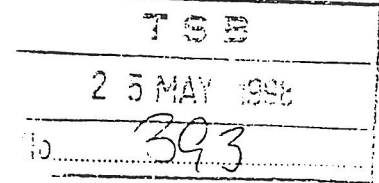




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- U.S. Patent No. 5,317,596, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Echo Cancellation with Discrete Multitone Modulation" (Stanford Docket No. S91-040);
- U.S. Patent No. 5,479,447, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Adaptive Variable Bandwidth Optimization in High-Speed Data Transmission of a Multicarrier Signal over Digital Subscriber Lines" (Stanford Docket No. S92-018); and
- U.S. Patent No. 5,285,474, entitled "Method for Equalizing a Multicarrier Signal in a Multicarrier Communication System" (Stanford Docket No. S92-019).

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