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to have a patent application signed by a number of persons who have each taken part in the invention, but they cannot sign the application as joint-inventors, simply because of an agreement which stated they should do so, whether they really are participants in the invention or not.

The first question for you and the other gentlemen interested to decide and advise Mr. Cameron of is, did Lieut. Selfridge contribute towards the inventions which you propose to be patented, if so, he should join, and being dead, his place should be taken by the legal representative of his estate. If, however, he was not actually one of the joint-inventors his signature would not be proper on the application, even though you had entered into an agreement to the effect that he should sign. The mere fact that he did not sign the application would not in any way prejudice his right to participate in the result of the invention which is covered by the terms of the agreement. In any case it is absolutely necessary that an administrator should be appointed for his estate, and steps for this purpose should be taken without delay.

The agreement contains a clause that it shall remain in effect for one year from the date of organization, unless otherwise determined by the unanimous vote of the members. This apparently contemplated, not an extension of the agreement, but that it might be terminated prior to one year, provided unanimous consent was given.