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Policy Decision on
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SUMMARY}

printing device reads the information from the storage media or cartridge and causes a laser beam to draw a representation of a particular typefont character on a cylindrical surface in direct response to the digital data and instructions in the media or cartridge. This image is then transferred by a process, similar to printing, to paper from which the information is re[illegible] or the printer ma[illegible] drive a set of wires agai[illegible] an inked ribbon th[illegible] places dots on the paper. The visual representation appears once again.

There are basically three techniques applied to represent characters digitally: Bitmapping, outlining and stroke definition. A digitized typeface

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