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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X A	JP 2009-892 A (SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION) 08 January 2009, paragraphs [0002]-[0013], [0039], [0040], [0077], [0080], fig. 8 (Family: none)	1-2, 14 3-13, 15-16
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