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Appln. No.: 09/068,892	)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: May 22, 1998	)	February 23, 1999
For: POT HAVING AUTOMATIC SEALING FUNCTION	)	

AMENDMENT

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