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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 21 /PRN/ -- The Milton Bradley Company and Texas Instruments Incorporated announced a development which will, for the first time, make human voice recognition available in a popular home computer.

Voice recognition, plus voice synthesis, will be made available for the Texas Instruments' TI-99/4A home computer through the use of a plug-in peripheral developed by Milton Bradley Company. This peripheral will be sold with a sixty-four-position key pad with overlays for each cartridge, a precision, three-axis joystick, and headset microphone for the voice command function.

Milton Bradley Company and Texas Instruments announced the agreement as a non-exclusive arrangement whereby Milton Bradley Company will develop the peripheral device and software cartridges for the Texas Instruments' home computer.

The software cartridges will include video games for all ages, as well as fun and learning cartridges for children aged four to nine years, and will interact directly with the Texas Instruments' home computer.

The Milton Bradley Company is one of the largest manufacturers of games, toys, and educational materials in the world. The headquarters are in Springfield, Mass. The Texas Instruments' consumer group is located in Lubbock, Texas.