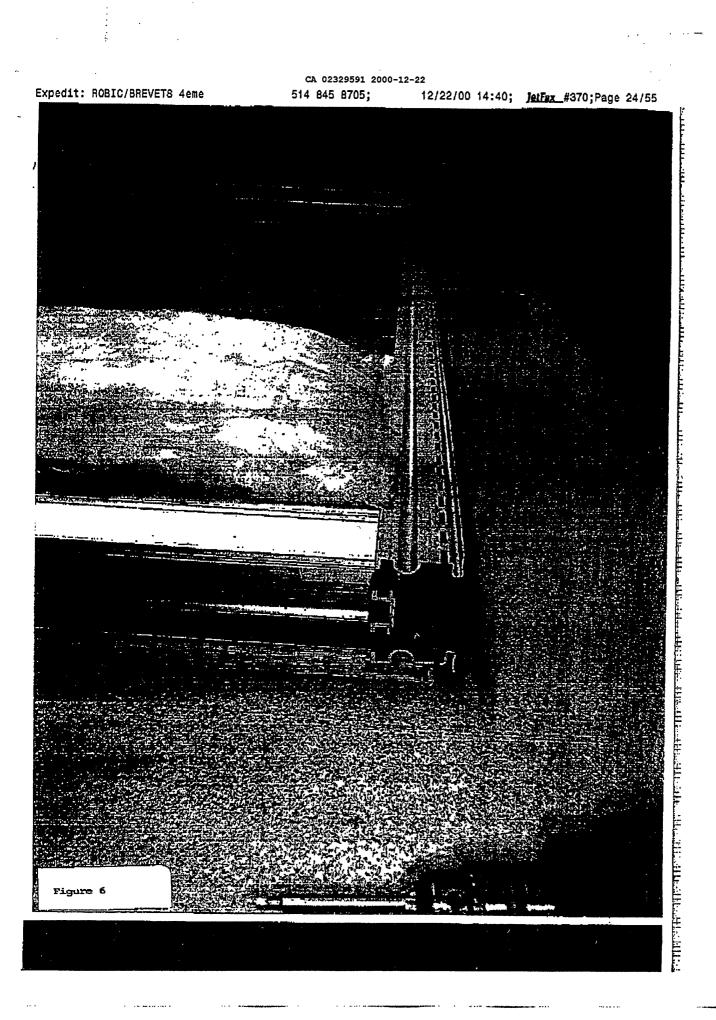


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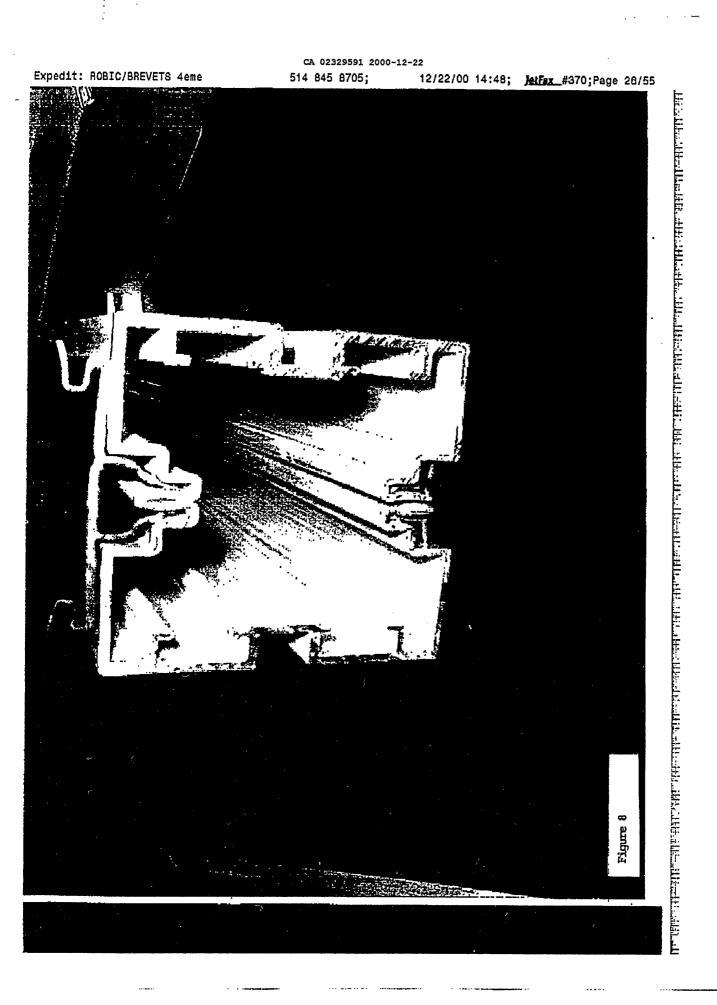


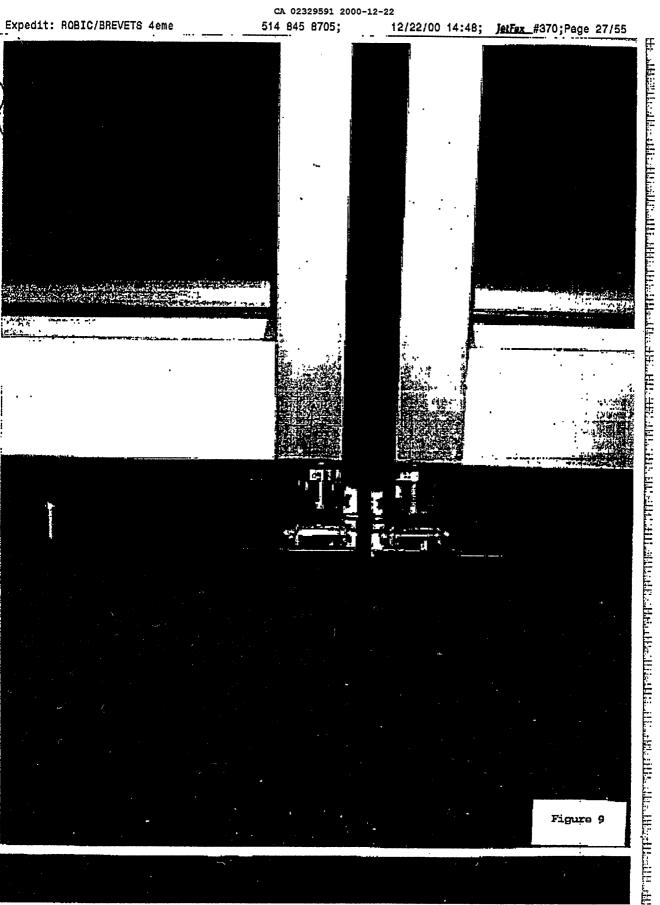


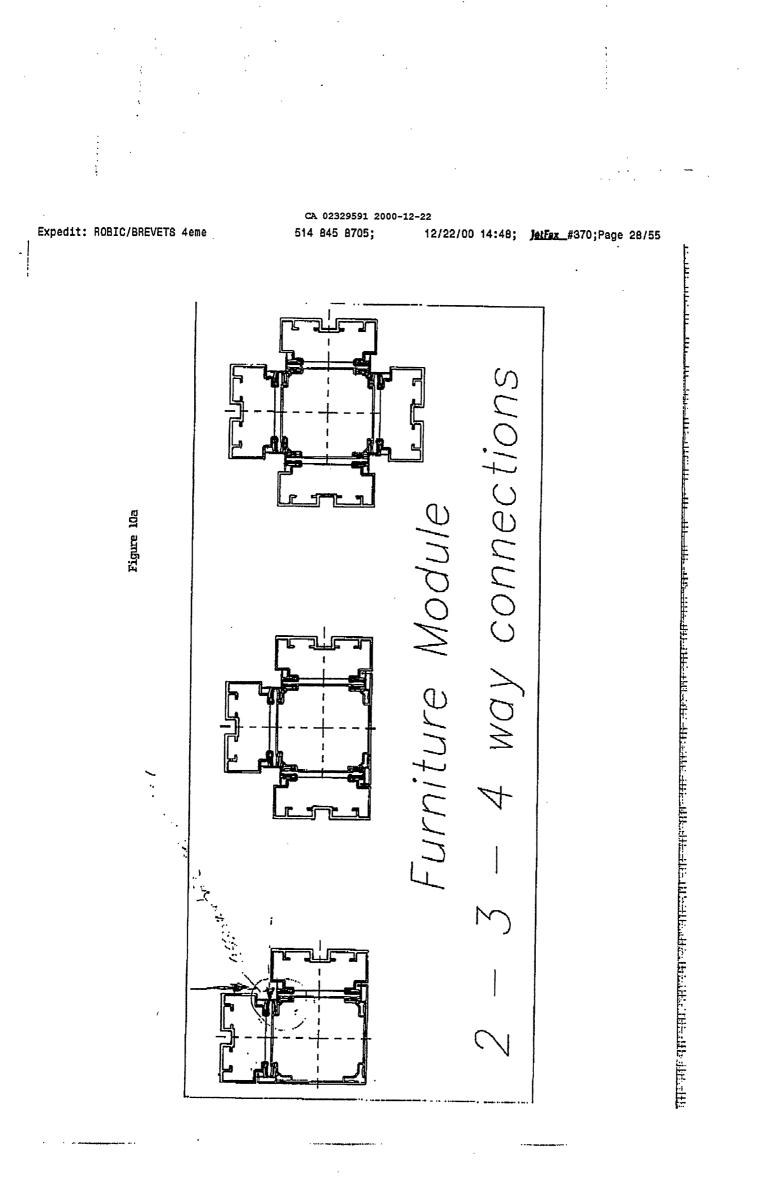


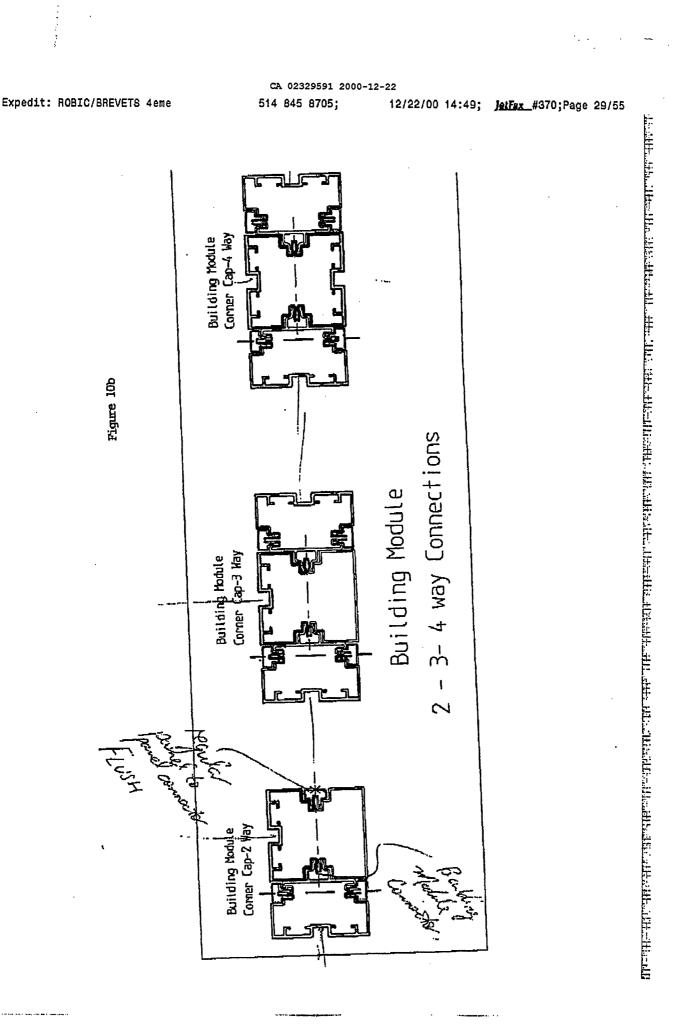
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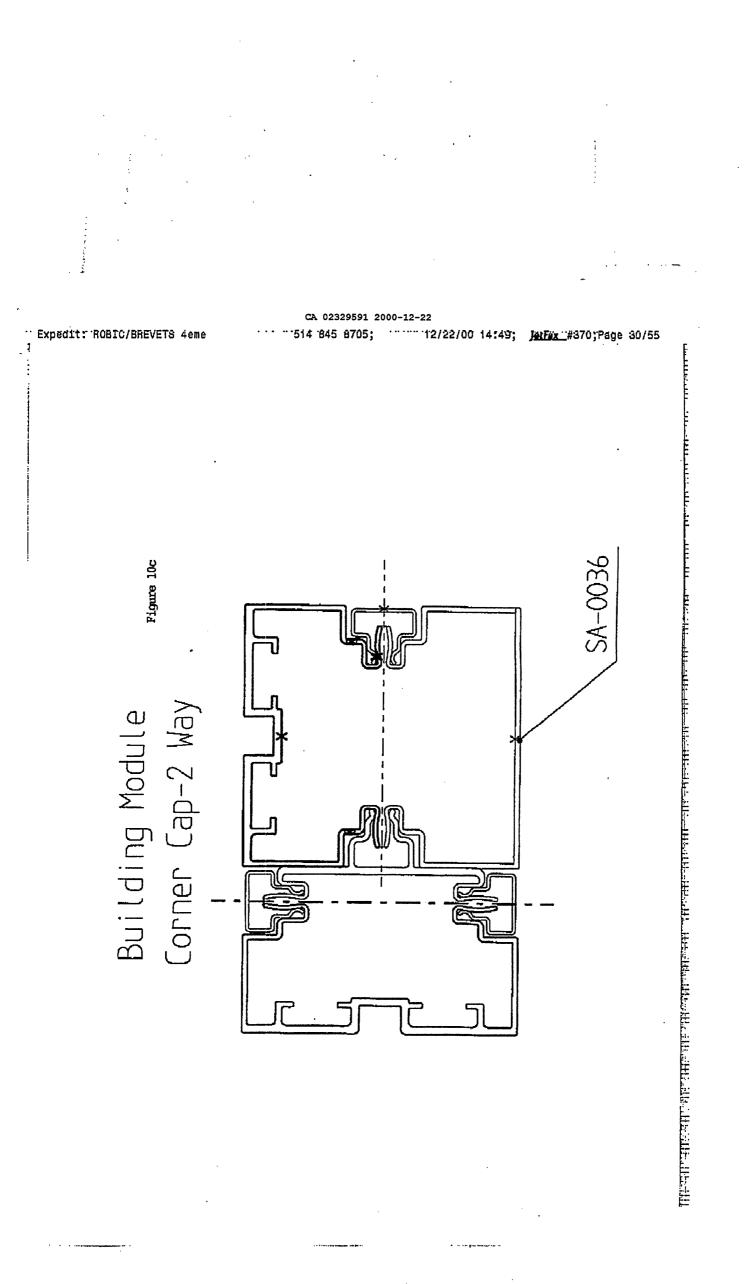
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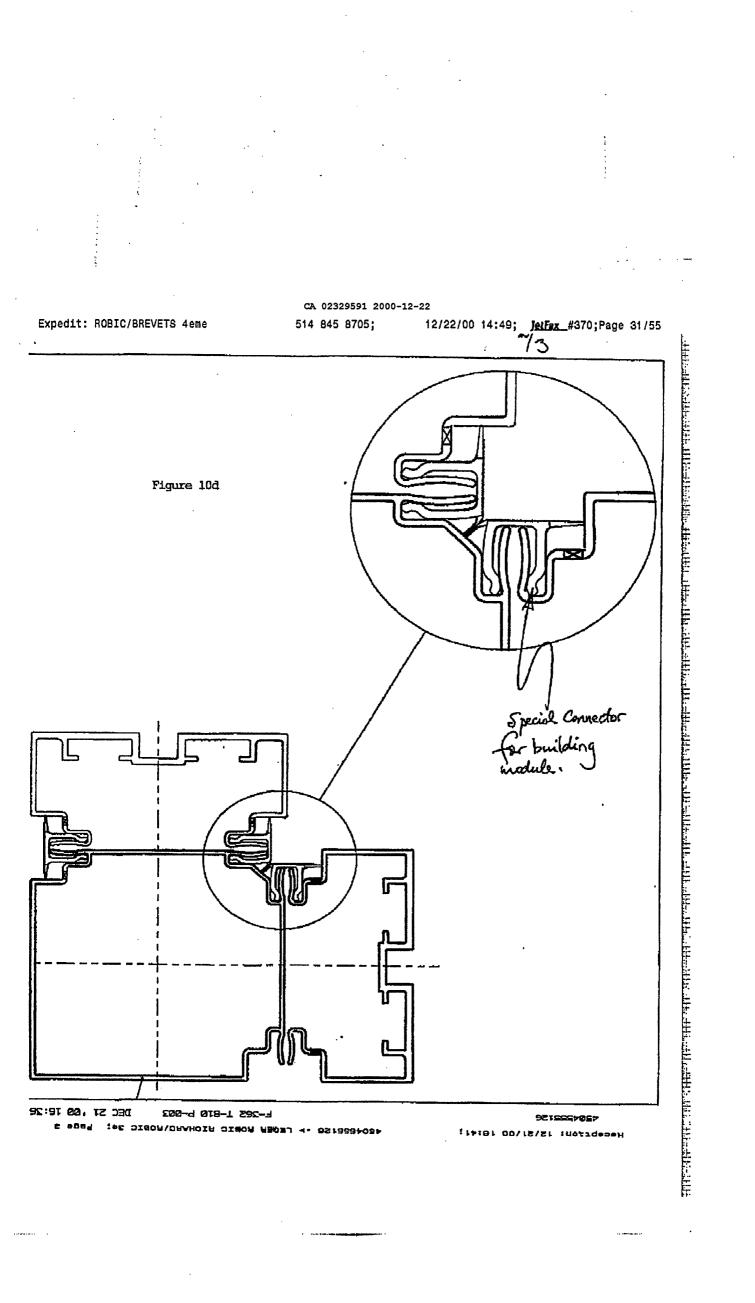


