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Attention: Herren Spaniol and Hagedorn
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Re: New Patent Application in U.S. - HOFKER
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Your Reference: AJP/Hg/2510
Our Reference: HOFKER 1

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your order letter of
May 28, 1990, for which we thank you.

Enclosed you will find both the raw translation from
German into English, and a revised application (with formal
papers) believed to be ready for execution by the inventors after
their thorough review. If everything is okay, they should execute
the application by signing and dating the filing declaration, and
the assignment should be executed on the same date.

On the other hand, there may be some problems and we
believe that there is certainly a need for revision of the
drawing. In these regards, please consider our remarks below.
First, we give you the comments of our translator:

In the last paragraph of the description on page 8, one
of the L-shaped arms of the sealing strip 5 has been
given the reference numeral 13. This reference numeral
is also indicated in Fig. 7. However, previously the
number 13 was assigned to the bottom part of the locking
clamp 11, and is indicated as such in Figs. 3, 4 and 5.

Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 refer to additional locking clamps
11a, hook projections 9a and 10a and locking projections
14a, for which there is no antecedent in the description
and which are not indicated in the drawings.

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Regarding the first of these comments, you will see that we have changed the reference numbers on Figures 6 and 7. Under U.S. practice, it is not permissible to use the same reference numerals to designate different parts. Fig. 6 and 7 will need to be redone with the new reference numerals. Concerning our translator's second comment, you will see that we have deleted reference in the claims to locking clamps 11a and hook projections 9a and 10a, and locking projections 14a.

It is implied (but not originally stated) that the projections 8 are integral with the bottom pan 3, and this seems to be shown in Fig. 3; accordingly, we have explicitly stated in the detailed description that "the bottom pan 3 has adjacent to the slits 5, upwardly extending integral projections 8...". In this same area of the specification, the German text (top of page 7) first refers to Figs. 2-5 and then Figs. 2-4, and we have corrected this in the U.S. text to read "Figs. 3-5".

The claims have been revised in a minimal fashion and may still be criticized as being alternative in the use of terminology such as "in particular" (claims 1-3). Some terminology which we could reasonably expect to be criticized was removed or revised, some claim dependencies were changed and antecedent bases were made more clear.

If any extensive changes are necessary, the pages in questions should be retyped before execution (no changes are permitted between the time of execution and the time of filing). Minor changes can be made by interlineation in ink, in which case the inventors must place their initials and the date adjacent each such interlineation in ink.

We await receipt of the executed application for filing in time to meet the priority deadline of

August 11, 1990.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Neimark

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