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

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892
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3. _____

PART II. SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- 1a. Claims See Continuation Sheet are subject to reexamination.
- 1b. Claims See Continuation Sheet are not subject to reexamination.
2. Claims _____ have been canceled.
3. Claims _____ are confirmed. [Unamended patent claims]
4. Claims _____ are patentable. [Amended or new claims]
5. Claims See Continuation Sheet are rejected.
6. Claims _____ are objected to.
7. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable are not acceptable.
8. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved. disapproved.
9. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d). The certified copy has:
 been received. not been received. been filed in Application/Control No 95000479.
10. Other _____

Continuation Sheet (PTOL-2064)

Control No. 95/000,479

Continuation of SUMMARY OF ACTION: 1a. Claims subject to reexamination are 1-9,11,16,17,20-23,27,39,41-43,69-73,79,81,82,84-90,96 and 98.

Continuation of SUMMARY OF ACTION: 1b. Claims not subject to reexamination are 10,12-15,18,19,24-26,28-38,40,44-68,74-78,80,83,91-95,97 and 99.

Continuation of SUMMARY OF ACTION: 5. Claims rejected are 1-9,11,16,17,20-23,27,39,41-43,69-73,79,81,82,84-90,96 and 98.

DETAILED ACTION

Reexamination

1. **Claims 1-9, 11, 16, 17, 20-23, 27, 39, 41-43, 69-73, 79, 81, 82, 84-90, 96, and 98** of Fallon (US 7,161,506 B2) are being reexamined.

Priority

2. Fallon, US 7,161,506 B2, is a continuation of application number 10/016,355 (US 6,624,761 B2 filed on 29 October 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of application number 09/705,446 (US 6,309,424 B1) filed on 03 November 2000, which is a continuation of application 09/210,491 (US 6,195,024 B1) filed on 11 December 1998.

3. Claims 1-9, 11, 16, 17, 20-23, 27, 39, 41-43, 69-73, 79, 81, 82, 84-90, 96, and 98 are supported for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 112 by Figures 13-18 and the additional disclosure that first appeared in application number 10/016,355. Therefore, claims 1-9, 11, 16, 17, 20-23, 27, 39, 41-43, 69-73, 79, 81, 82, 84-90, 96, and 98 are entitled to a priority date of 29 October 2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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5. **Claims 69-73, 79, 81, 84-90, 96, and 98** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **French** (French et al., US 5,794,229 A).

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