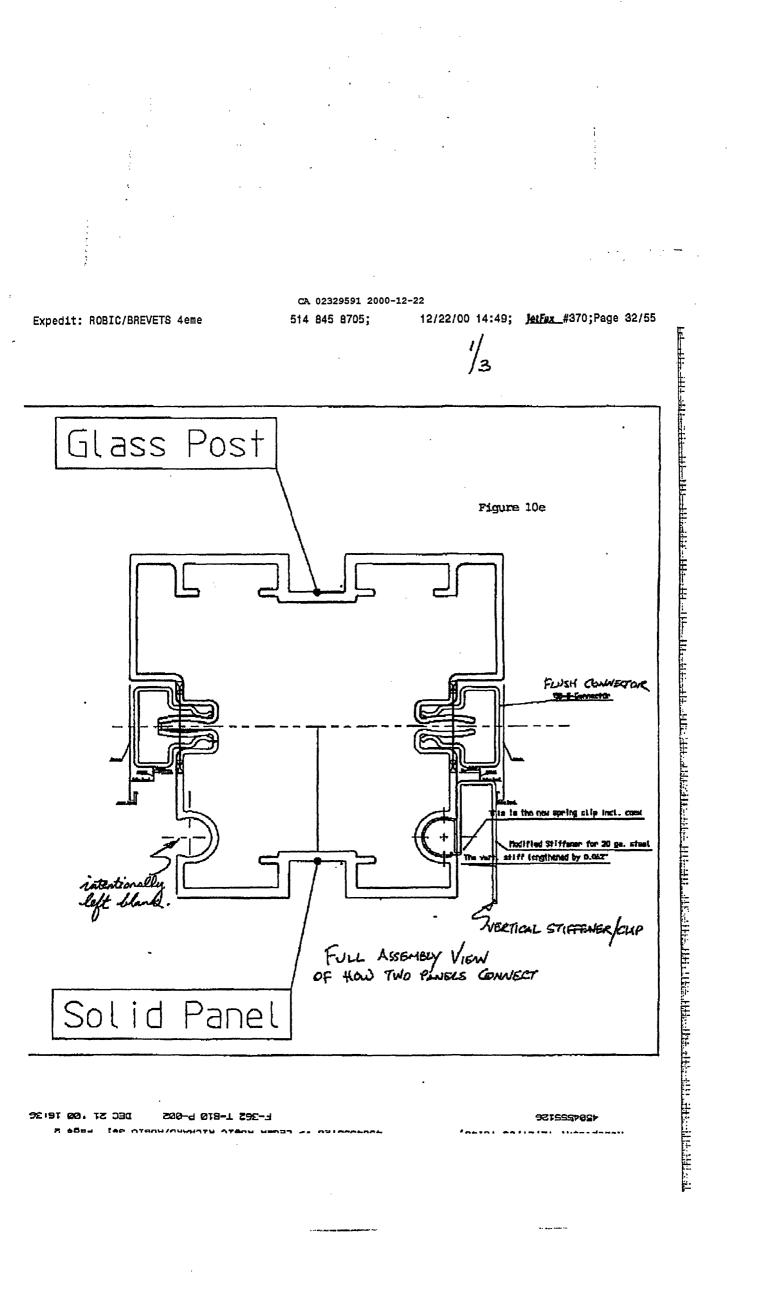


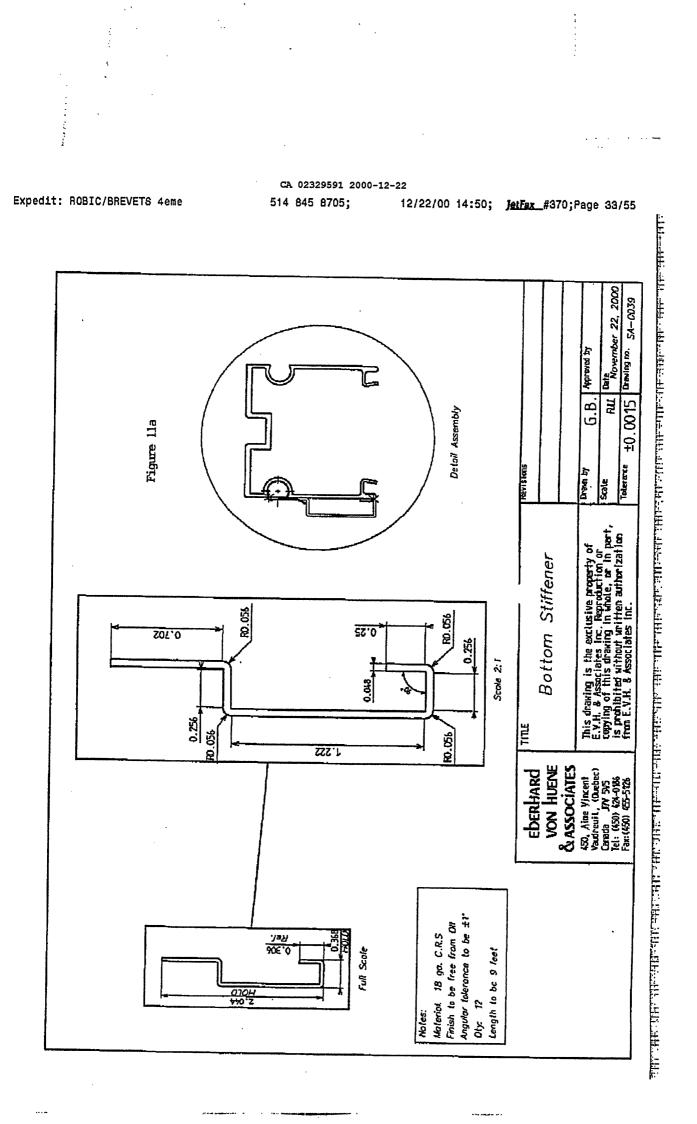


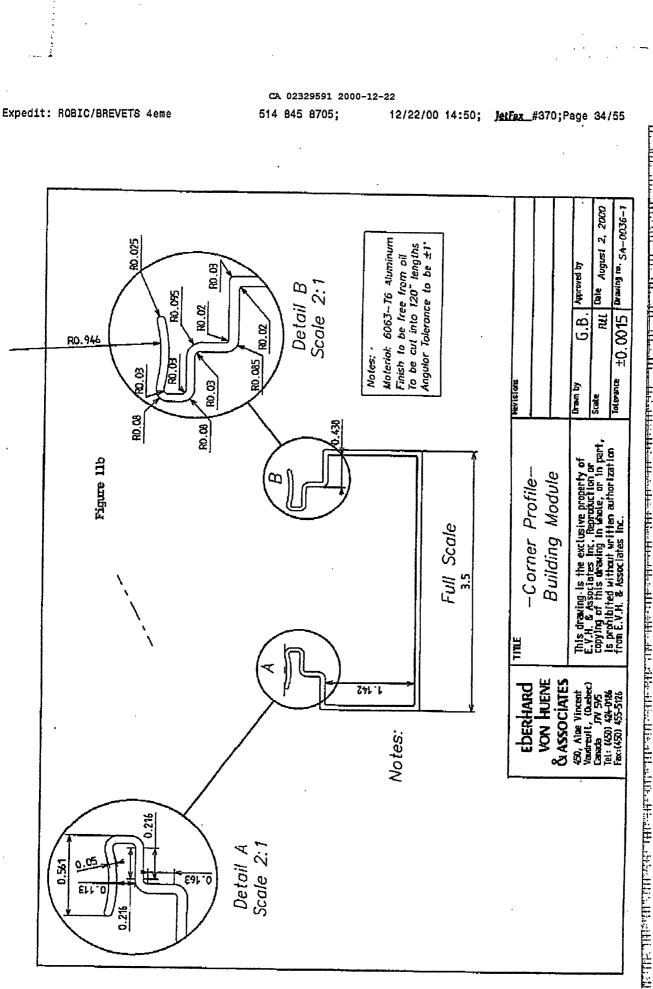


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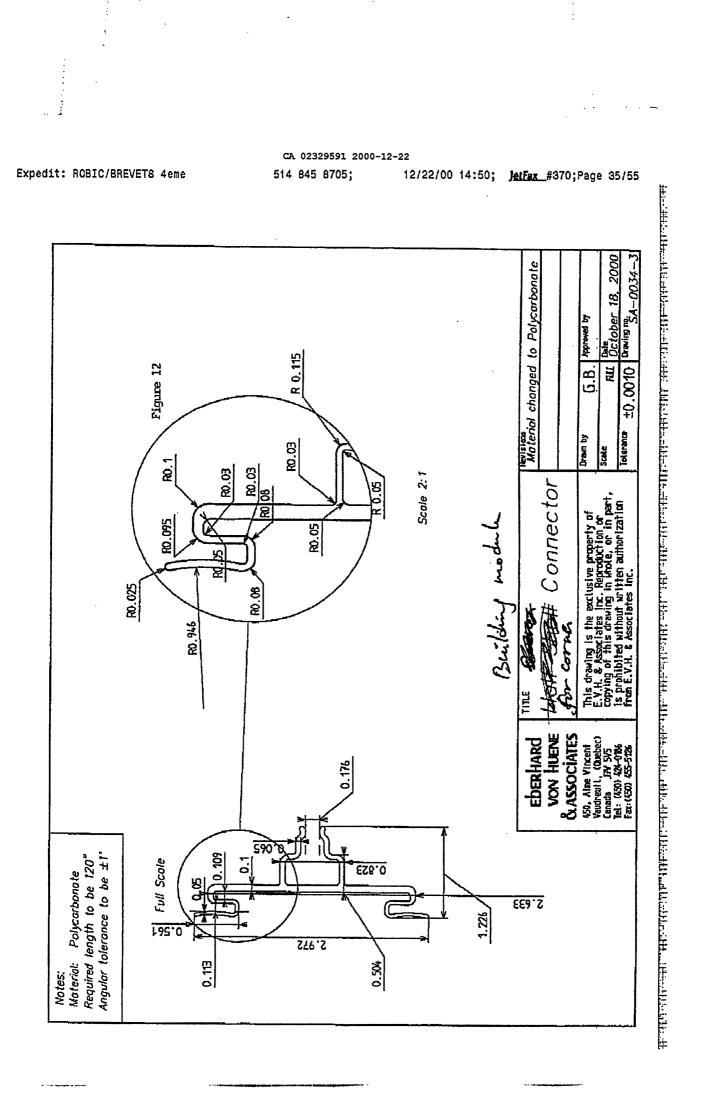


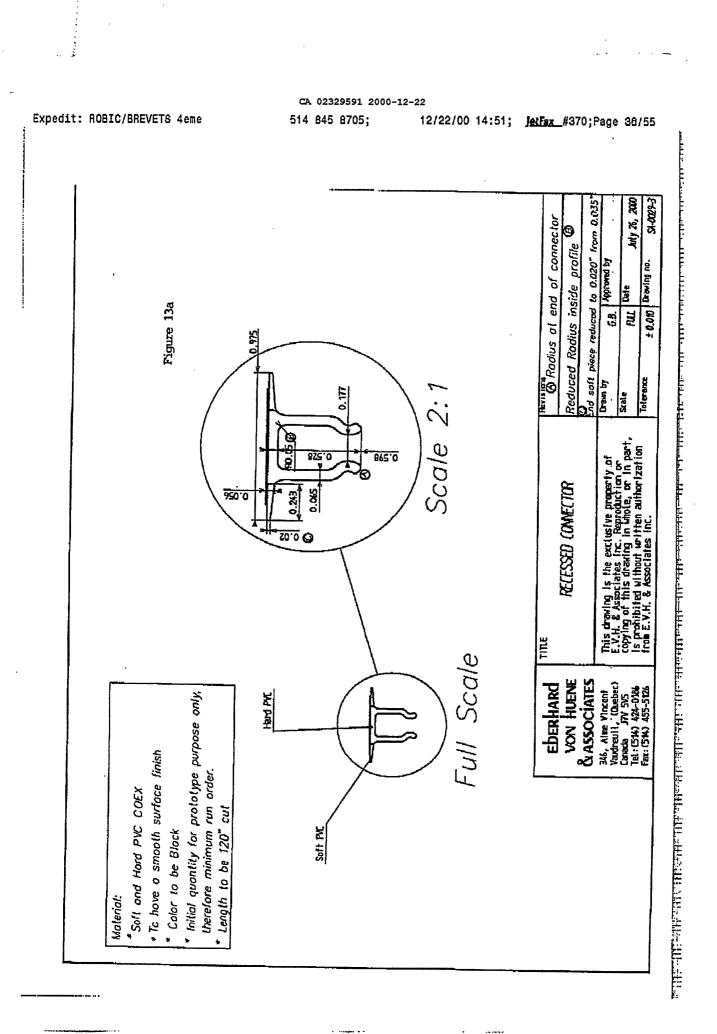


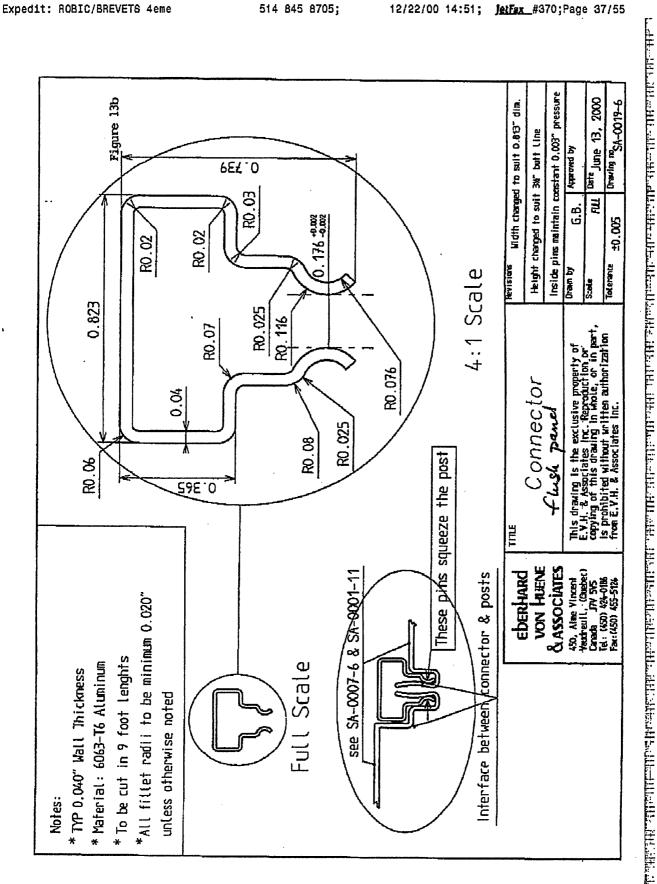




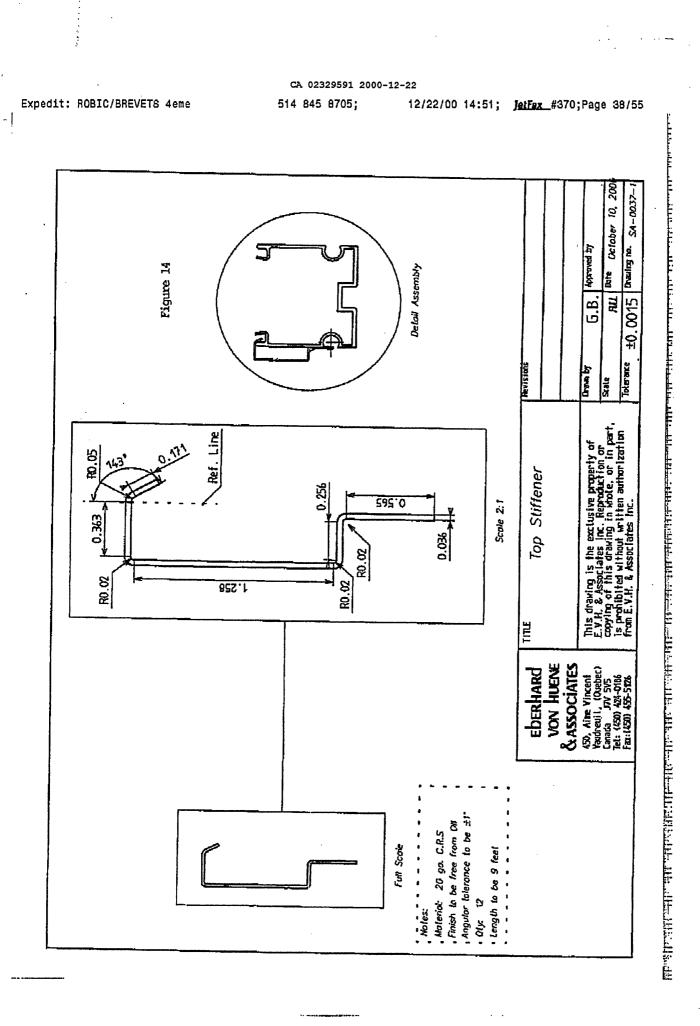
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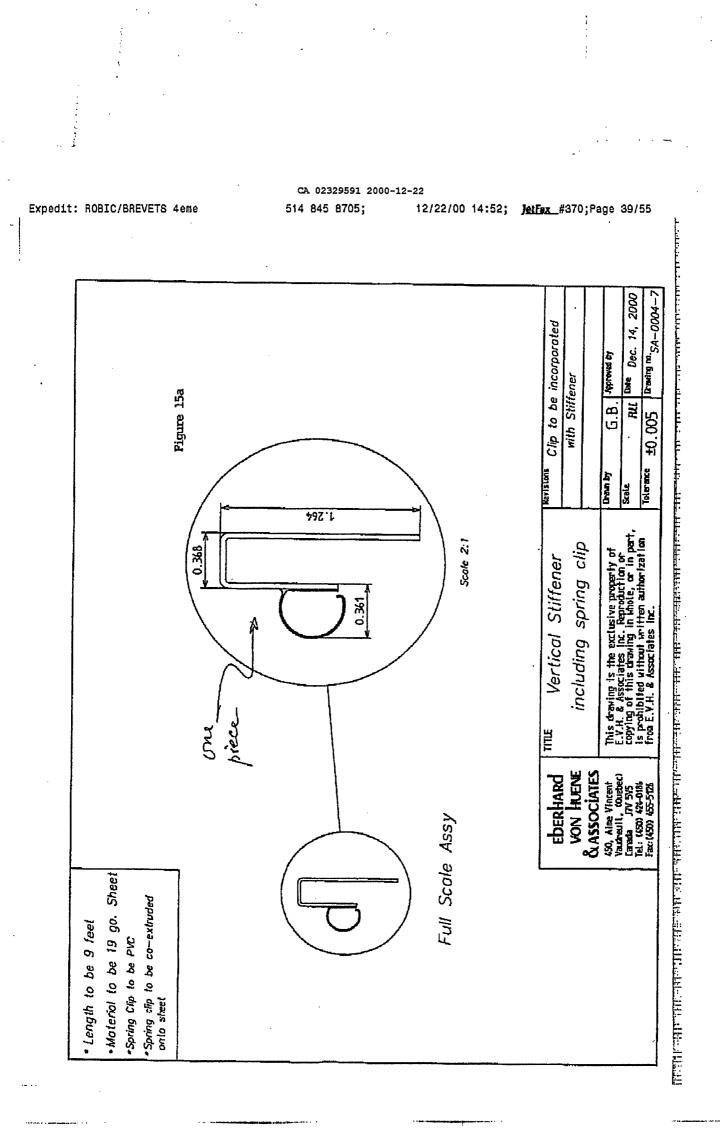
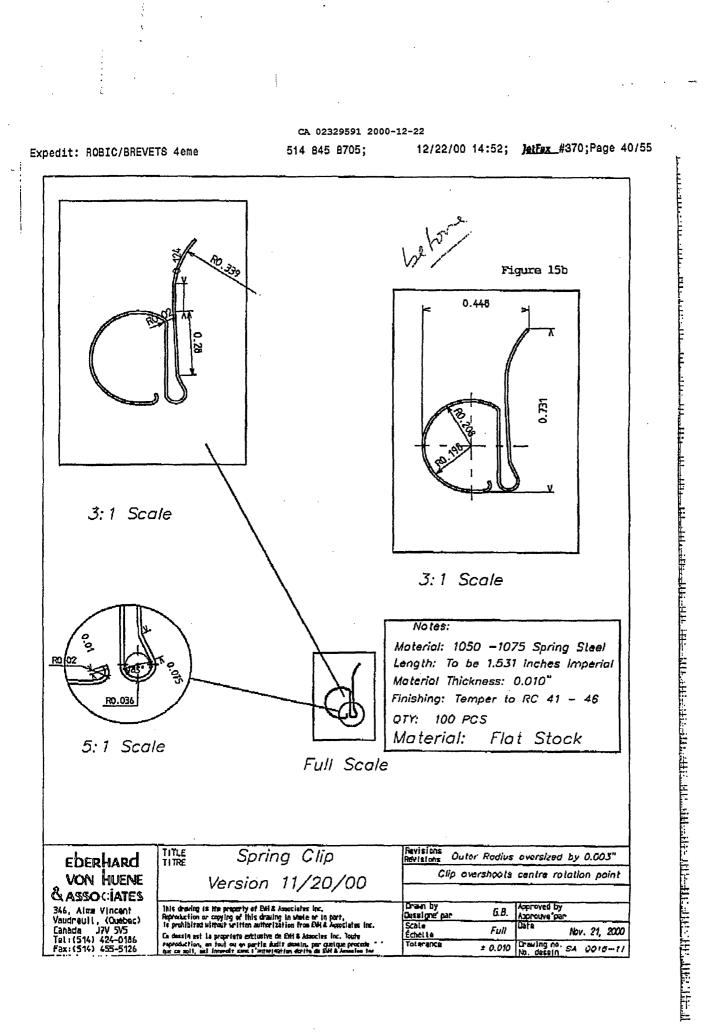
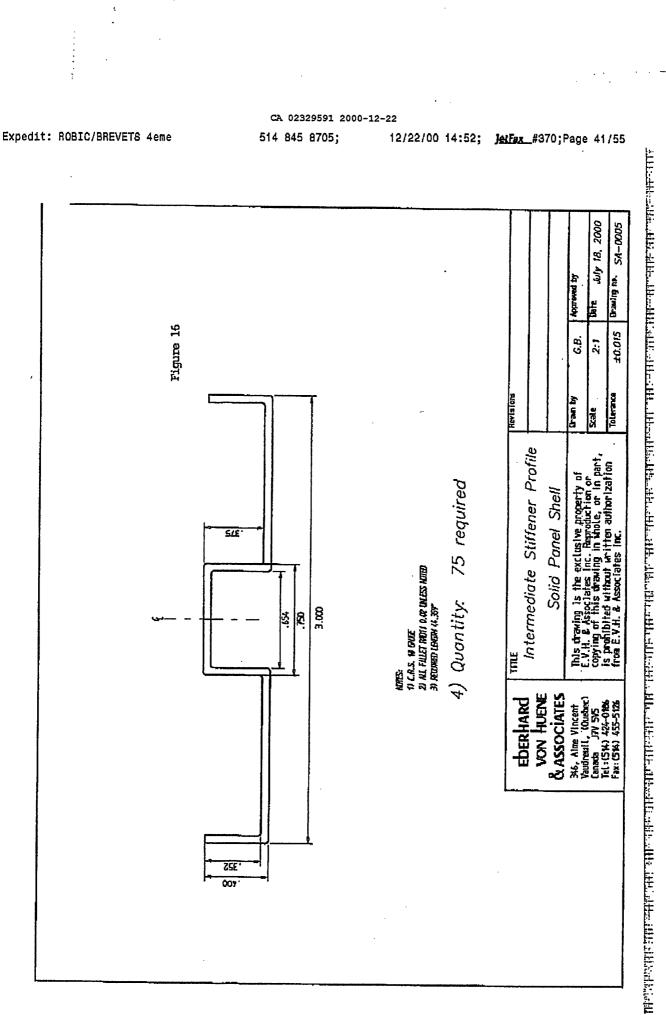
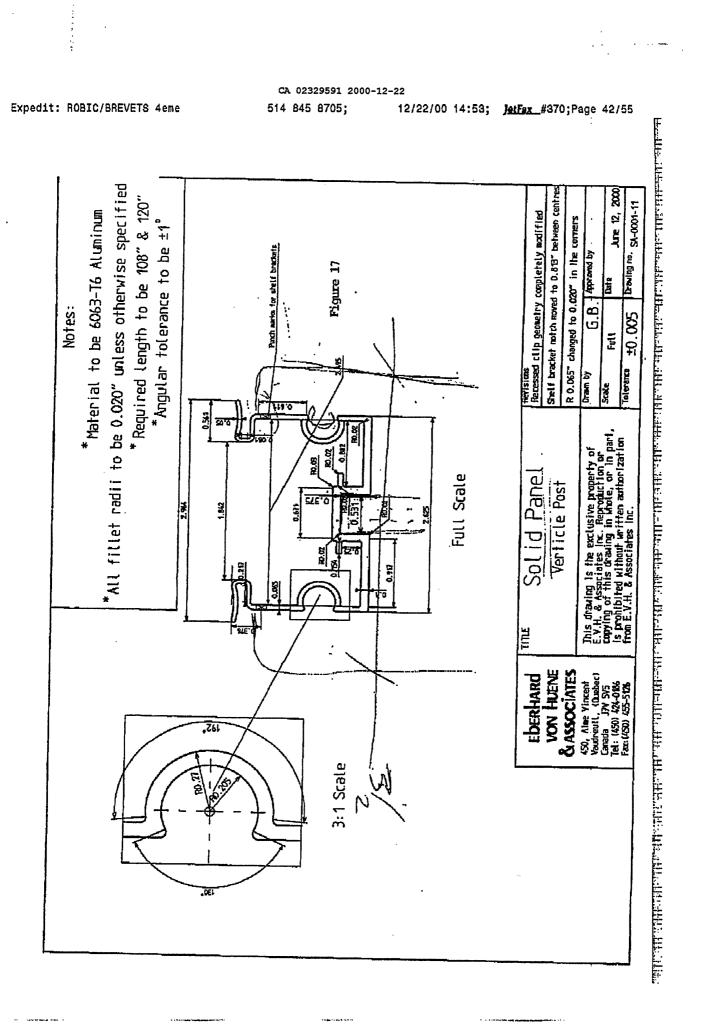


