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Re: Patent Application U.S. Serial No 07/974,957, filed November 12, 1992
*Apparatus and Method of Providing Data Security in a Computer
System Having Removable Memory*

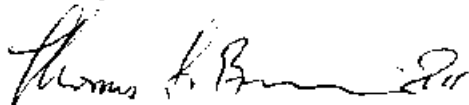
Ladies/Gentlemen:

This letter concerns the standard for providing security for data access on removable hard disk memory cards and the above-referenced application filed by Maxtor.

This is to assure you that Maxtor's policy is to grant a license under any patent issued under the above-referenced application on reasonable terms and conditions and on a non-discriminatory basis to any disk drive or other company who so requests.

We provide this assurance to assist you in determining the parameters of the security standard. Please understand that we are making only the assurance expressed in this letter, and no others.

Sincerely,



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