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Mr. Aldo J. Test
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Dear Al:

Attached is U.S. Patent No. 4,175,464 by Ralph Deutsch, and assigned to Kawai Musical Instrument Manufacturing Co. It was sent to us by our licensee, Nippon Gakki. Kawai is a major competitor of Nippon Gakki, and we were asked to provide information as to whether either Mr. Deutsch or Kawai had contacted us with regard to our FM patent. We advised Nippon Gakki that we had not been contacted by either Mr. Deutsch or Kawai.

The question that remains is whether the invention of this patent can be practiced without a license to John Chowning's FM patent 4,018,121. We would appreciate it if Dave Lovejoy and you could give us your opinion on that. John Chowning (or Andy Moorer) can of course be contacted directly if necessary.

Very truly yours,



Niels J. Reimers
Manager, Technology Licensing

cc: John Chowning
Attachment
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