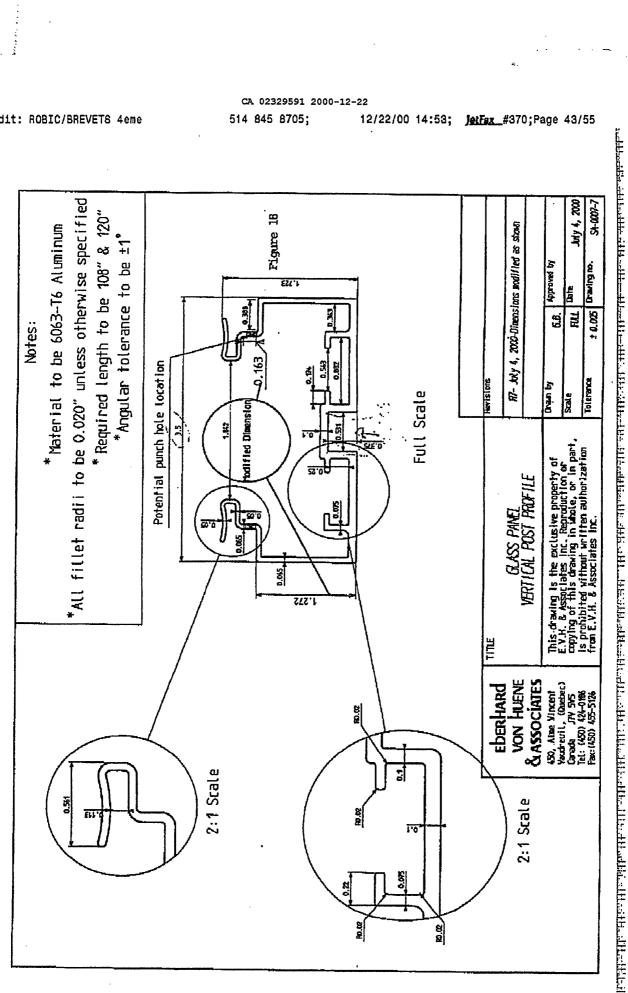
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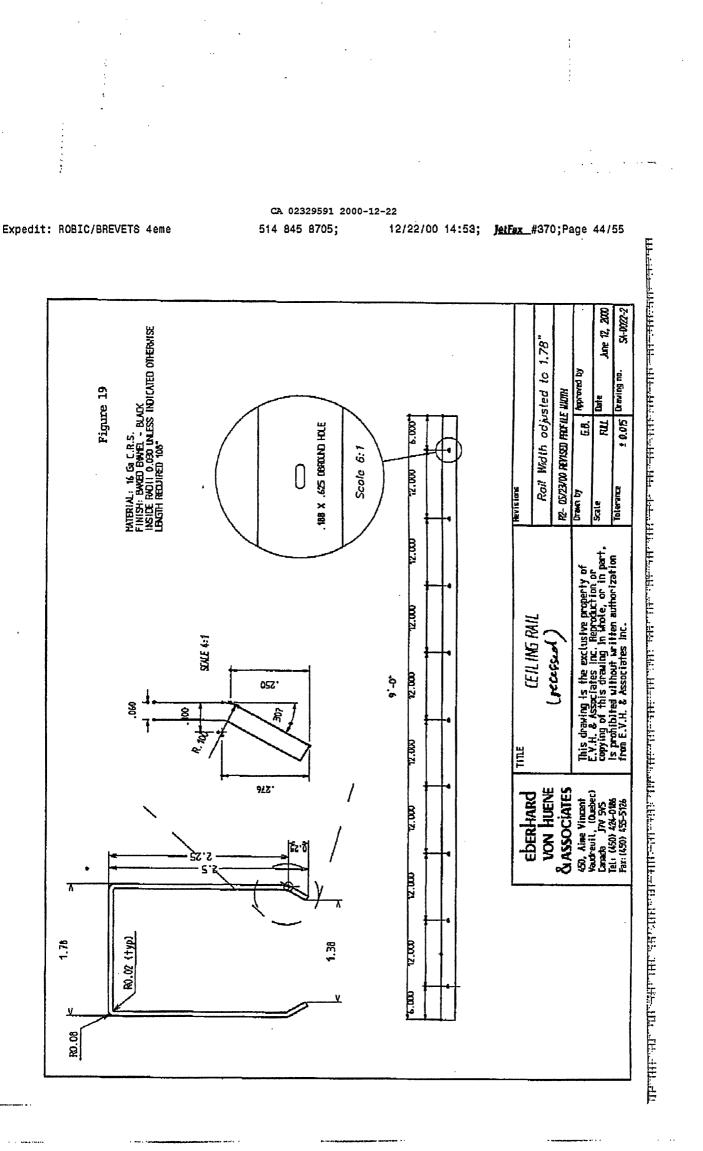


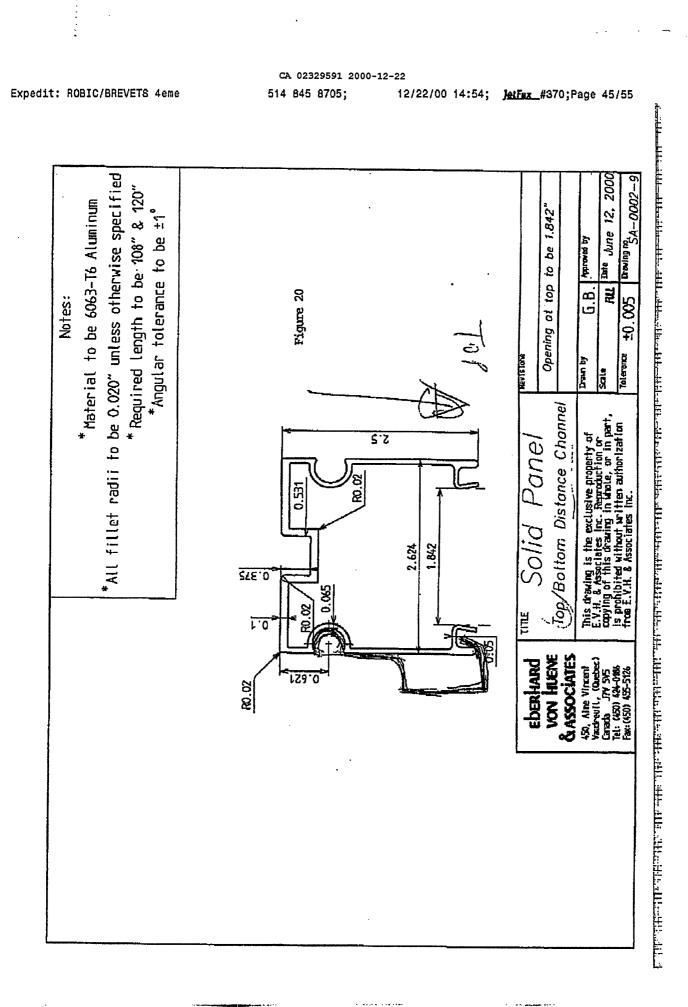
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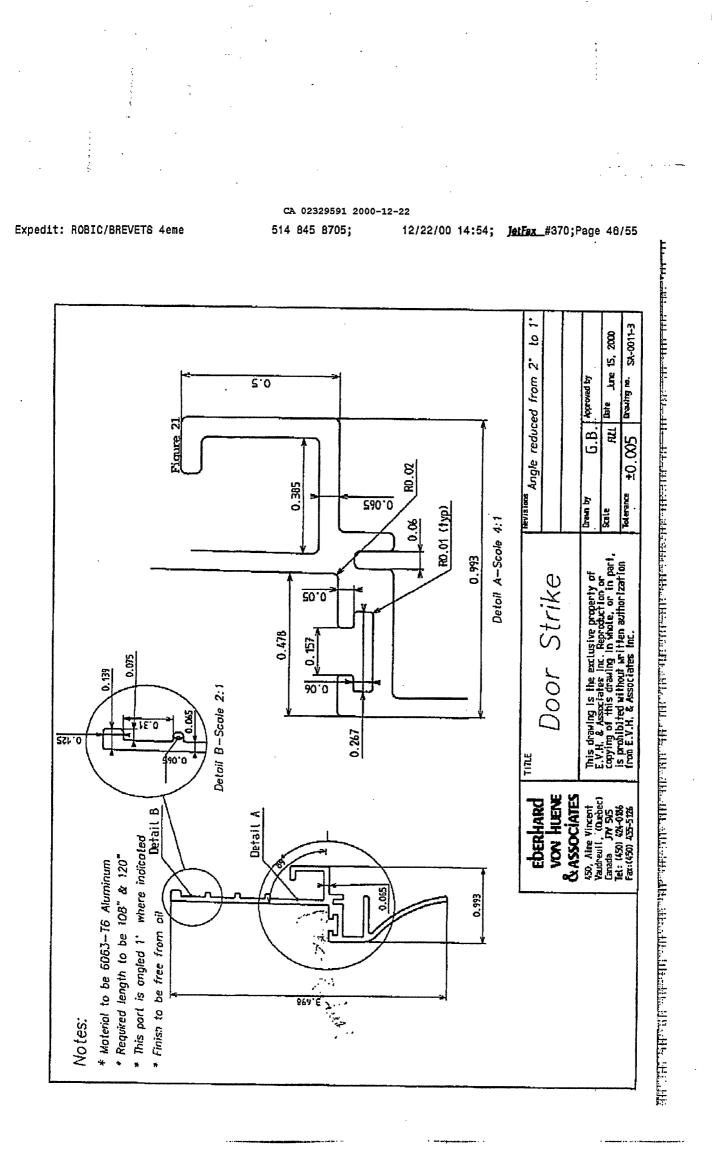


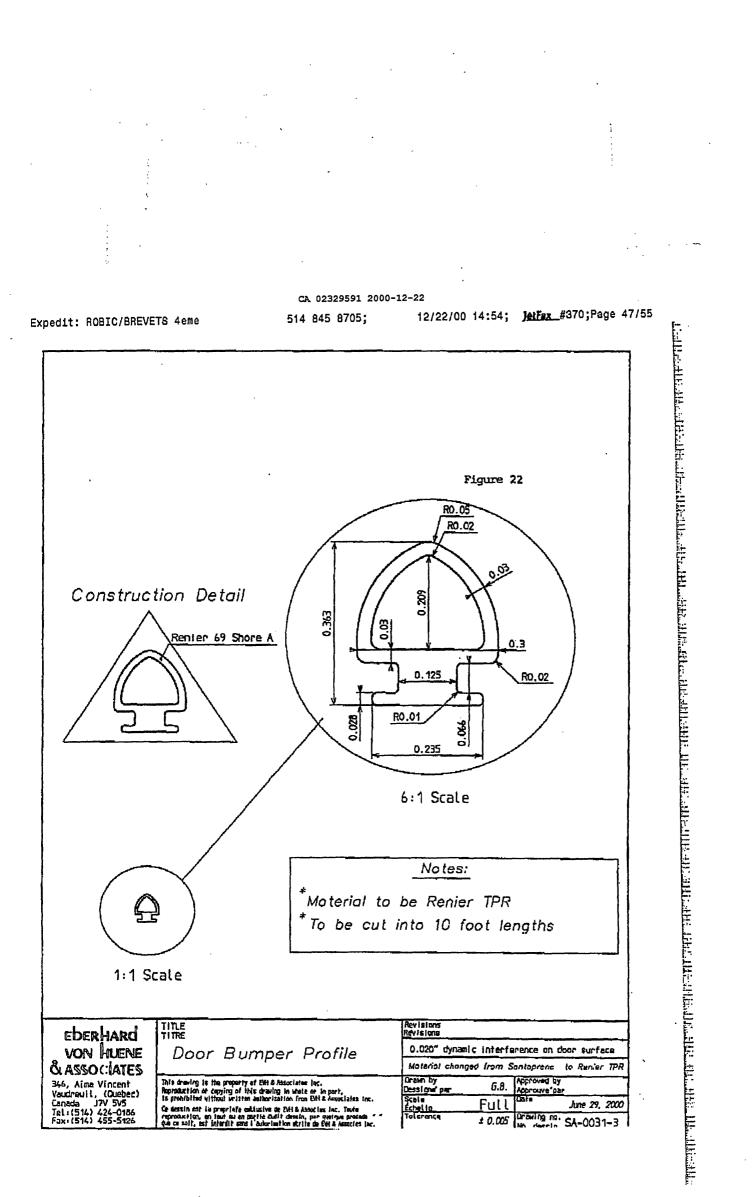


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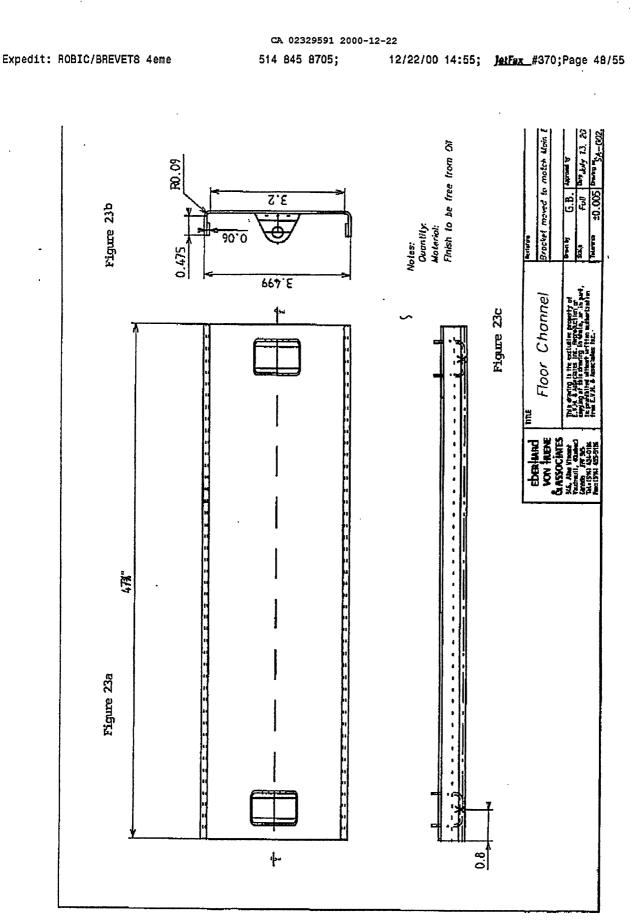






