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- [54] **VENDING SYSTEM FOR REMOTELY ACCESSIBLE STORED INFORMATION**  
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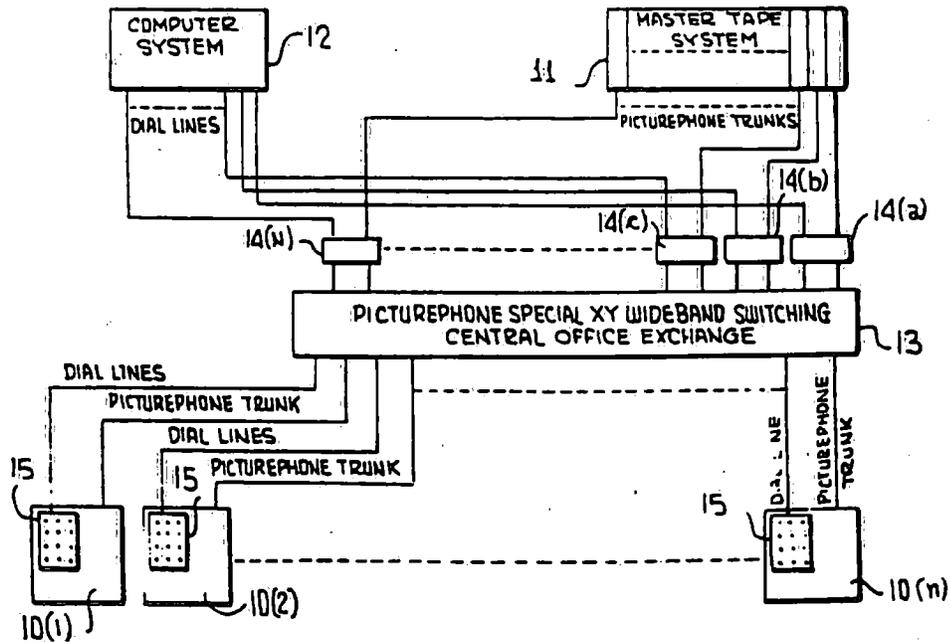
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A vending system includes a central station at which various information stored on master recordings can be selectively accessed by purchasers from any of multiple remote vending machines, the accessed information being reproduced on cartridge-type storage media at that vending machine. The cartridge, upon receiving all of the selected information, is ejected from the vending machine for the permanent use of the purchaser. In a preferred embodiment the master recording medium comprises a plurality of endless master tapes continuously driven by a common capstan. The master tapes may contain commercially recorded music which is selectively transferred to a magnetic tape cassette at a vending machine. The master tapes may contain complete albums of recordings which are automatically produced on the cassette, or alternatively may contain a variety of solo recordings which can be individually selected to create a new album of the purchaser's choice.

