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Patent # - '9,999,999', '99,999,999', '99999999', '99999999', Design 'D999,999', 'D999999', Plant 'PP99,999', 'PP99999', Reissue 'RE99,999', 'RE99999', Def. Pub. 'T999,999', 'T999999', SIR 'H999,999' or 'H999999'

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Publication # - 'US 9999-9999999 A9', '9999-9999999 A9', '9999-9999999', 'US 99999999999 A9', '99999999999 A9', '99999999999'

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