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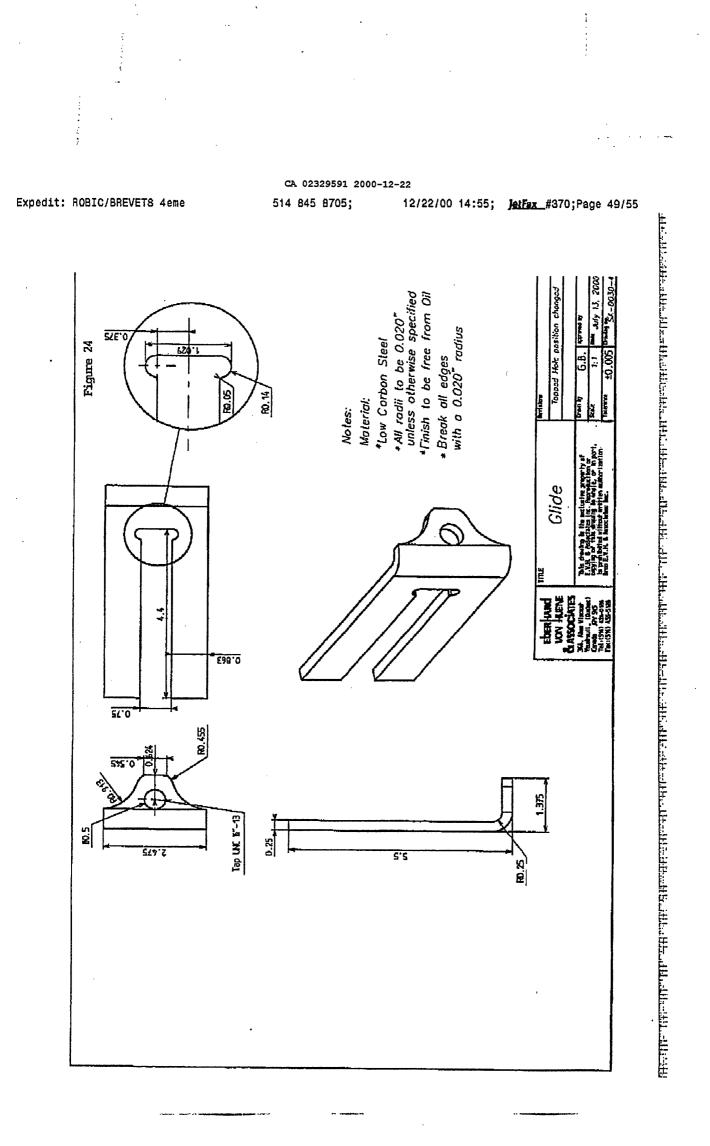
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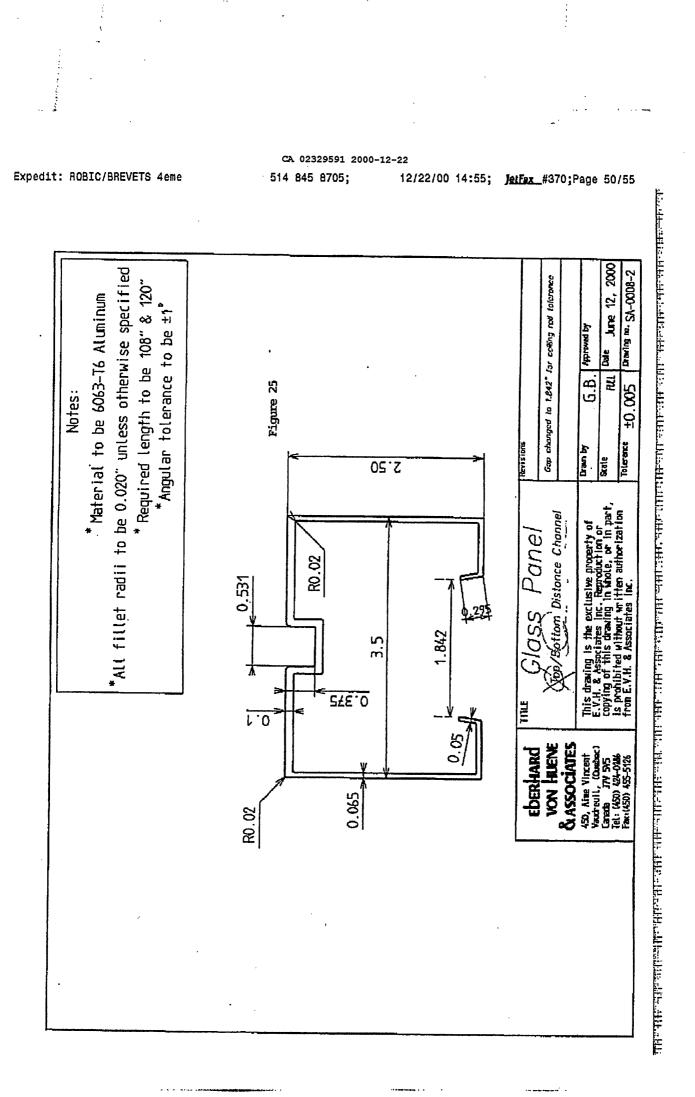


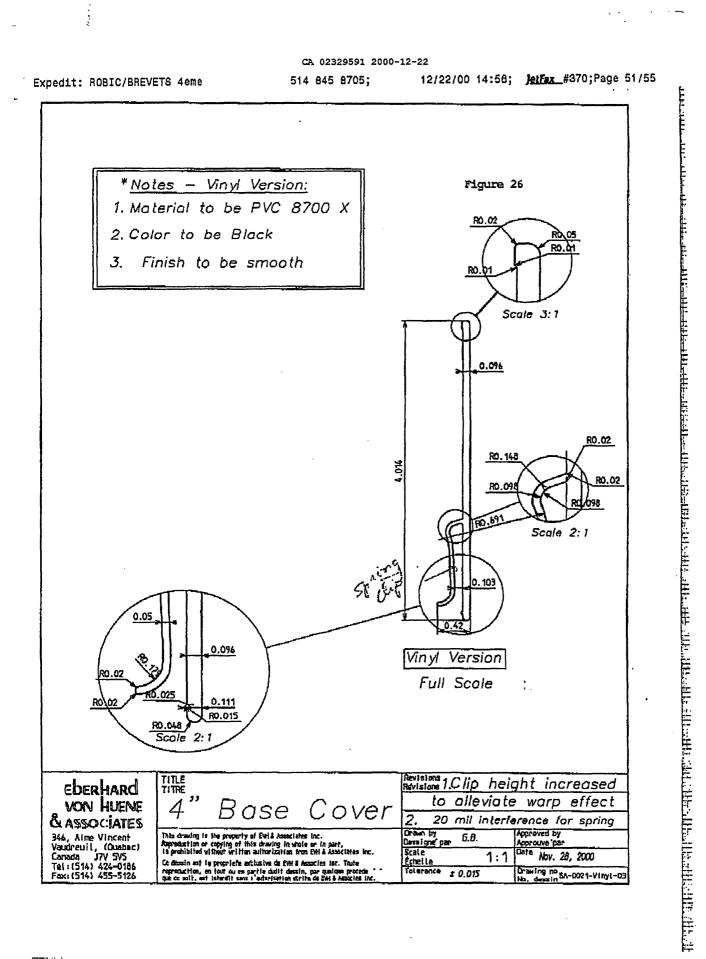
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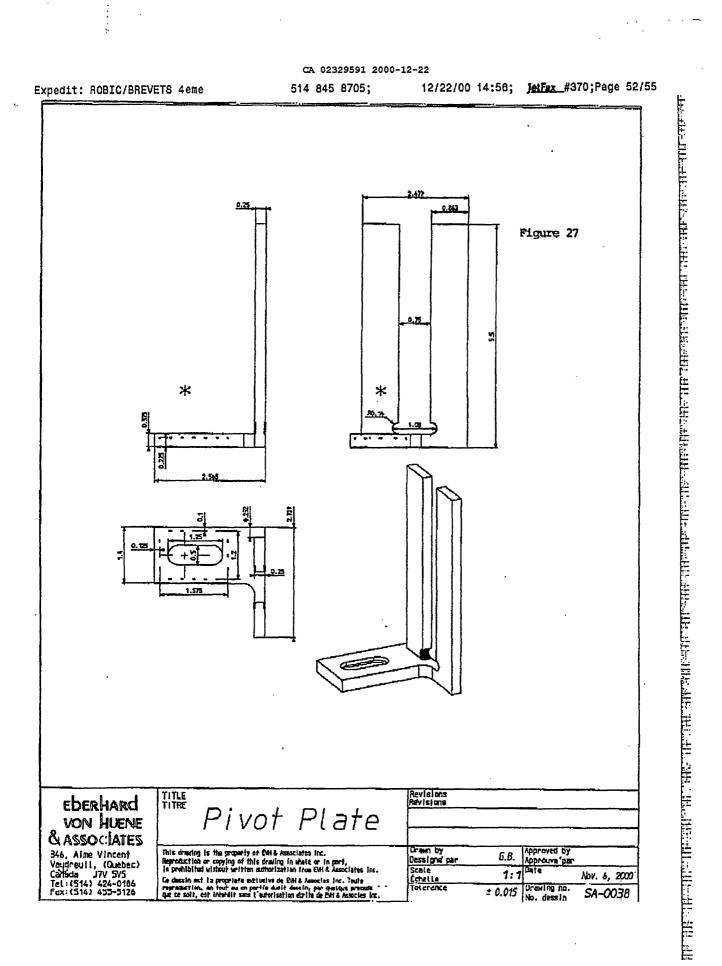
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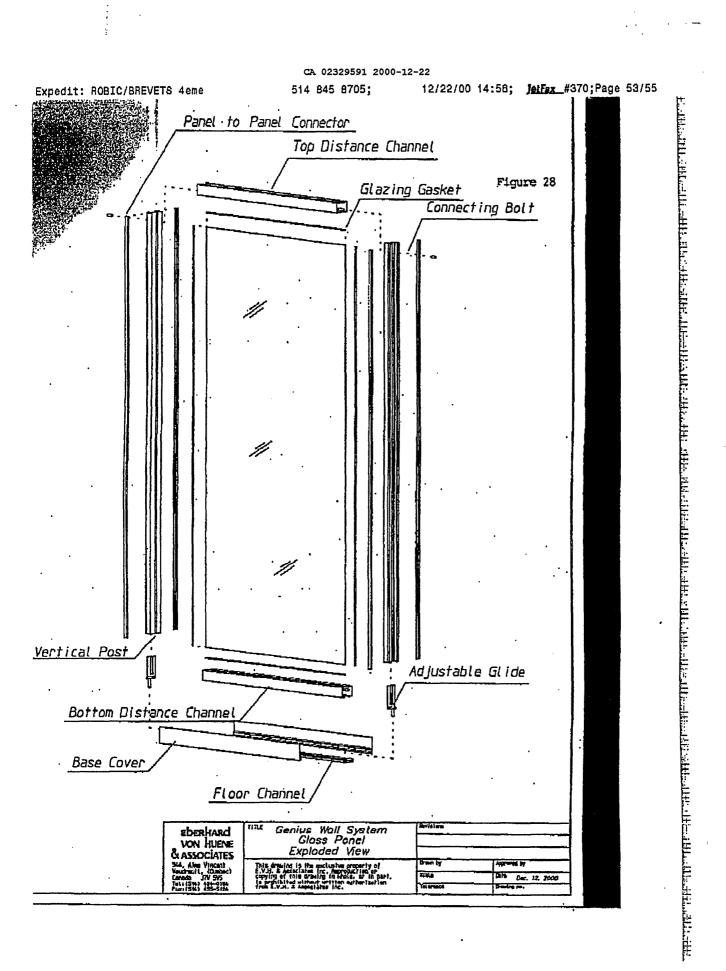


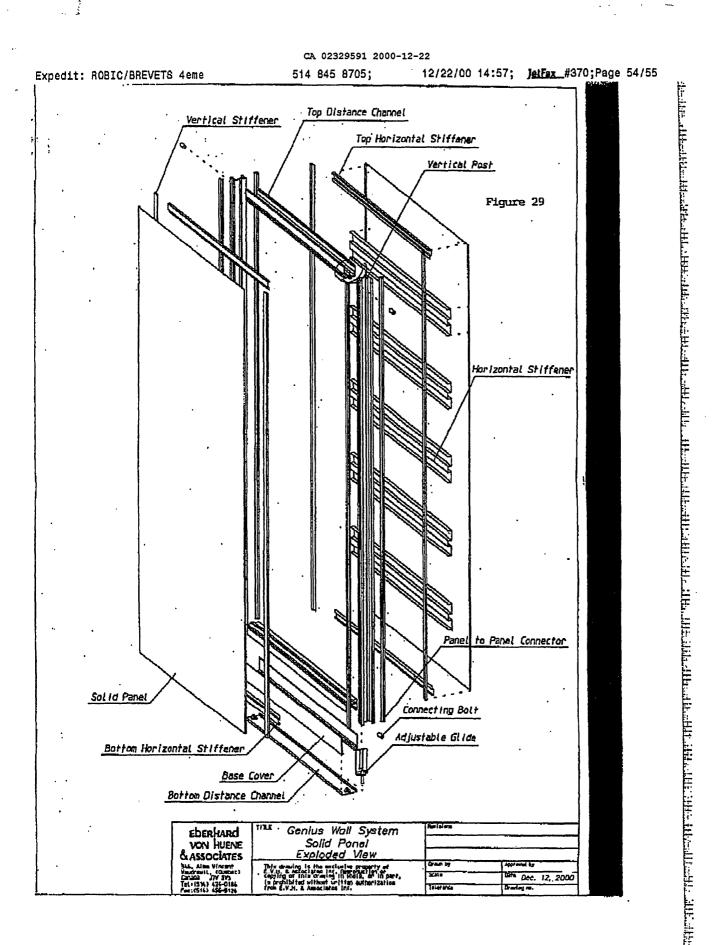




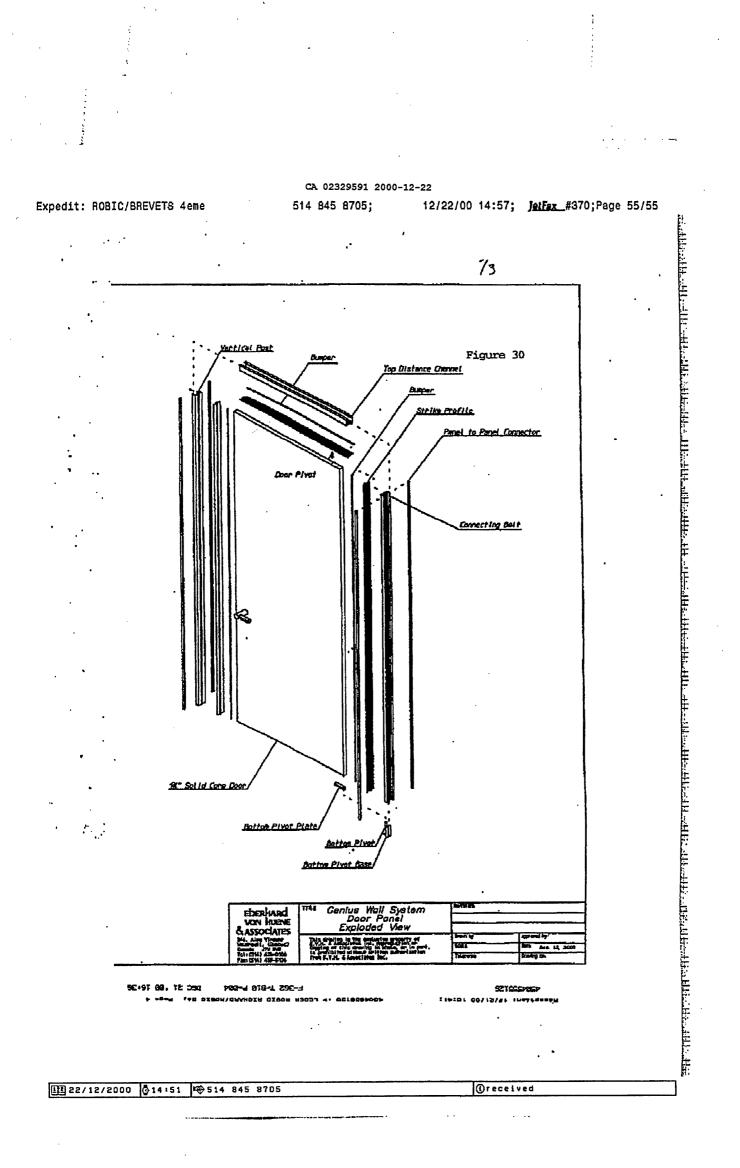
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Submitted herewith are 60 sheet(s) of Formal Drawings for completion of this application, and in compliance with the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts dated January 25, 2002.

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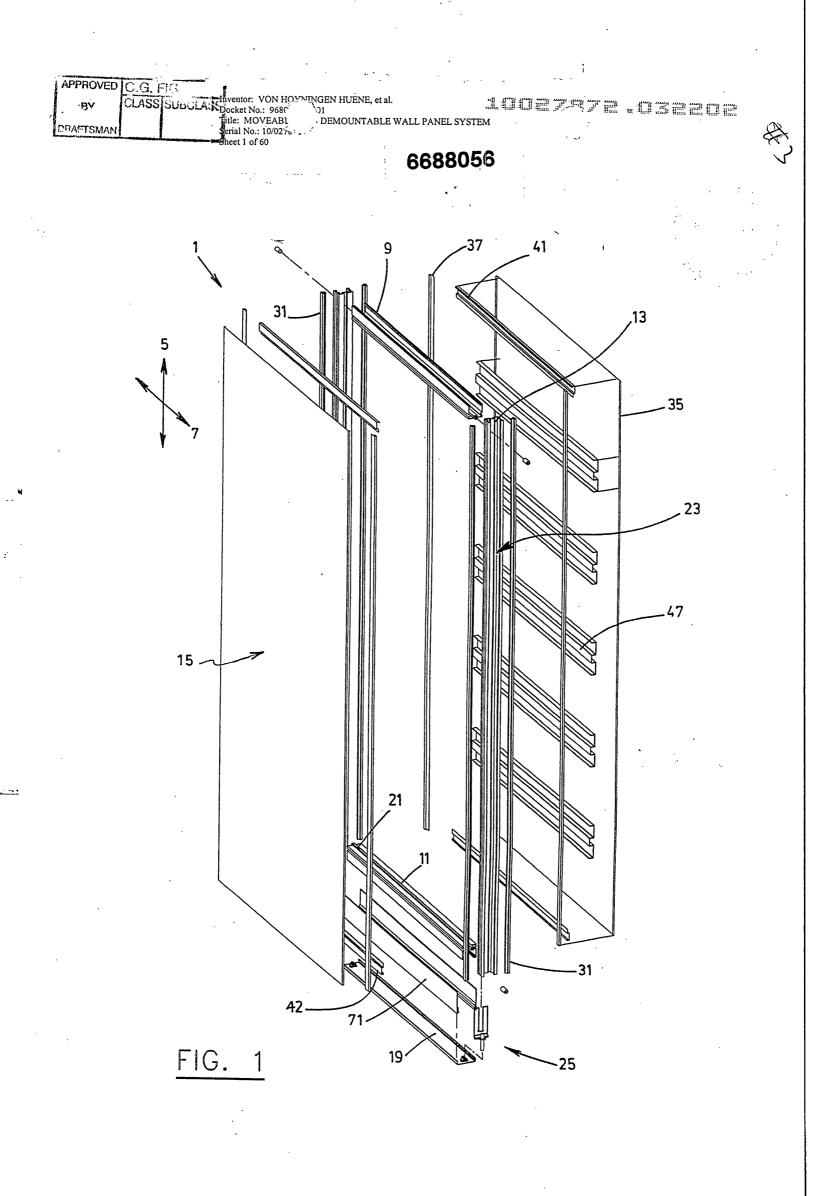
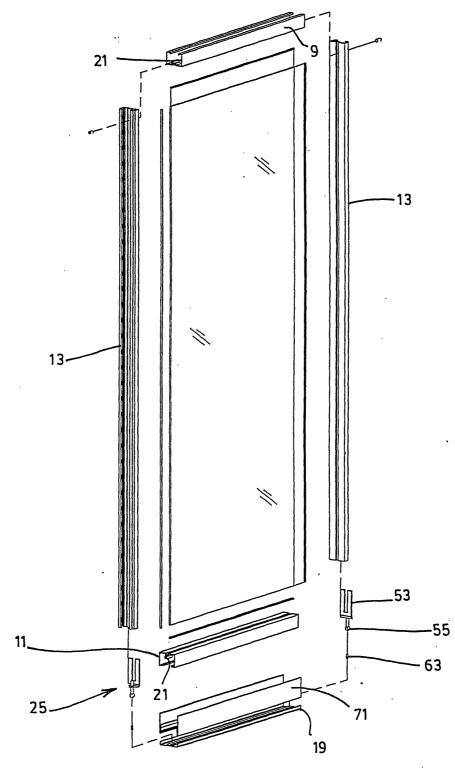


