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Commissioner of Patents.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTHS, DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

A communication, responsive to applicant's communication filed November 12, 1970, was mailed from the Patent Office on January 15, 1971, paper No. 9, wherein a FINAL action was made on the merits of claims 1-11.

A later communication was mailed from the Patent Office on March 2, 1971, paper No. 14, wherein applicant was notified that "prosecution on the merits of claims 1 to 11 is temporarily suspended pending the determination of an interference".

The interference was terminated, as evidenced by the communication mailed from the Patent Office on
October 27, 1971, paper No. 25 of record, because a Brief was not filed. Therefore, ex parte prosecution is resumed.

This application contains the unanswered Office Action, cited above, mailed January 15, 1971, paper No. 9. Applicant's proposed amendment filed November 1, 1971, paper No. 26 of record, will not be entered and the FINAL rejection stands because the proposed amendments to the claims raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THE FINAL REJECTION IS SET TO EXPIRE TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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