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Re: STADELMANN - USSN 07/762,976
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Your Ref: R/H/Fu
Our Ref: STADELMANN-1

Dear Dr. Rau:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Examiner's July 22, 1992 Final Office Action, on the above-identified application.

As you will note, we have not made much progress other than forcing the Examiner to utilize a different combination of the previously cited prior art in support of his rejection. Further, he has abandoned his double patenting rejection, thereby making use of the terminal disclaimer provided unnecessary.

Your options in response to this Final Action are the usual ones:

1) A response including, if appropriate, amendment of the claims to place the application in better condition for refiling or appeal;

2) an appeal of the finally rejected claims; or

3) abandonment.

As is usual in applications under Final Rejection, we recommend, if you choose to proceed with a response (especially if it amends the claims), filing early to permit negotiation with the Examiner, without incurring any late fees prior to the October 22, 1992 due date for the response.

Accordingly, please give us your instructions in good time.