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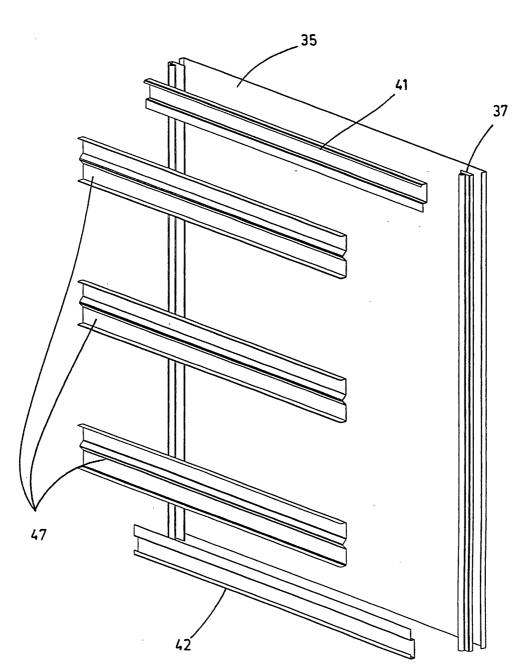
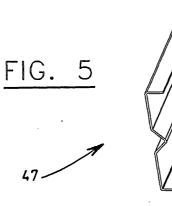


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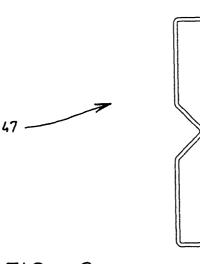


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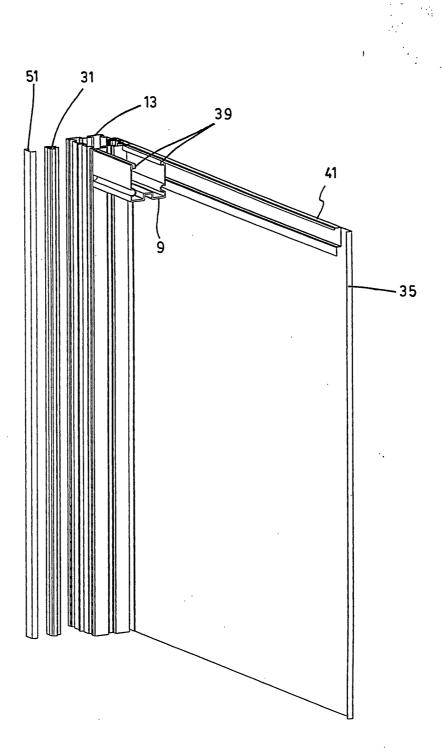
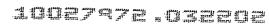
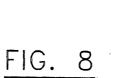


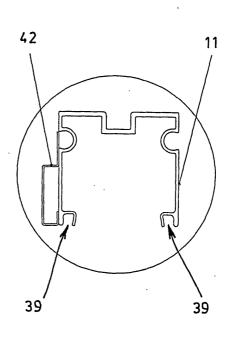
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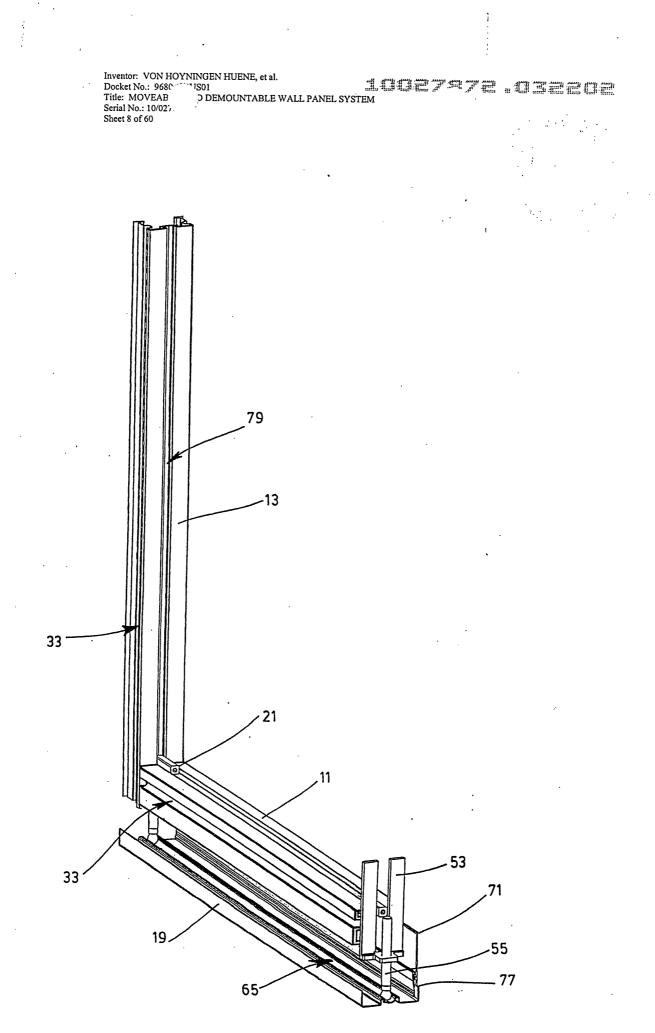
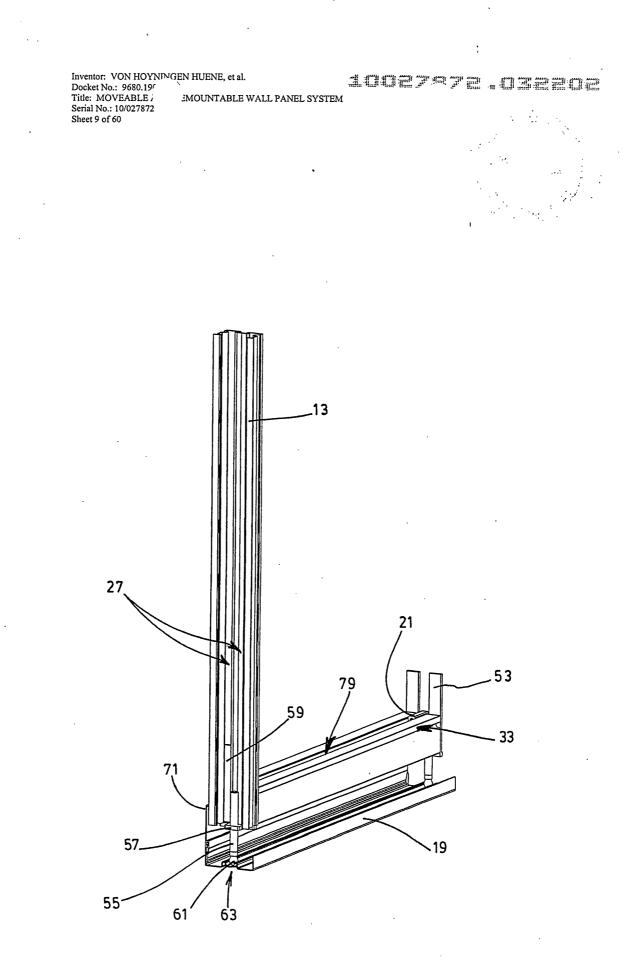


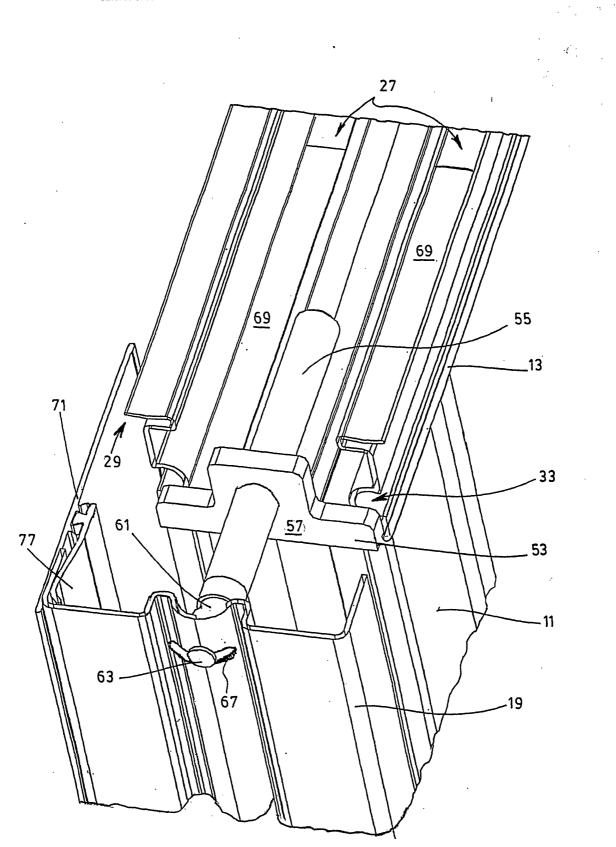
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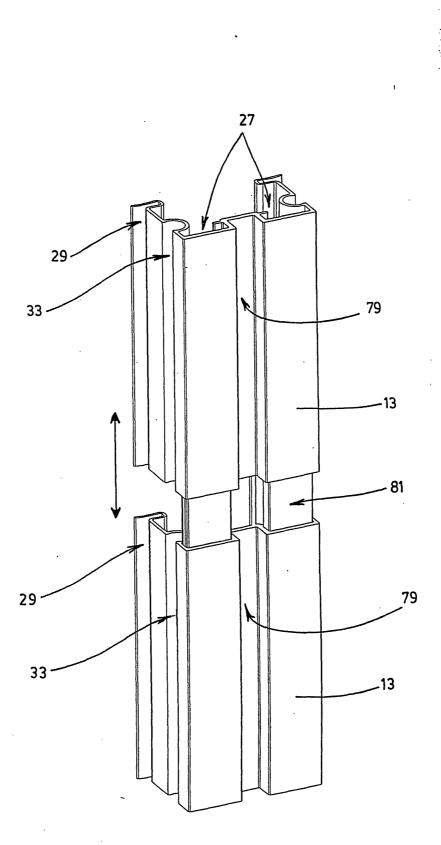
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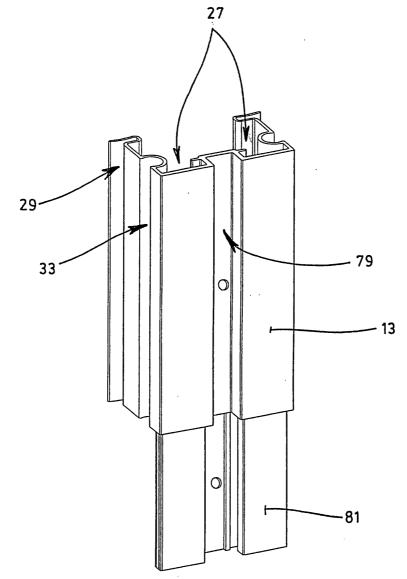
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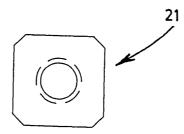
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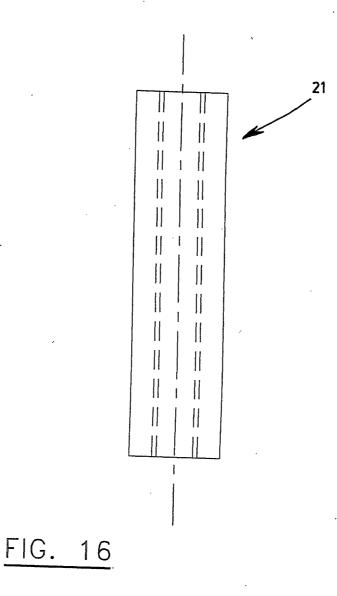
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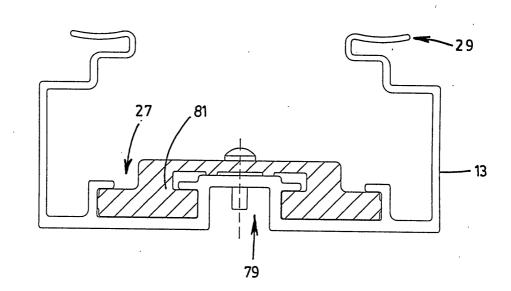
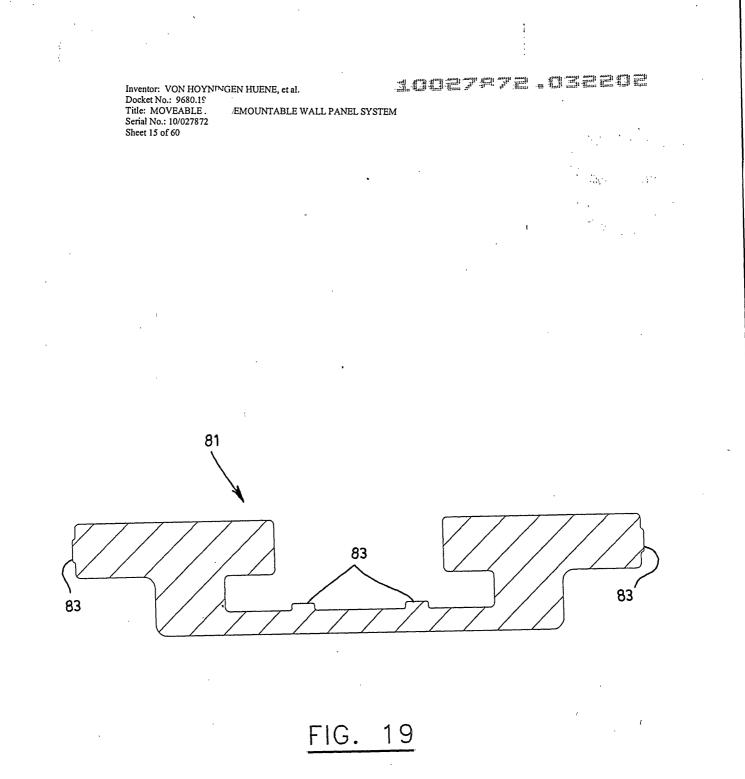


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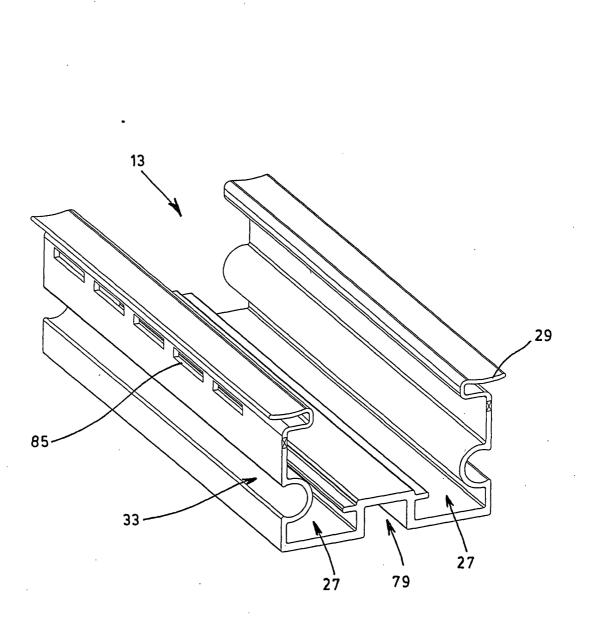


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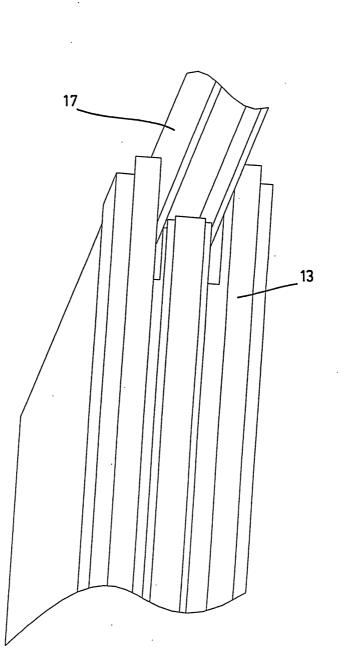
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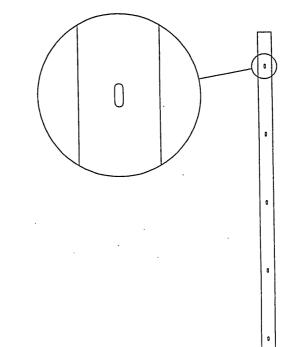
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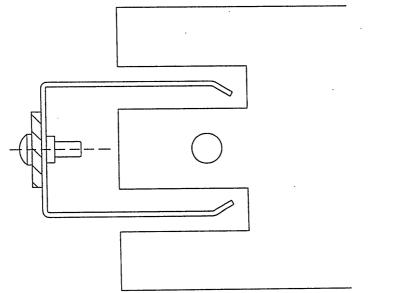


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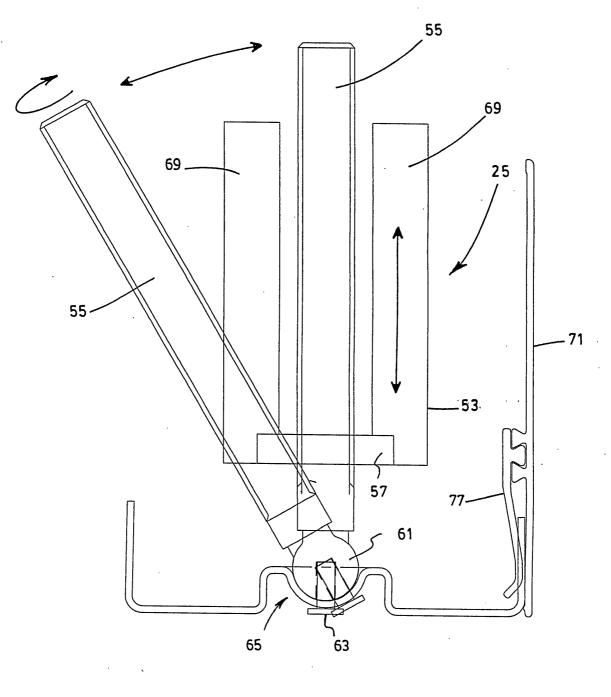
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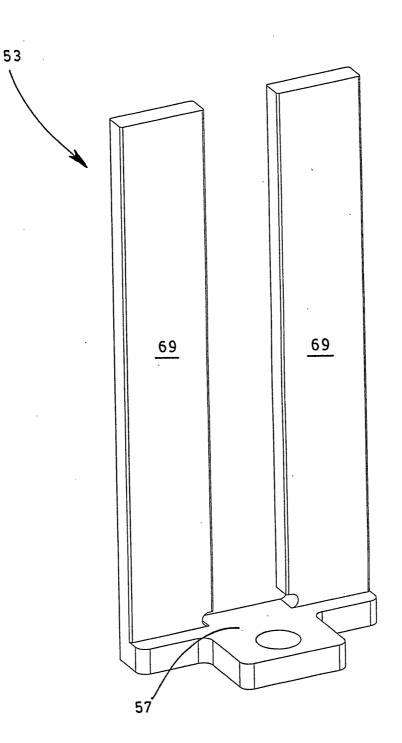


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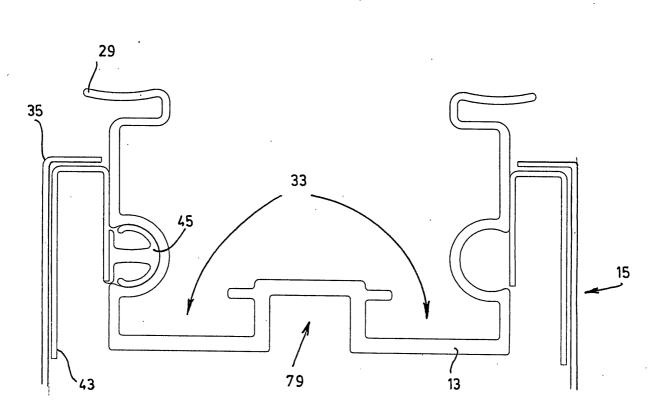
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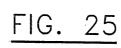
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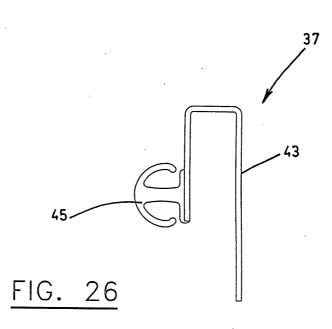