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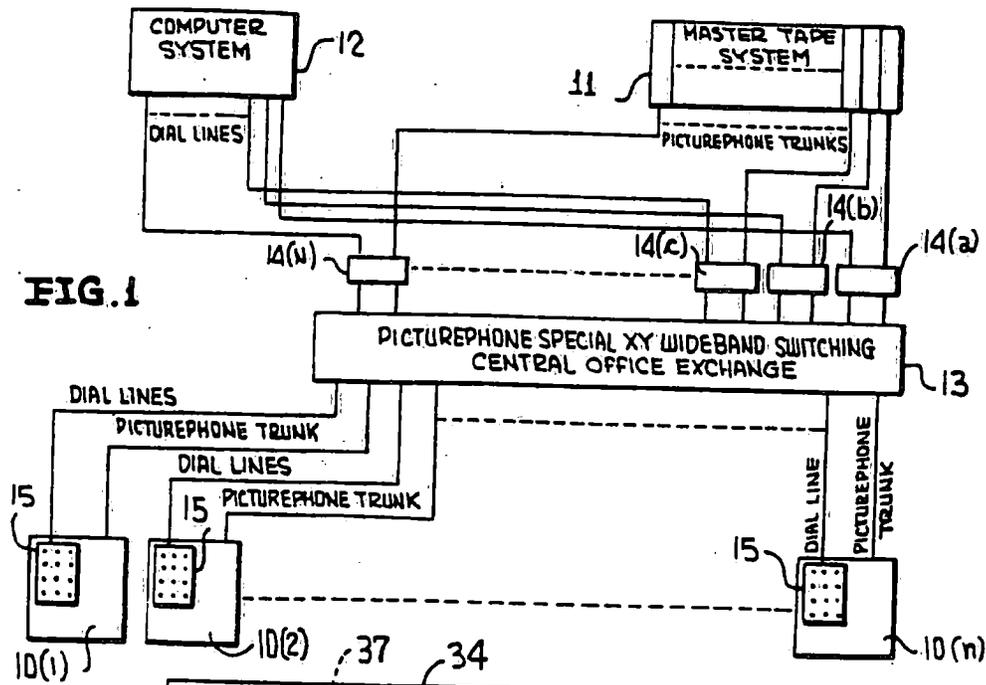
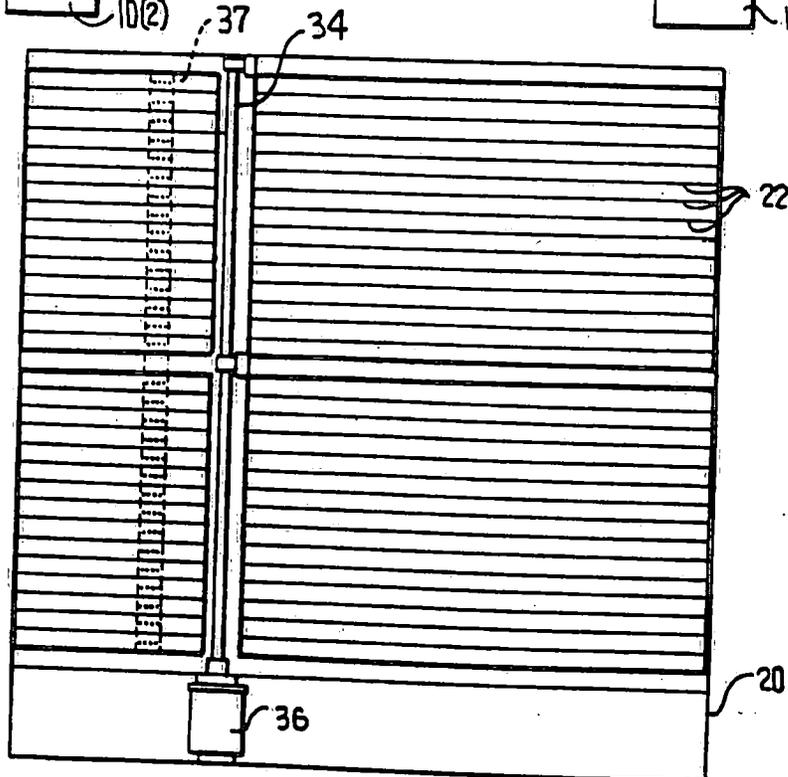


