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I think it comes down to two points. A better search is the first thing. Maybe the searching should be done by search specialists. The US searches are not very good compared to those in Japan and Europe. Once you have the best prior art there is no need for the stretching of the references that has become rampant in the examination process and the board of appeals—all presumably encouraged by the prior commissioner. There is no longer a truly objective examination system. Instead it seems to come down to whether the board feels like the patent should be granted.