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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A fiber optic device for changing direction along a
fiber optic path is provided. A first optical fiber
having a first end portion, and a second optical fiber
having a second end portion are joined at a fusion
splice. A miniature bend is formed in the region of the
fusion splice. The device is particularly useful for
routing optical fibers in the field. A method of forming
10 such a miniature bend in a fusion splice region between
two optical fibers is also provided.

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