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FIG. 2



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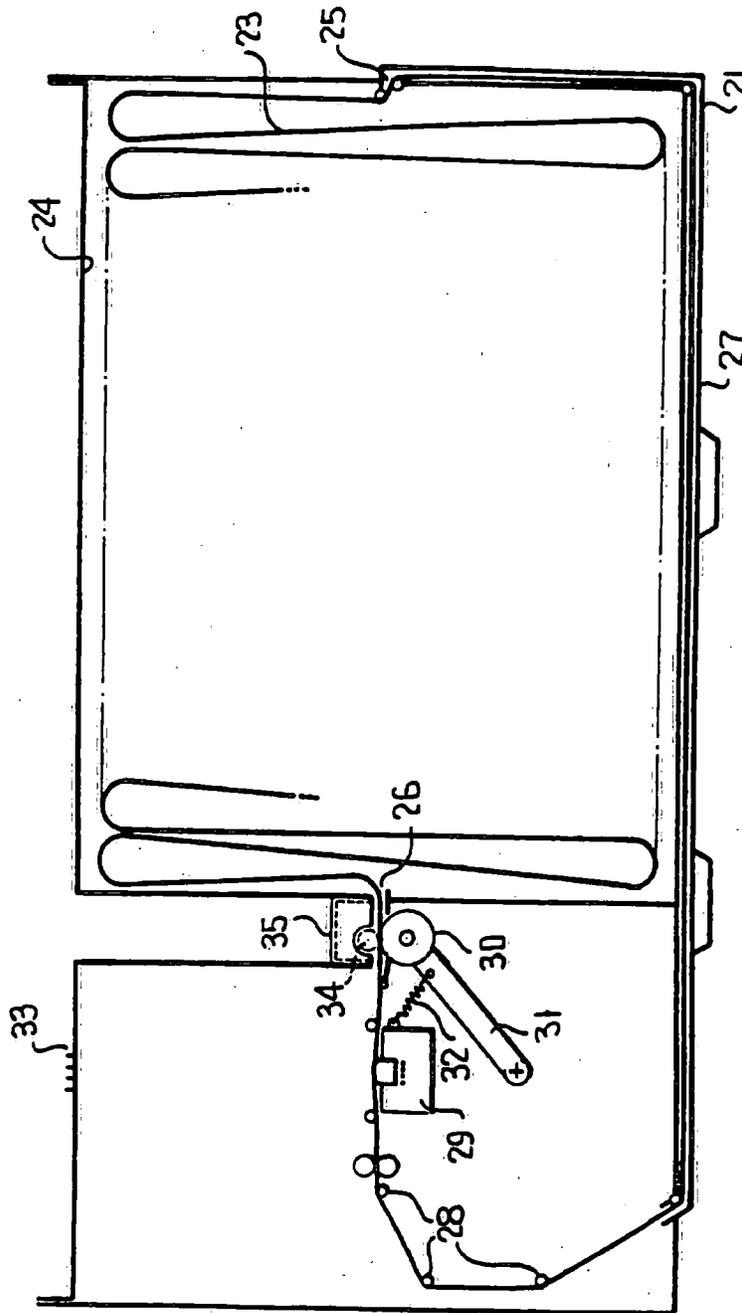


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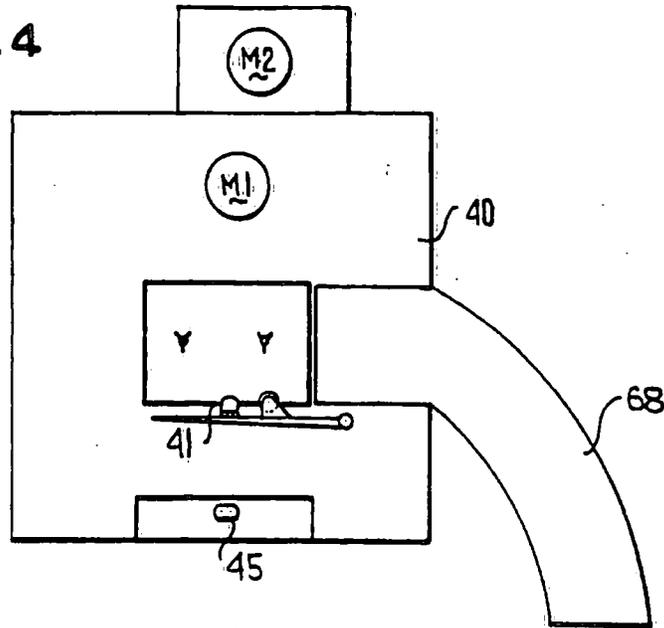
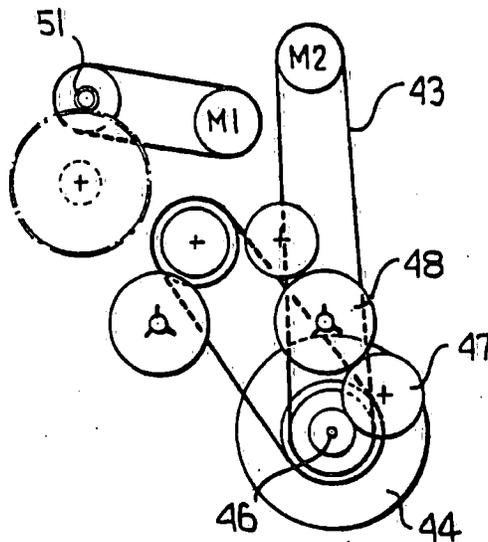


