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***EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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PATENT UNDER REEXAMINATION 10257319 .

ART UNIT 3992 .

Enclosed is a copy of the latest communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above identified *ex parte* reexamination proceeding (37 CFR 1.550(f)).

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Order Granting Request For Ex Parte Reexamination	Control No. 90/014,875	Patent Under Reexamination 10257319	
	Examiner JALATEE WORJLOH	Art Unit 3992	AIA (FITF) Status No

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The request for *ex parte* reexamination filed 10/07/2021 has been considered and a determination has been made. An identification of the claims, the references relied upon, and the rationale supporting the determination are attached.

Attachments: a) PTO-892, b) PTO/SB/08, c) Other: _____

1. The request for *ex parte* reexamination is GRANTED.

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EX PARTE REEXAMINATION ORDER

Decision on Request

A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1,2, 12,14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 of United States Patent Number 10,257,319 ('319 patent) to Shribman is raised by the request for *ex parte* reexamination.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that *ex parte* reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)). Extensions of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

References cited in Request

- Reiter, M. & Rubin A., *Crowds: Anonymity for Web Transactions*, ACM Transactions on Information and System Security, Vol. 1, No. 1, at pp. 66-2 (Nov. 1998) ("Crowds");
- Fielding, R. et al., *Hypertext Transfer Protocol –HTTP 1.1.*, RFC 2616, IETF (June 1999) ("RFC 2616");
- U.S. Patent No. 6795848 to Border et al. ("Border");and
- Rennhard, M., *MorphMix-A Peer-to-Peer-based System for Anonymous Internet Access*, Doctoral Thesis (2004) ("MorphMix").

Other

- Declaration of Dr. Michael J. Freedman

Issue(s) Raised by Request

Issue 1: Crowds either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of a person of skill in the art (POSA)

The Requester alleges that Crowds either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of a POSA raises a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) with regard to claims 1, 2, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24-27.

Crowds has publication date of November 1998 and RFC 2616 was published June 1999. Therefore, these references predate the effective filing date of '319 patent.

Issue 2: Border either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of a POSA

The Requester alleges that Boarder either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of a POSA raises a SNQ with regard to claims 1, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24-29.

Boarder has an effective filing date of November 8, 2000; therefore, these references predate the effective filing date of '319 patent.

Issue 3: MorphMix either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of POSA

The Requester alleges that MorphMix either alone or in combination with RFC 2616 and knowledge of a POSA raises a SNQ with regard to claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 17-19, 21, 22, and 24-27.

Background

Claims 1, 2, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 in the instant request for reexamination of the '319 patent to Shribman et al. ("Shribman").

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