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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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ached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying parties:

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

ALLIED GROUP INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

Name: THE FREEDOM GROUP INC.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 4401 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 212

City: WEST DES MOINES State: IA ZIP: 50266

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation - State IOWA
- Other _____
- Association
- Limited Partnership

- Individual(s) citizenship _____
- Association _____
- General Partnership _____
- Limited Partnership _____
- Corporation - State IOWA
- Other _____

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No
(Designations must be a separate document from Assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other _____
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: FEBRUARY 26, 1999

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)
SERIAL NO. 75/640,385

B. Trademark registration No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: James C. Nemmers

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 500 Firstar Bank Building, P.O. Box 2107

City: Cedar Rapids State: Iowa ZIP: 52406-2107

6. Total number of applicants and trademarks involved: []

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00

- Enclosed
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number: _____

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

James C. Nemmers

Name of Person Signing

Signature

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Date

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ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF ALLIED GROUP INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.
WITH AND INTO
THE FREEDOM GROUP INC.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1104 and 1105 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, The FREEDOM Group Inc. and ALLIED Group Information Systems, Inc. do hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger:

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ARTICLES I
PLAN OF MERGER

1.1 The name of the parent corporation is The FREEDOM Group Inc. ("FREEDOM"), and it is incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa. The name of the subsidiary corporation is ALLIED Group Information Systems, Inc. ("ALLIED"), and it is incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa. FREEDOM owns one hundred percent (100%) of the outstanding shares of each class of stock of the subsidiary corporation ALLIED.

1.2 The manner and basis of converting the shares of the subsidiary into shares, obligations, or other securities of the parent or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or part is as follows:

At the effective time of the merger, in accordance with Section 1106 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, ALLIED shall be merged with and into FREEDOM, and the separate corporate existence of ALLIED shall cease and FREEDOM as the surviving company shall continue its corporate existence under the laws of the State of Iowa under the name "The FREEDOM Group Inc." and shall thereupon and thereafter possess all the assets and other rights, authority, privileges, immunities, powers, licenses, permits, and franchises of a public or private nature of ALLIED and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations of ALLIED and all the rights, authority, privileges, persona and mixed, and all debts due to ALLIED on whatever account and all other choses in action and every other interest of or belonging to ALLIED shall vest in FREEDOM; and all property, rights, authority, privileges, immunities, powers, licenses, permits and franchises and every other interest shall be thereafter the property of FREEDOM as they were of ALLIED; and the title to any real estate or any interest therein, vested by deed or otherwise in ALLIED, shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the merger, but all rights of creditors and all liens upon any property of ALLIED shall be preserved unimpaired; and all debts, duties, liabilities, and obligations of ALLIED shall henceforth attach to FREEDOM and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts, duties, liabilities, and obligations had been incurred or contracted by it.

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ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1104 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, because FREEDOM owns at least ninety percent of the outstanding shares of each class of stock of ALLIED, the merger can be effected without the approval of the shareholders of FREEDOM or ALLIED.

ARTICLE III
EFFECTIVE DATE OF MERGER

The effective date of the merger shall be February 26, 1999.

ALLIED Group Information Systems, Inc.

By: *Larry Kane*
Larry Kane
President

The FREEDOM Group Inc.

By: *Larry Kane*
Larry Kane
President

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