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FIG. 5

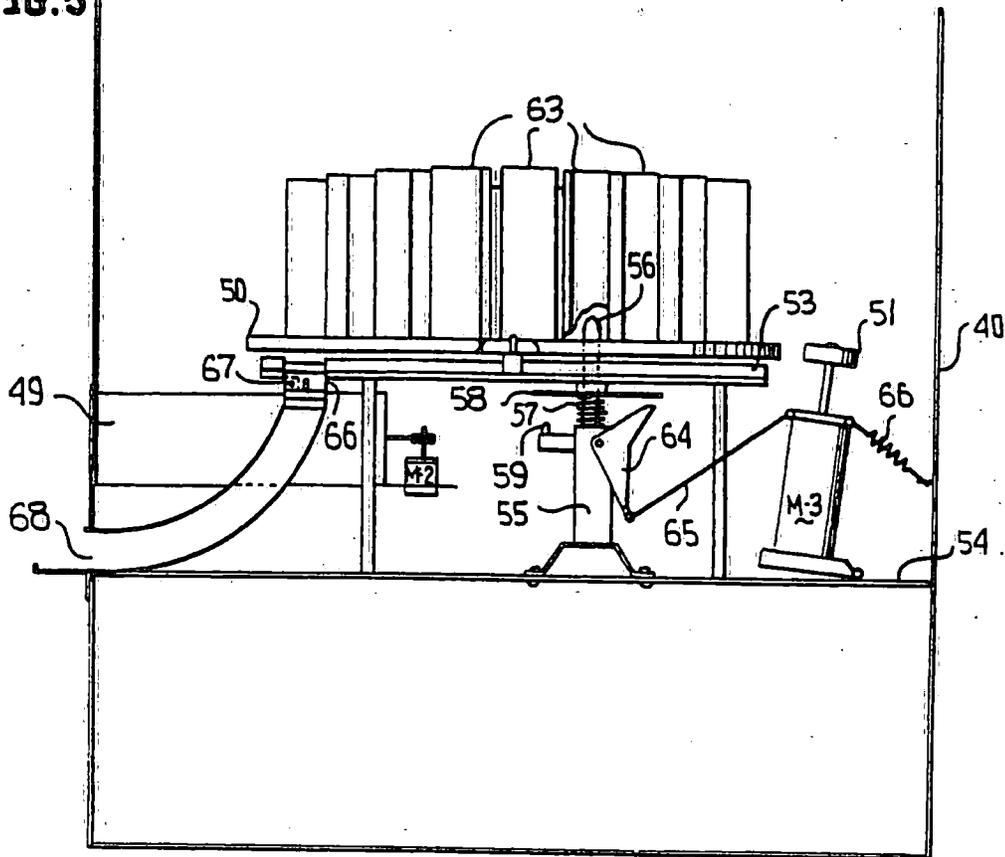


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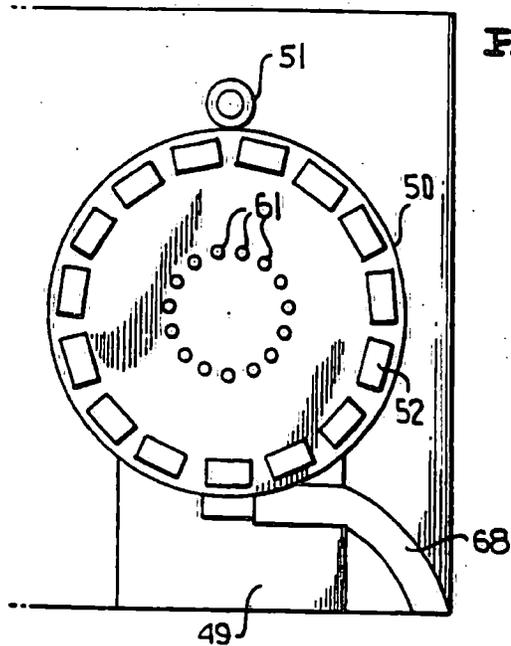
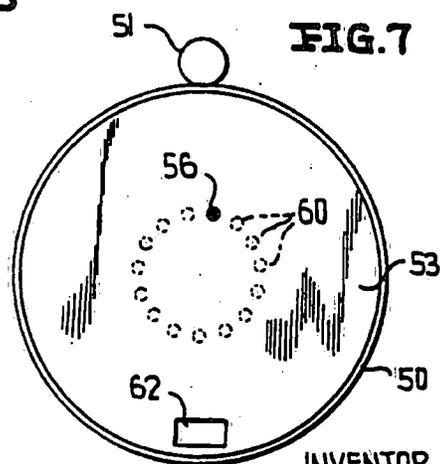


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