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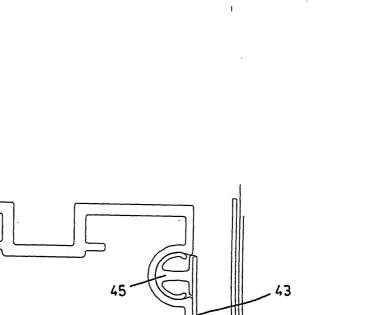


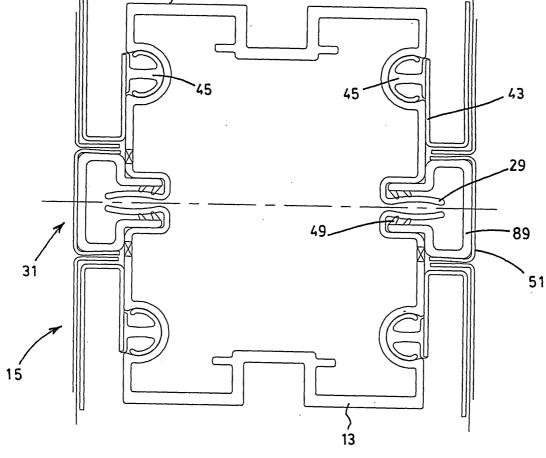


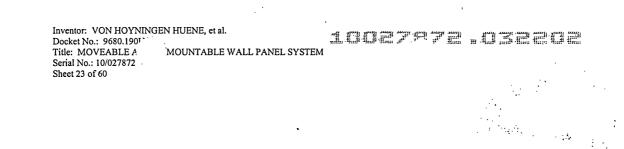
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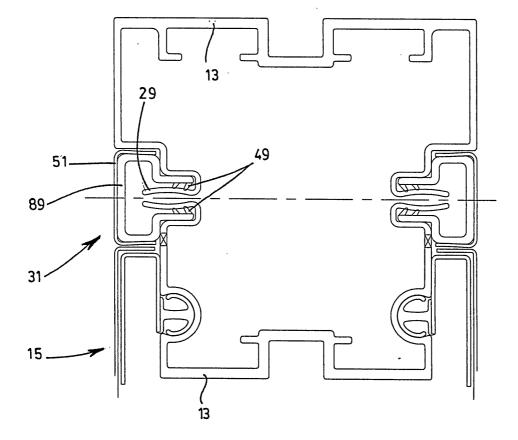
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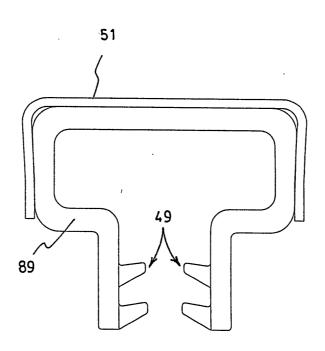
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<u>FIG. 29</u>

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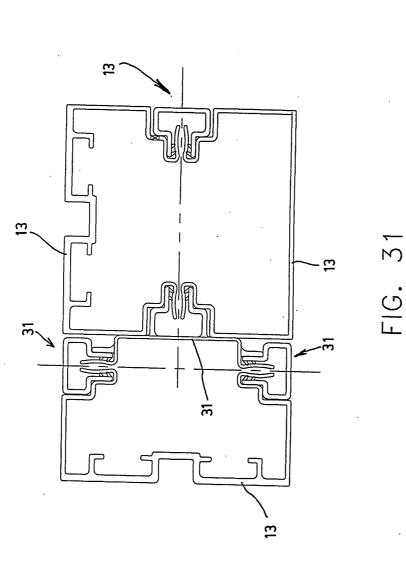
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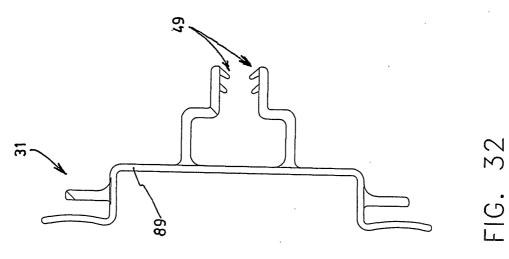
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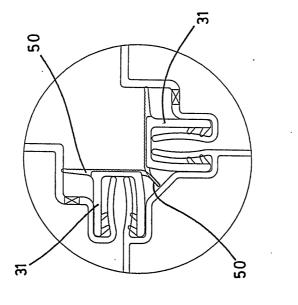
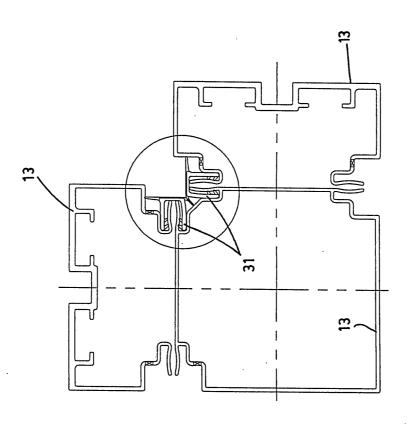


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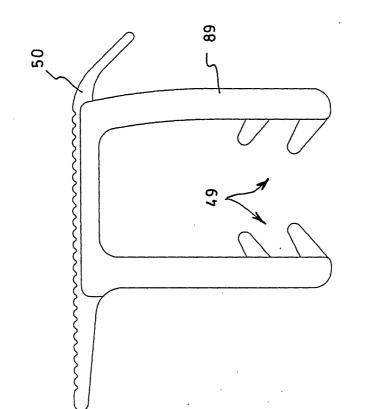


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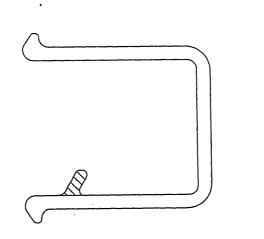
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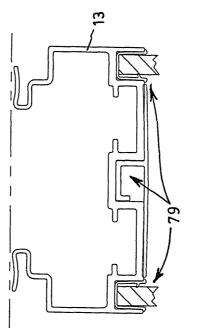
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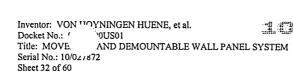


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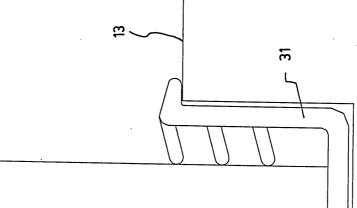
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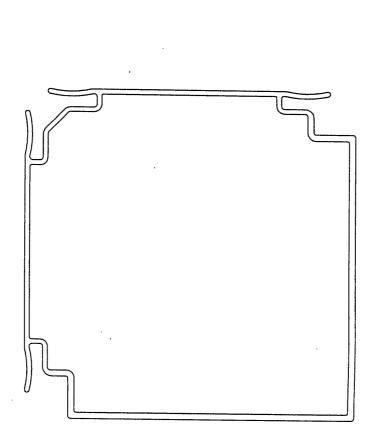


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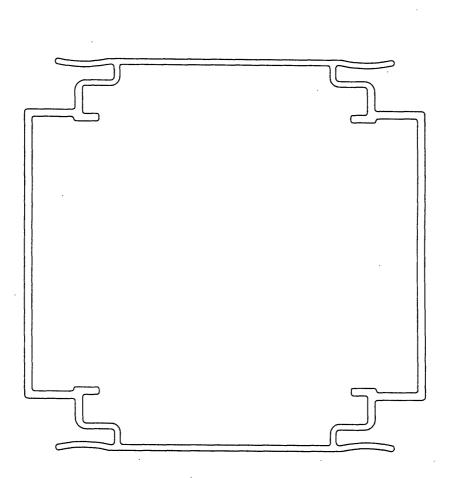


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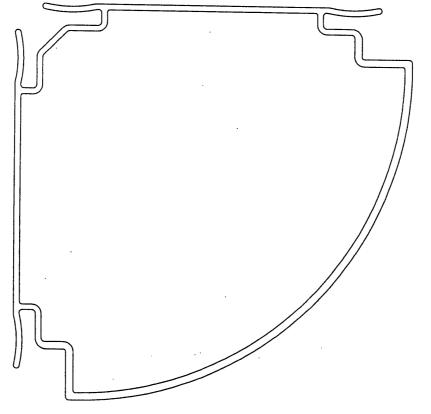
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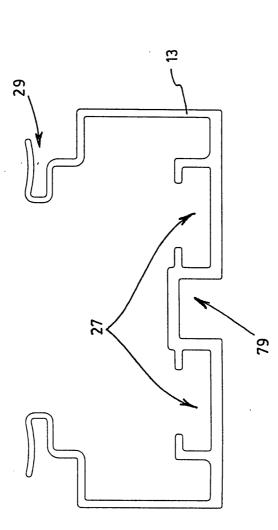
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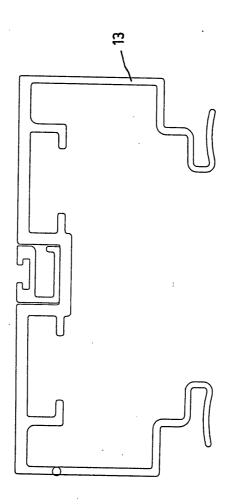


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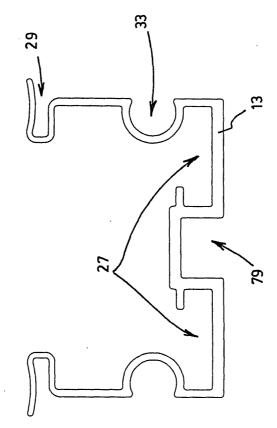
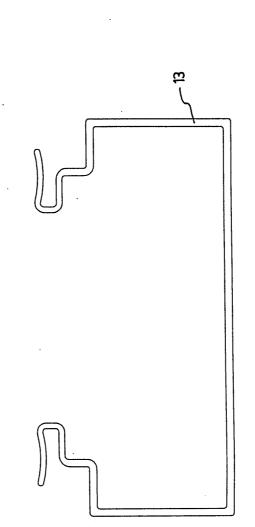


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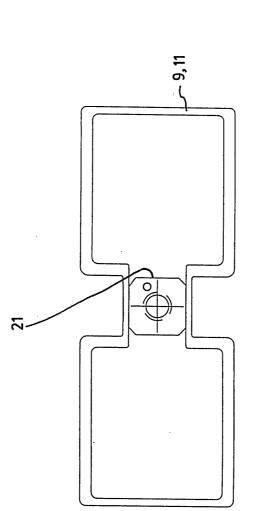
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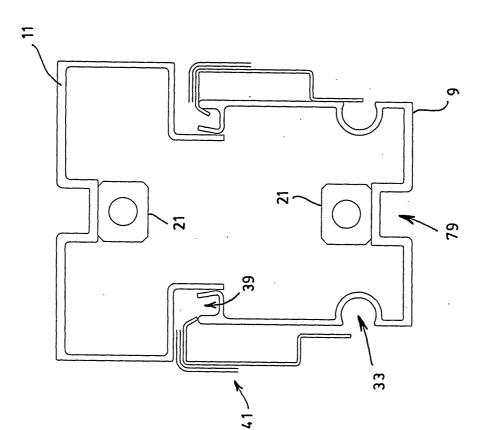


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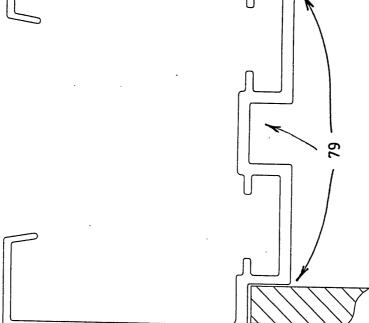
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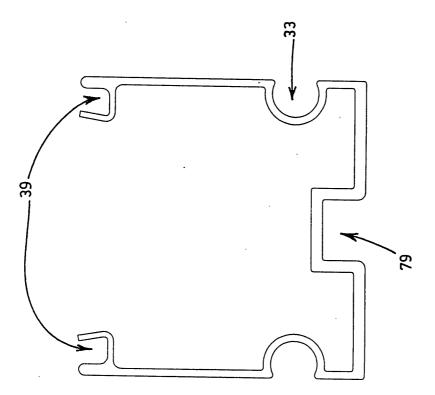
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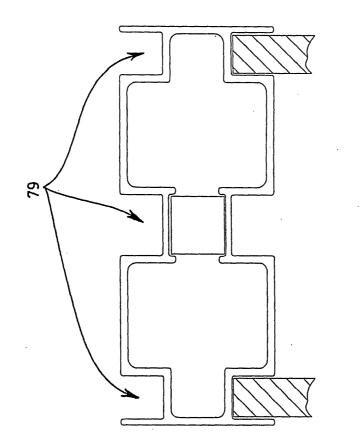
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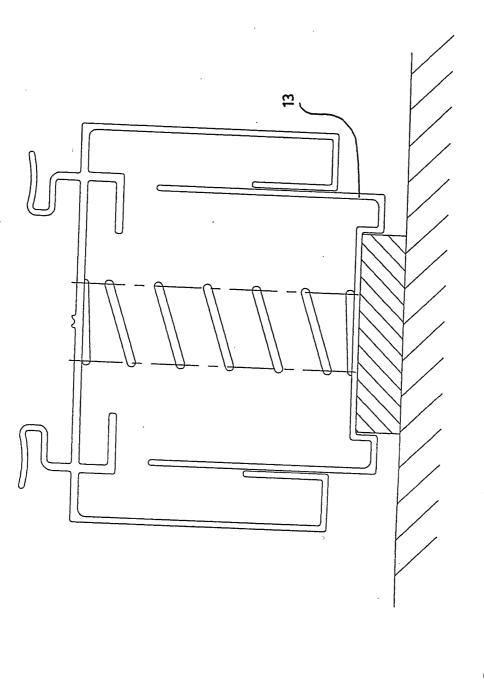
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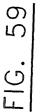
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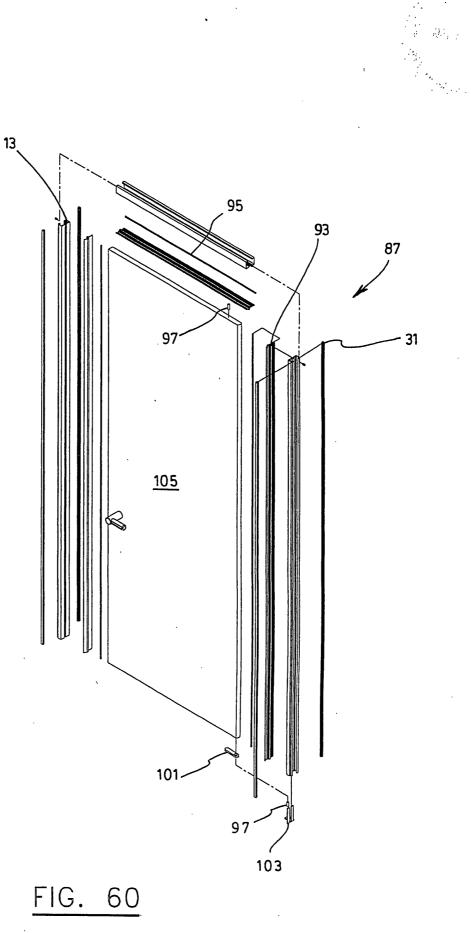
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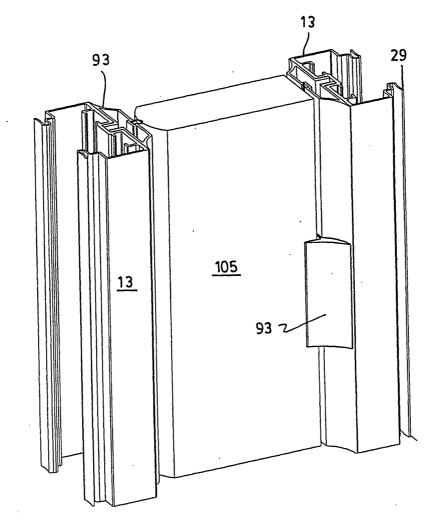
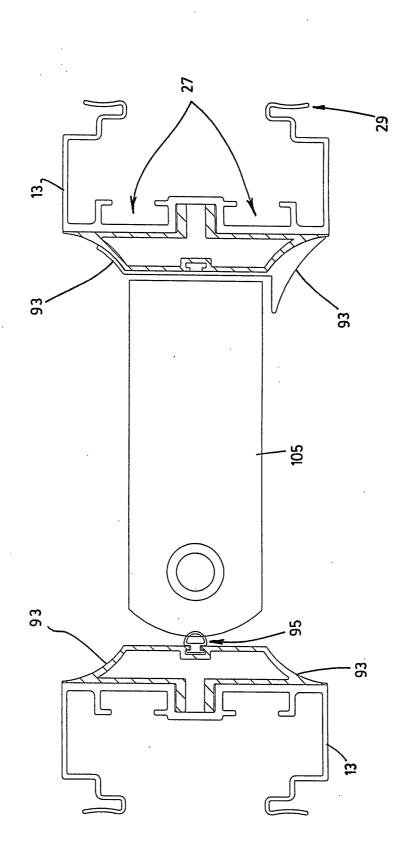
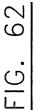


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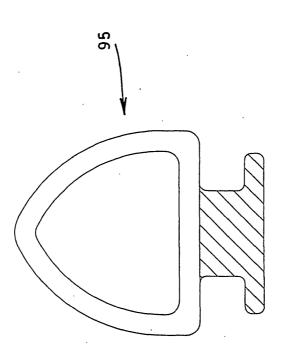




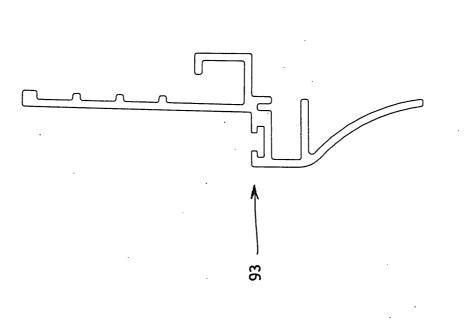
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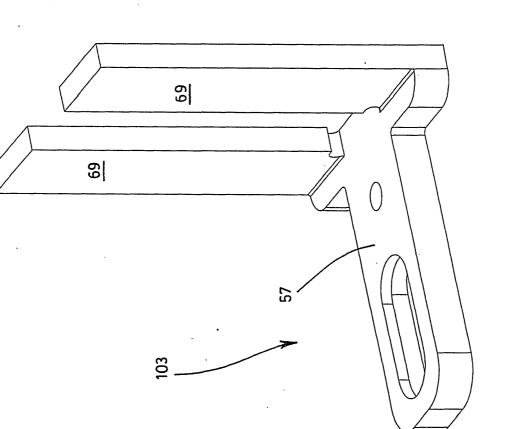


