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| [54] | STORAGE CONTAINER p |  | pages, undated.   |
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| [75] | Inventor:           | Larry G. Zimmerman, Hollis, N.H.       | Miflex: recessed lid; round, square, rectangular shapes; pp. 2 and 3, undated.                                    |
| [73] | Assignee:           | Sterilite Corporation, Townsend, Mass. | French—Oyonnax: round, square, rectangular shaped containers with recessed lids; 1 page, undated.                 |
| [**] | Term:               | 14 Years                               | German—Buchsteiner: round, square rectangular shaped containers; 2 pages, undated.                                |
| [21] | Appl. No.:          | 28,030                                 | French—Frig-O-Seal; recessed lid; soft seal/rigid round, square, rectangular shaped containers; 2 pages, undated. |
| [22] | Filed:              | Sep. 2, 1994                           | Spanish—Araven; recessed lids; soft seal/rigid round con-   |

tainers; rounded lift tab; 1 page. Japanese Inomata 1993; round, square rectangular shaped containers with recessed lids; easy pop cover microwave D9/414, 416, 424, 430-432, 434, 435, 438, venting; 2 pages.

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#### **CLAIM**

The ornamental design of a storage container, as shown and described.

#### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of a storage container showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a top, front, right side perspective view thereof in a closed position;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevation view thereof;

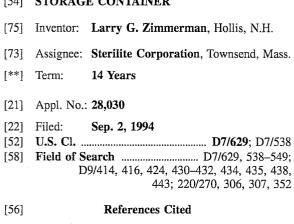
FIG. 5 is a front elevation view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a left side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a rear elevation view thereof; and,

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

# 1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



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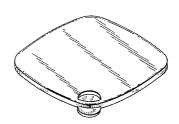
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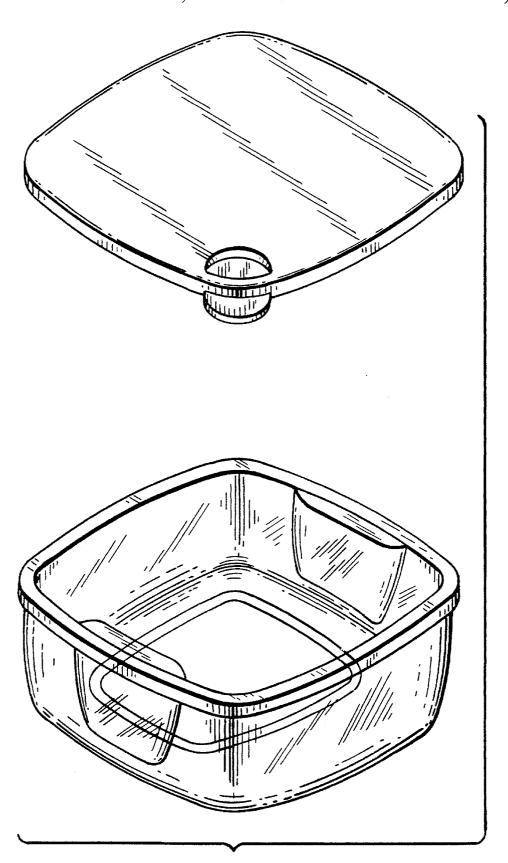


FIG. I

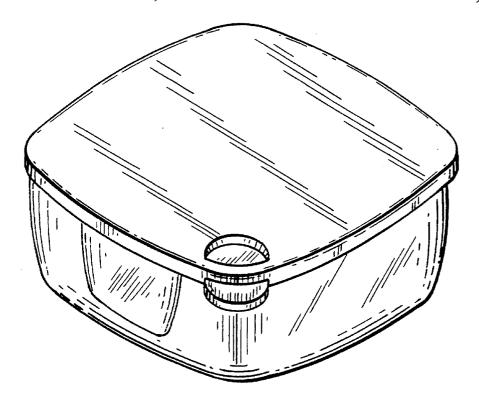
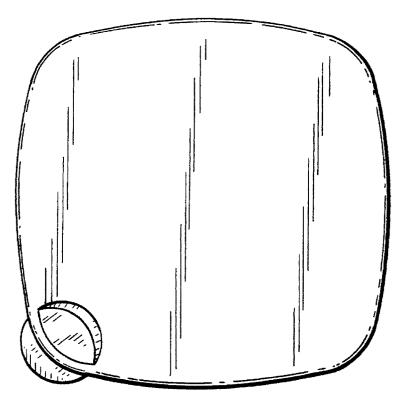
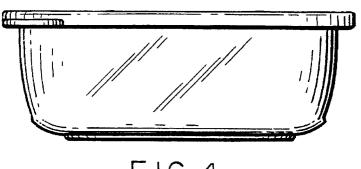


FIG. 2



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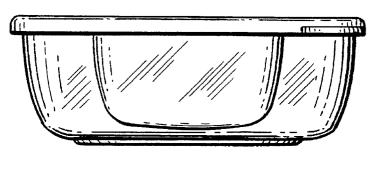


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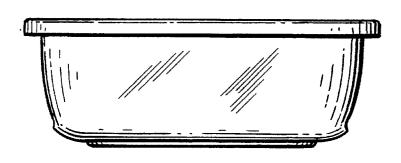


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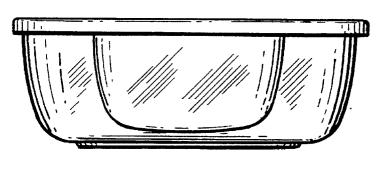


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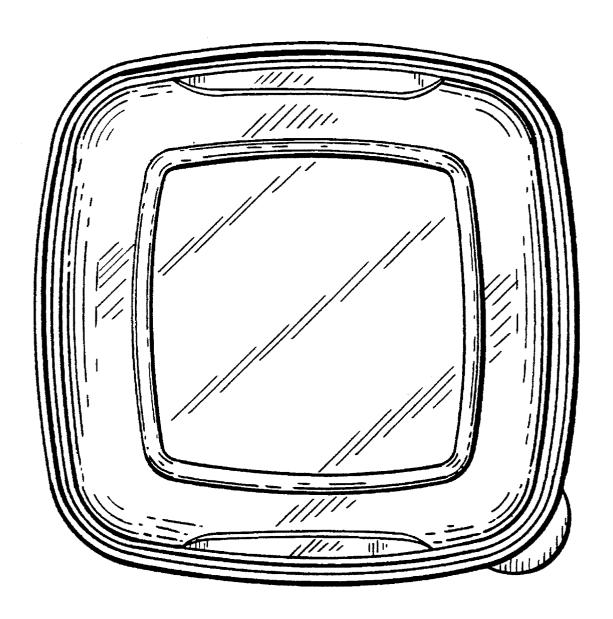


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