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To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NWM) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED <i>11-8-01</i>	
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4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Susan K. Brown	5. TELEPHONE (703) 308-7400	DATE	ARCHIVED BY WITHDRAWN UNITED STATES

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is not required; is attached; or has been requested.

DATE <i>11-3-01</i>	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Susan K. Brown</i>	TITLE Records Officer
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7. Item NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
<i>1</i>	<p>Please see attached item(s):</p> <p>USPTO Office of Initial Patent Examination (OEPE) (changes to existing dispositions)</p> <p>Provisional Patent Applications</p> <p><i>cc: Agency NWMD NWCT</i></p>	N1-241-96-3 #83	<p>Job withdrawn per e-mail from agency dated March 22, 2002.</p> <p><i>8/15</i></p>

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1. Provisional Patent Applications (Revised)

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a. Provisional applications that are referenced in an application that has been issued as a patent.	a. [Pending authorized update to N1-241-96-3 #83; please reference "Patent Case Files," N1-241-96-3 #4(a)]. Permanent. Close Provisional Patent Applications at the end of each fiscal year and maintain in a separate file at the USPTO Repository. Retire to the FRC 10 years after closure. Transfer to the National Archives 40 years after closure.
b. Provisional applications that are not referenced in an application that has issued as a patent.	b. [Pending authorized update to N1-241-96-3 #83]. Close Provisional Patent Applications at the end of each fiscal year and maintain in a separate file at the USPTO Repository. Retire to the FRC 10 years after closure. Destroy 23 years after closure.
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