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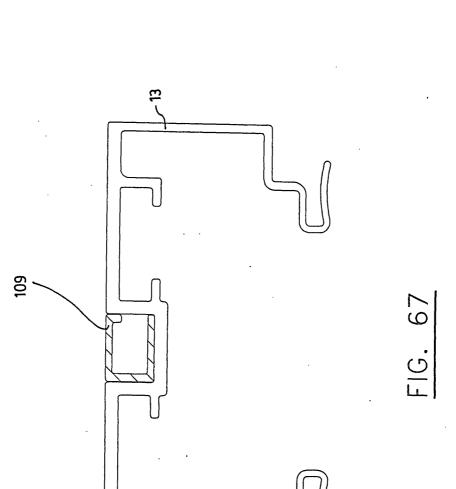
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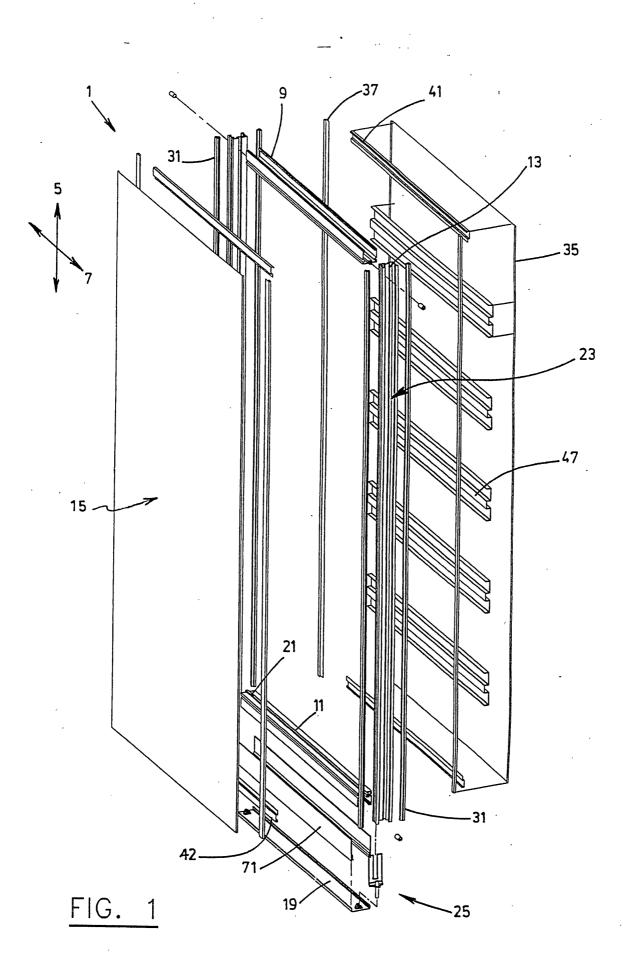
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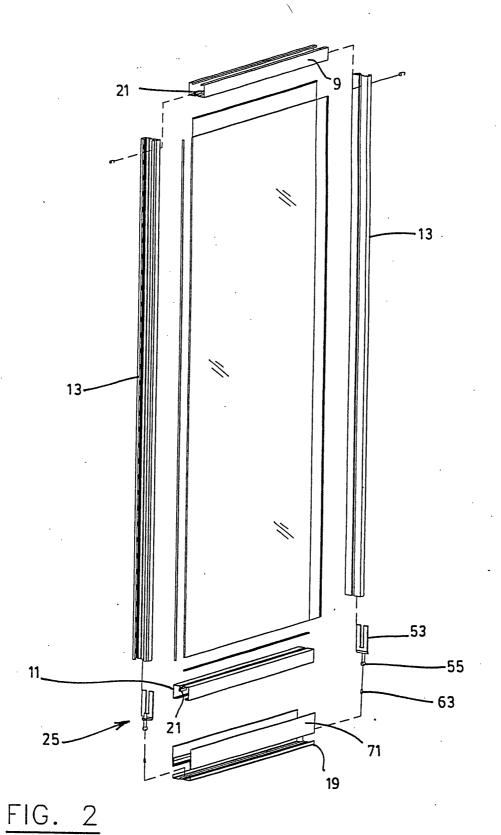
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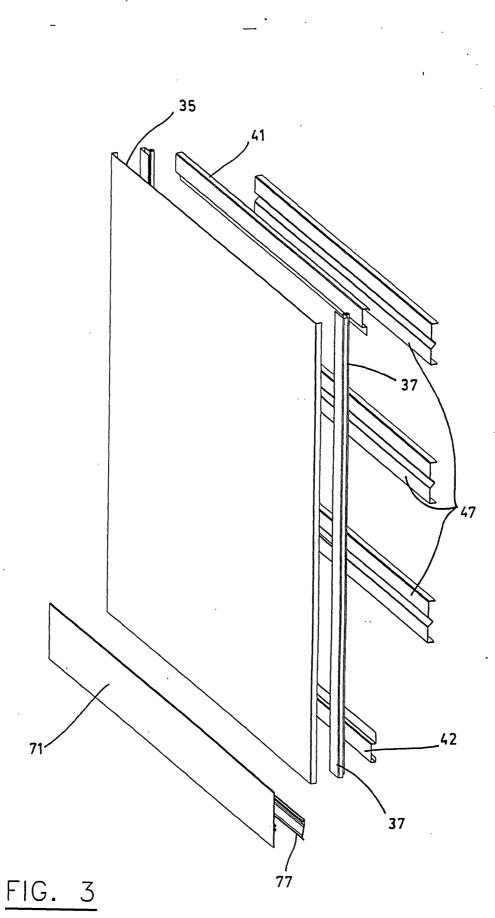


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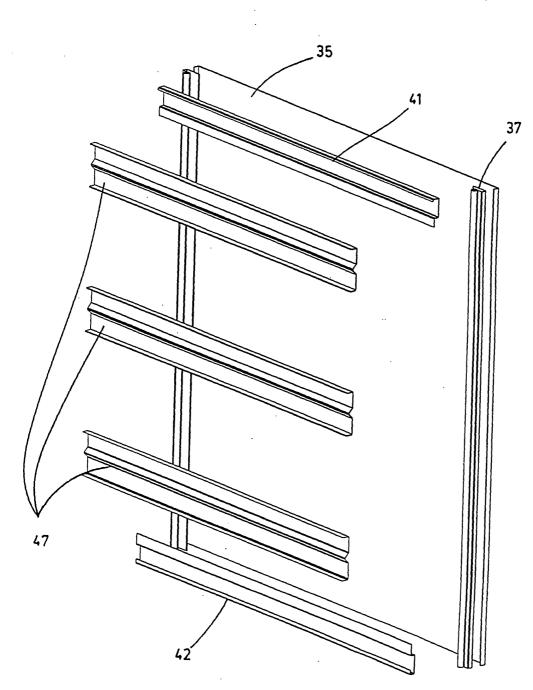
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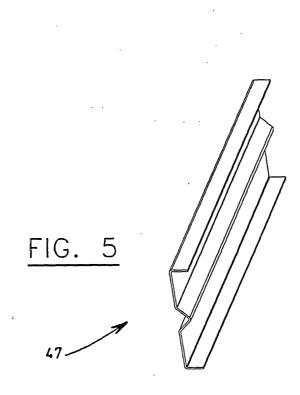


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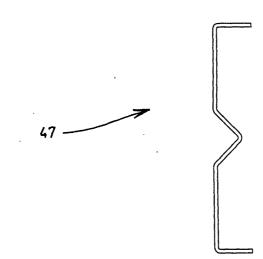
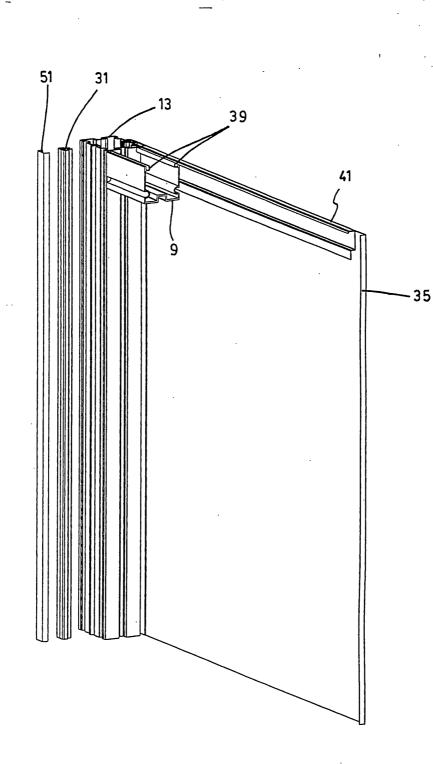


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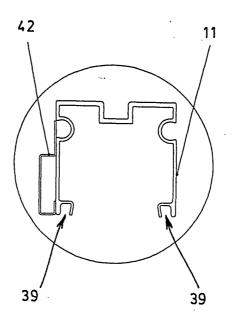
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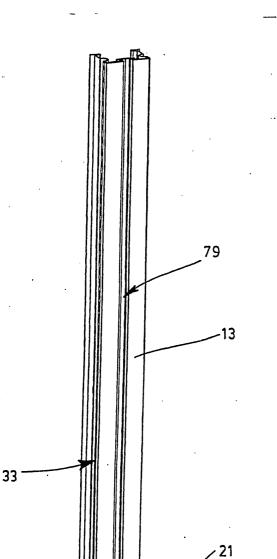


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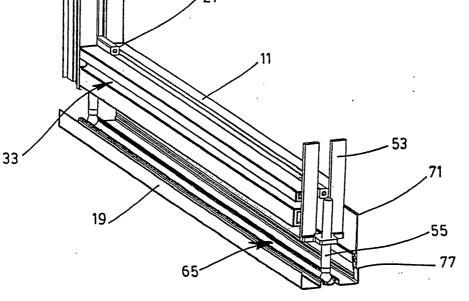
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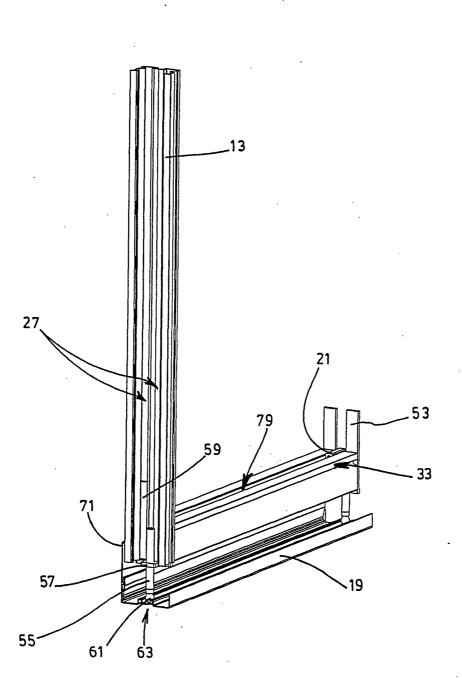


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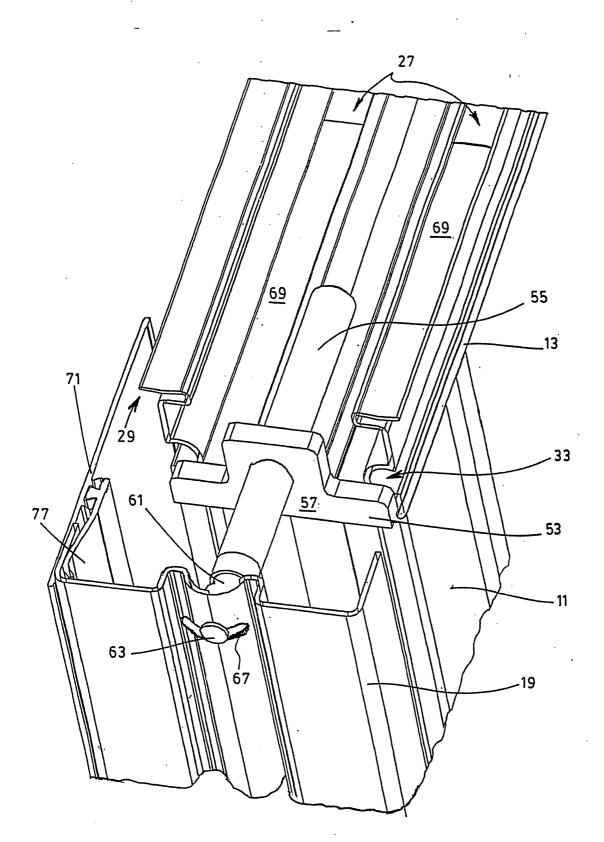


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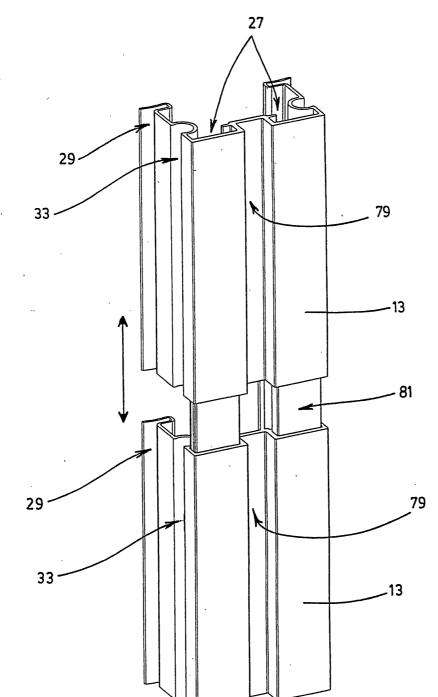
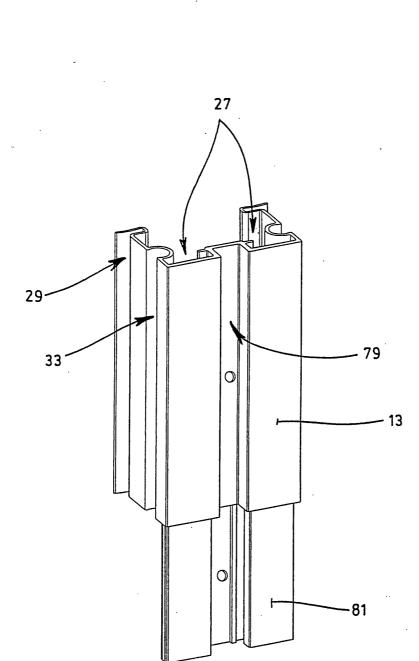


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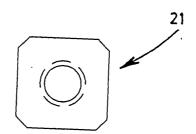
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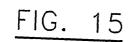
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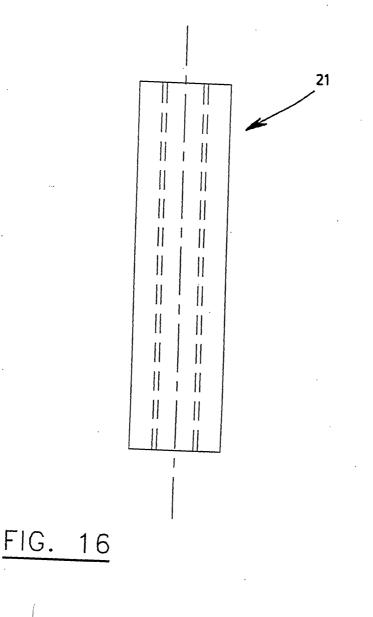
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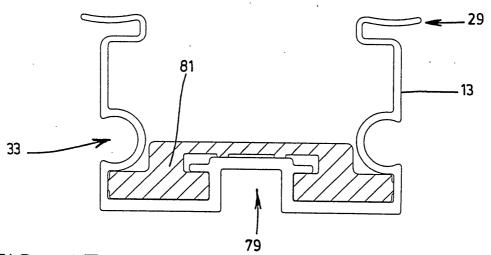
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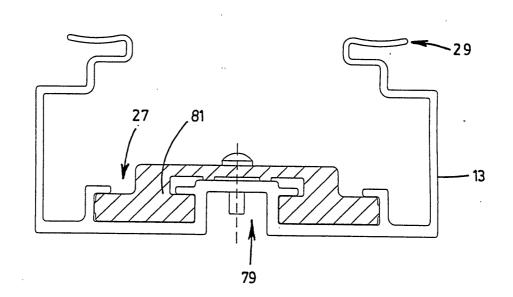
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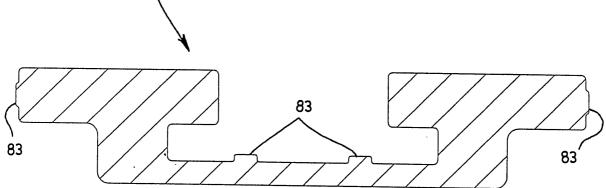
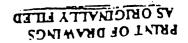


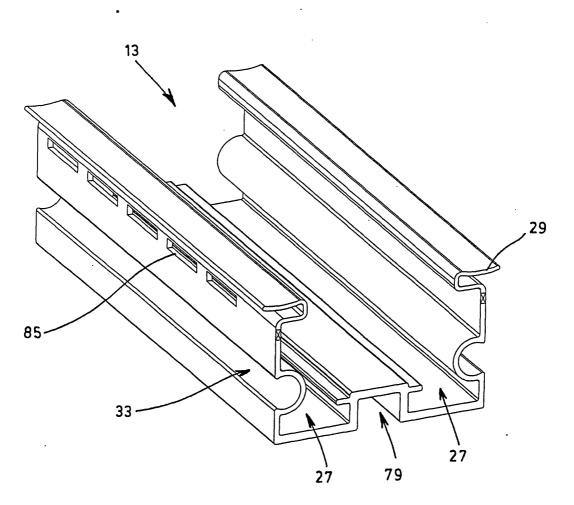
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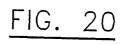
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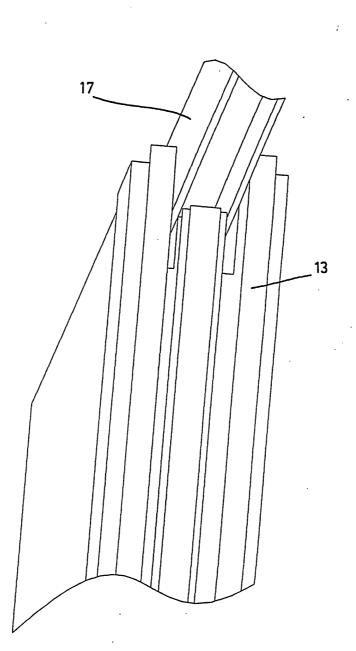
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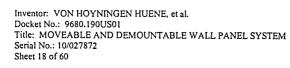
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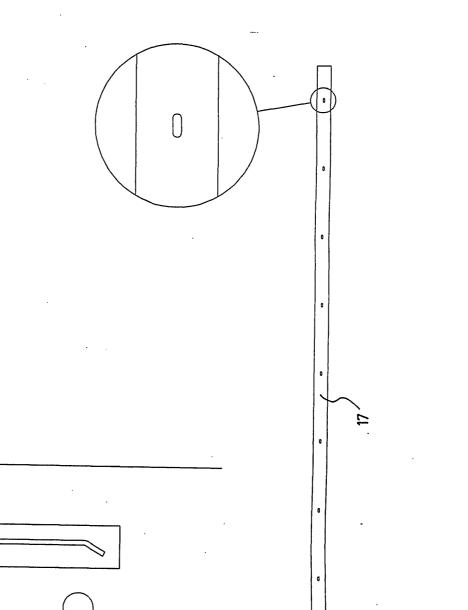
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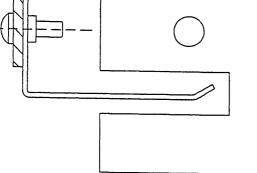


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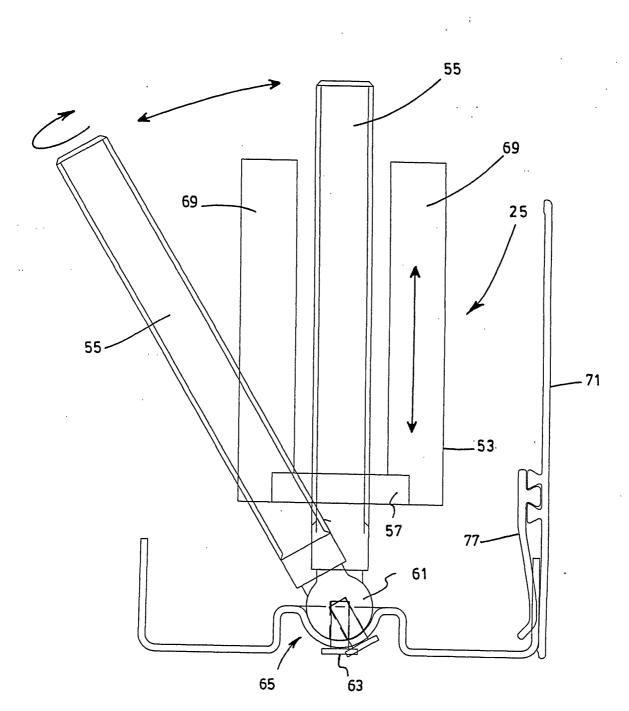


