

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte JEFFREY W. STONE

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Appeal No. 2002-0339  
Application No. 09/226,252<sup>1</sup>

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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A Reply Brief was filed January 16, 2002 in response to the Examiner' Answer entered August 1, 2001 (Paper No. 17). The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208.03 (Rev. August 2001) require that the examiner notify appellant of consideration of the reply brief by using form paragraph 12.47.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such proper response to the Reply Brief and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> Application for patent filed January 7, 1999.

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This application, by virtue of its “special” status, requires immediate action, see MPEP § 708.01 (Eighth Edition, Aug. 2001), item (D). It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be promptly informed of any action affecting the status of the appeal in this case.

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