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Letter to D.W.S

Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION
Inventor: Haczek, W.
Assignee: TA TRIUMPH ADLER
Title: RIBBON CASSETTE FOR A TYPEWRITER OR THE LIKE
Our Ref.: HACZEK=1

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your order letter of ~~September 27~~ Feb. 18, 1990, for which we thank you.

Enclosed you will find both the starting translation from German into English, and a revised application based on the translation, ready for execution by the inventors after their thorough review, ~~and consideration of the problems discussed below.~~ If the revised application is found appropriate now ~~or after revision based on the problems discussed below or~~ on after revision based on other concerns, the inventors should execute the application by signing ~~and dating~~ the filing declaration, and the assignment, Both documents should be executed on the same date. Copies of the declaration and assignment for the inventors execution are attached.

We believe a problem exists due to the inclusion of the "take-up spool core" as a claimed element and the corresponding failure to describe this element's relationship to the other elements of the invention in the drawings or in the specification in any meaningful detail. The take-up spool core is mentioned on page 1, line 12 and line 23 and by inference on page 3, line 17 through discussion of "the spools". In our opinion none of these explanations of the "take-up spool core" provides an adequate basis for its inclusion in claim 1.

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This is compounded by the failure to disclose the "take-up spool core" in the drawings, which will most likely raise a Patent Office objection since Patent Office rules require that every element claimed must be illustrated in the drawings. If you agree that the "take-up spool core" should be better described we recommend that its relationship (if any) to the proportional force 11 be discussed.

In addition, (and a minor matter), the sentence on page 5, line 6, "These guide elements can also serve as aids during assembly", is not understood. How is this "aid" accomplished?

Finally, our translator pointed out the following:

> "In German claim 4, the wedge elements have been designated by the reference numeral (19), which previously was used to indicate the expanding guide device, while the wedge element was given reference numeral (20) in the "detailed description" part. The wedge element is, of course, a part of the expanding guide device. However, for the sake of conformity with the assignment of reference numerals I have changed the "(19)" to "(20)" in the translation."

Only modest changes were made to the starting tanslation to arrive at the revised application. ~~Further, no changes were made to the claims but you should consider our comments on "the take-up spool core" to determine whether a change is necessary in that regard.~~

If any extensive changes are necessary, the pages in questions should be retyped before execution (no changes are permitted between the time of execution and the time of filing). Minor changes can be made by interlineation in ink, in which case the inventors must place their initials and the date adjacent each such interlineation in ink.

We await receipt of the executed application for filing in time to meet the priority deadline of

January 5, 1990 Apr. 12, 1991

Sincerely,

Norman J. Latker

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