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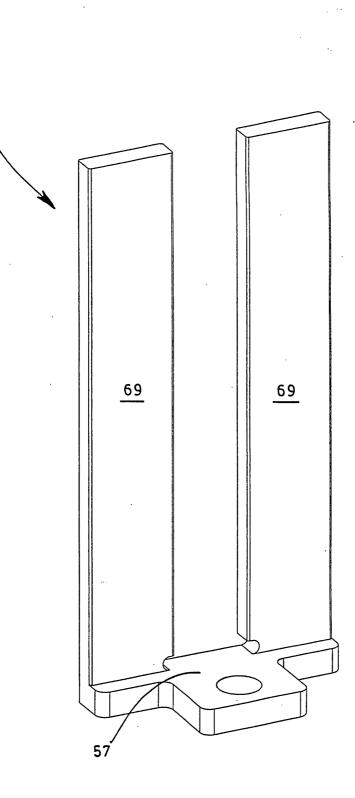


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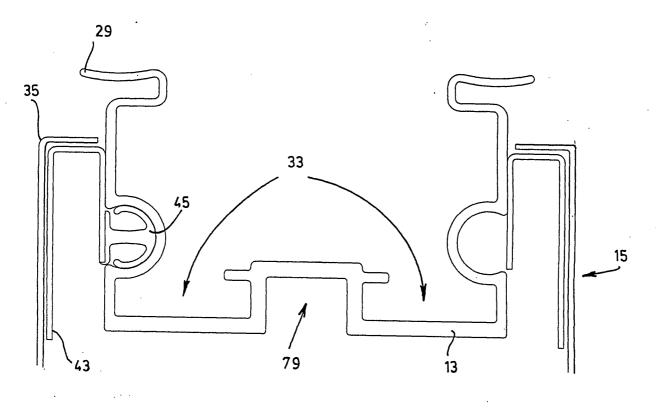
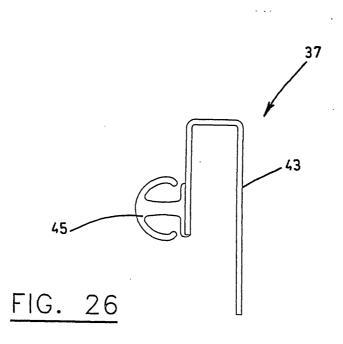


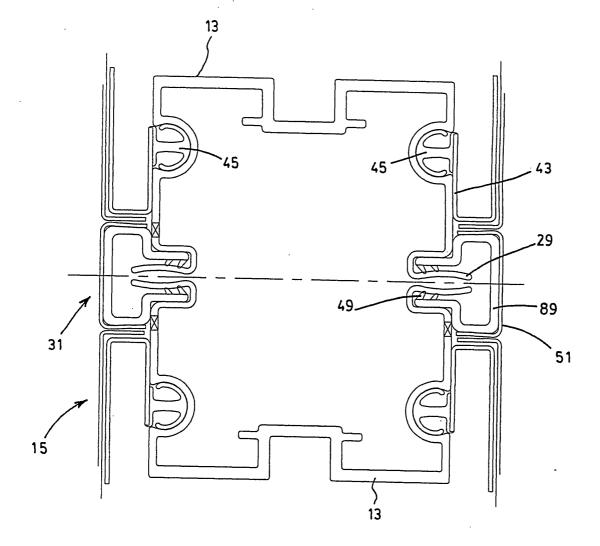
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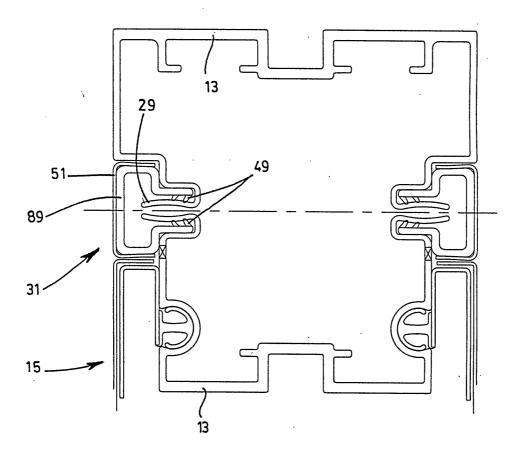


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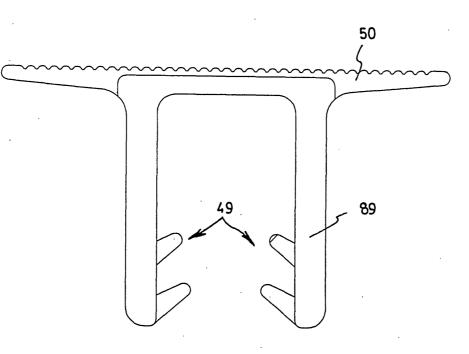
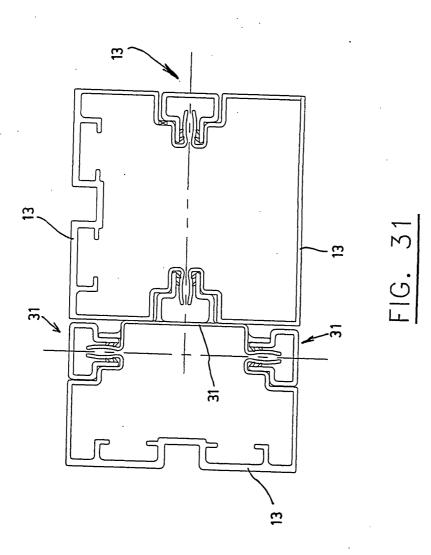


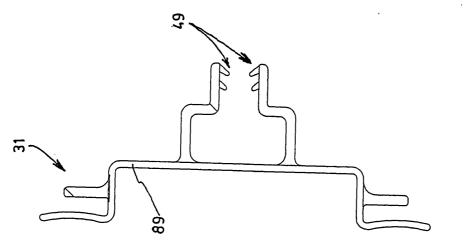
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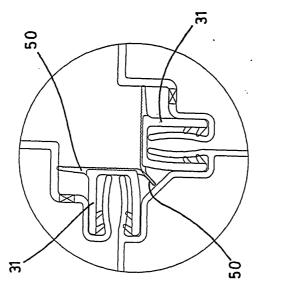




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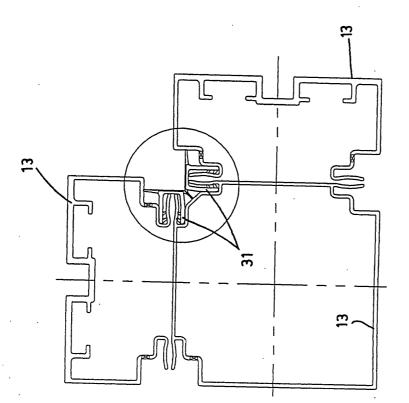


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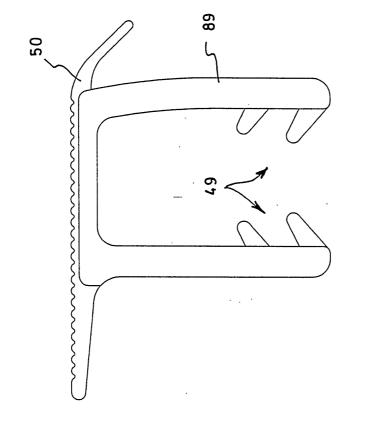
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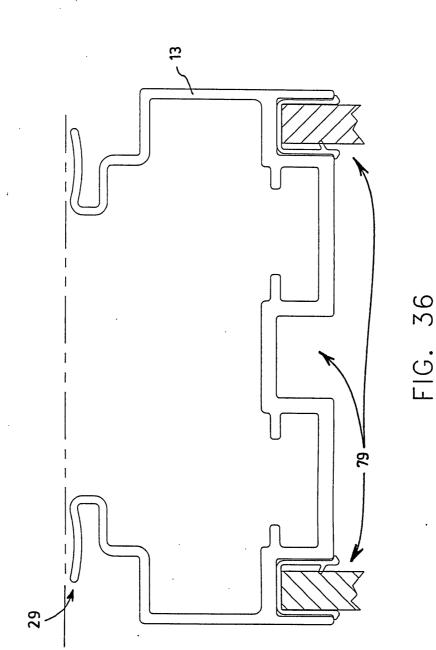
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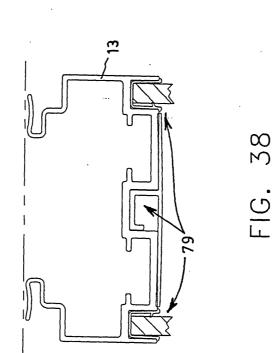
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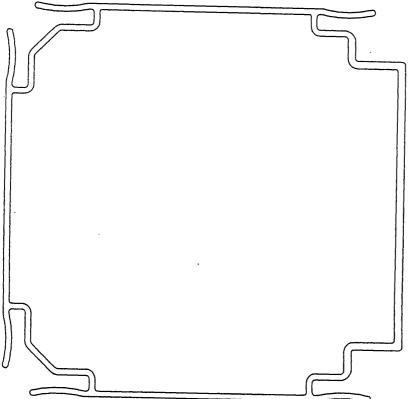
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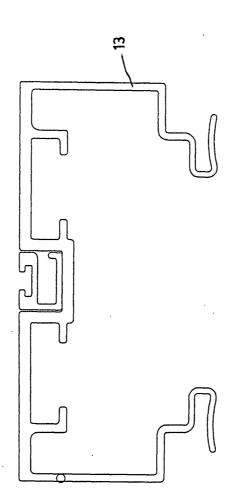


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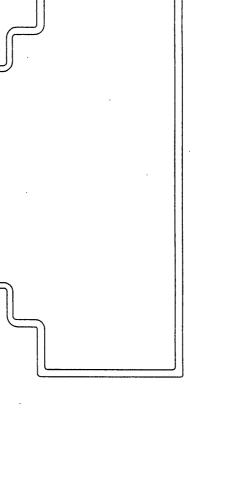
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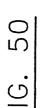
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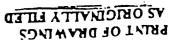
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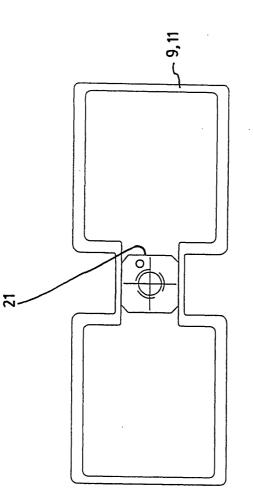
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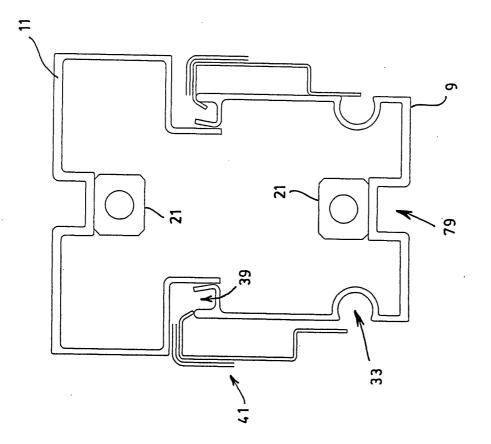


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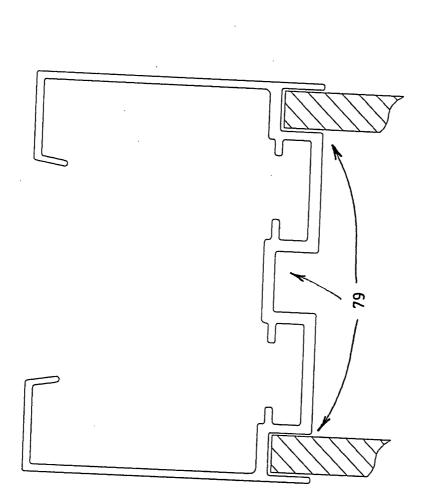
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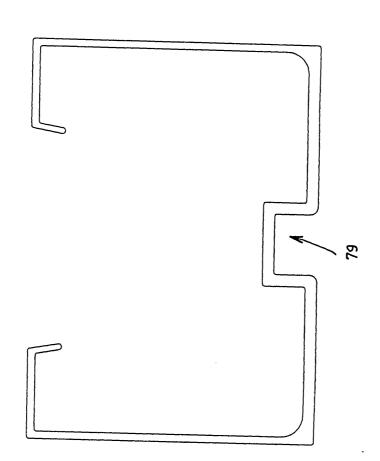
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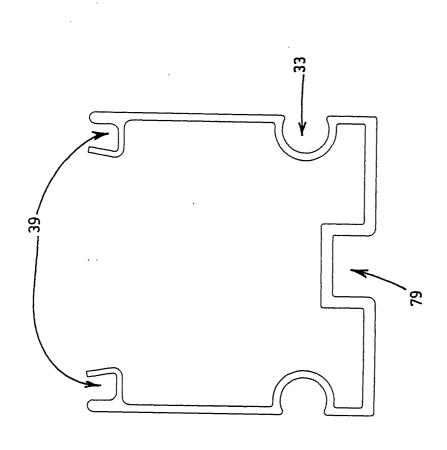


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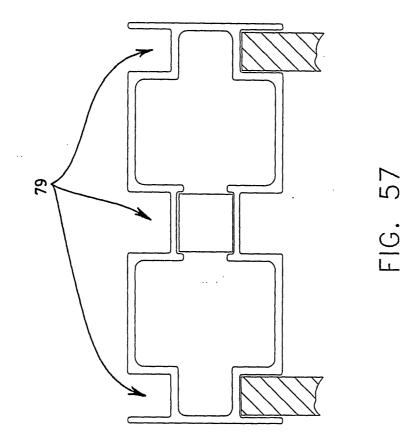


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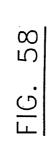
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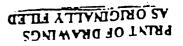


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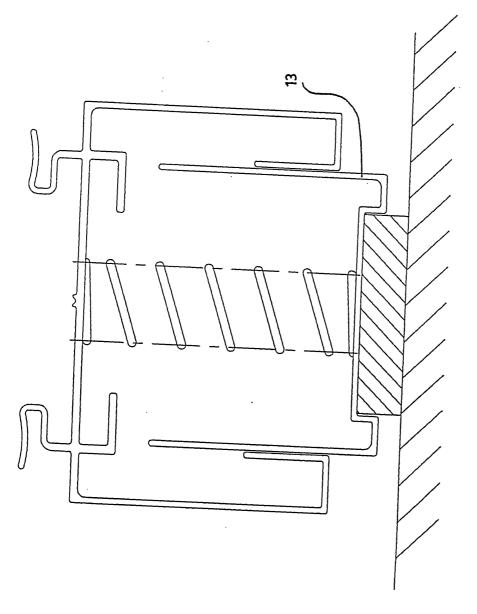


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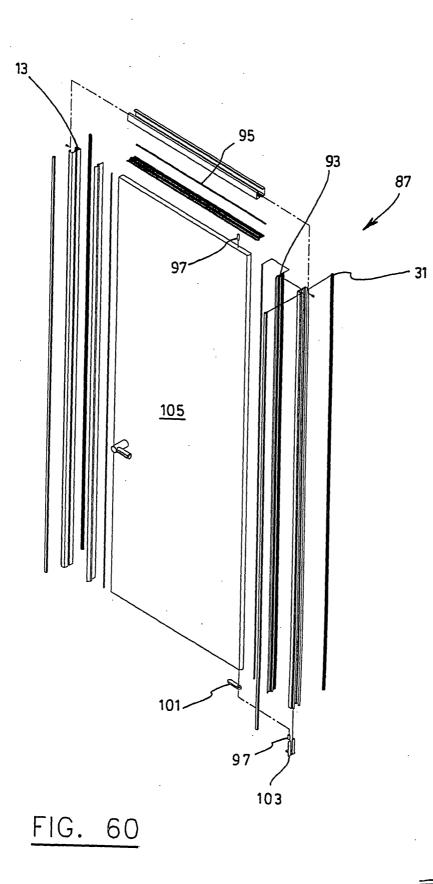


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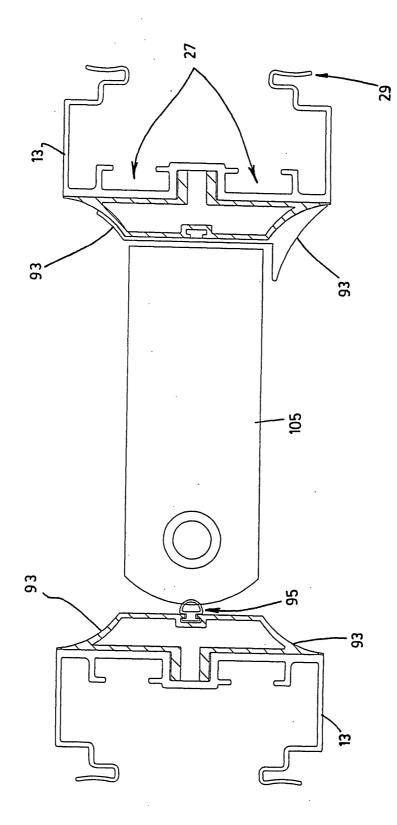
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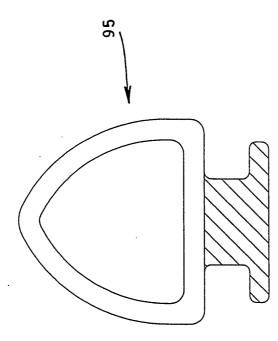


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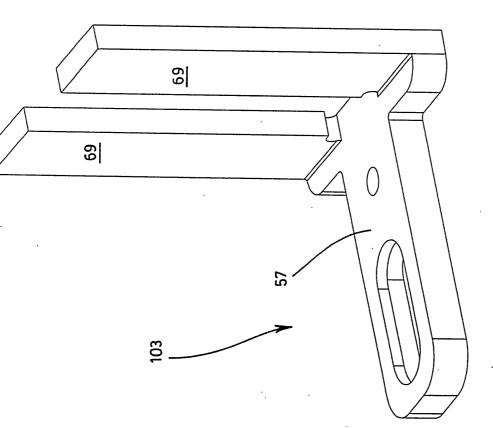
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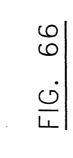




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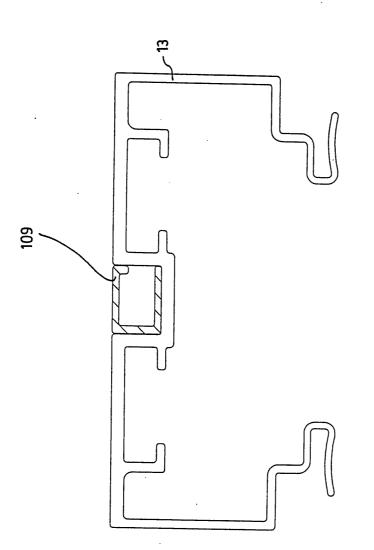


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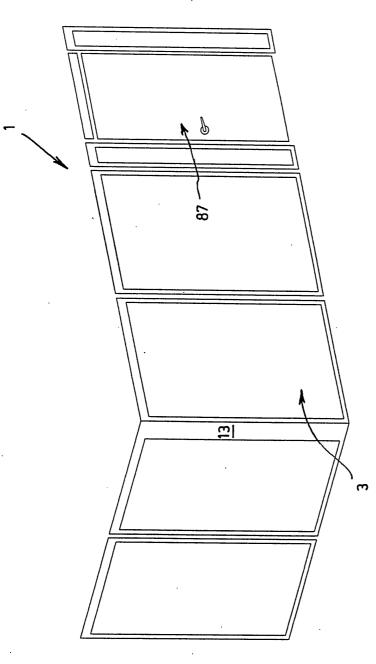
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Assignee: EBERHARD VON HUENE & ASSOCIATES

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