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[54] **REMOTE DATA SHADOWING USING A MULTIMODE INTERFACE TO DYNAMICALLY RECONFIGURE CONTROL LINK-LEVEL AND COMMUNICATION LINK-LEVEL**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A remote copy system incorporates dynamically modifiable ports on the storage controllers such that those ports can operate either as a control unit link-level facility or as a channel link-level facility. When configured as a channel link-level facility, a primary storage controller can appear as a host processor to a secondary storage controller. Using dynamic switches coupled between primary and secondary sites, fewer ESCON communication links are required since the ESCON communication links can function either as a channel or as storage controller communication link.

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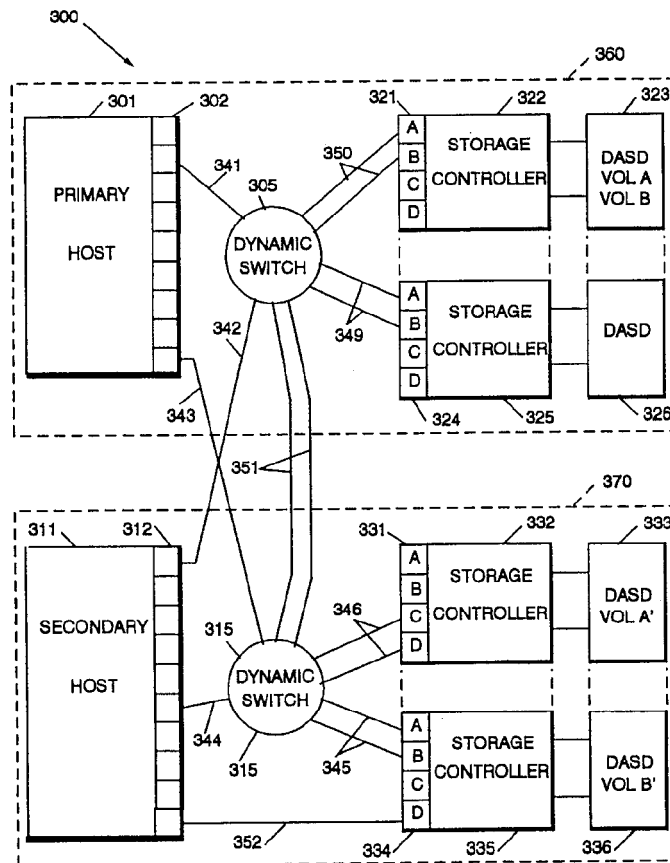


FIG. 1

PRIOR ART

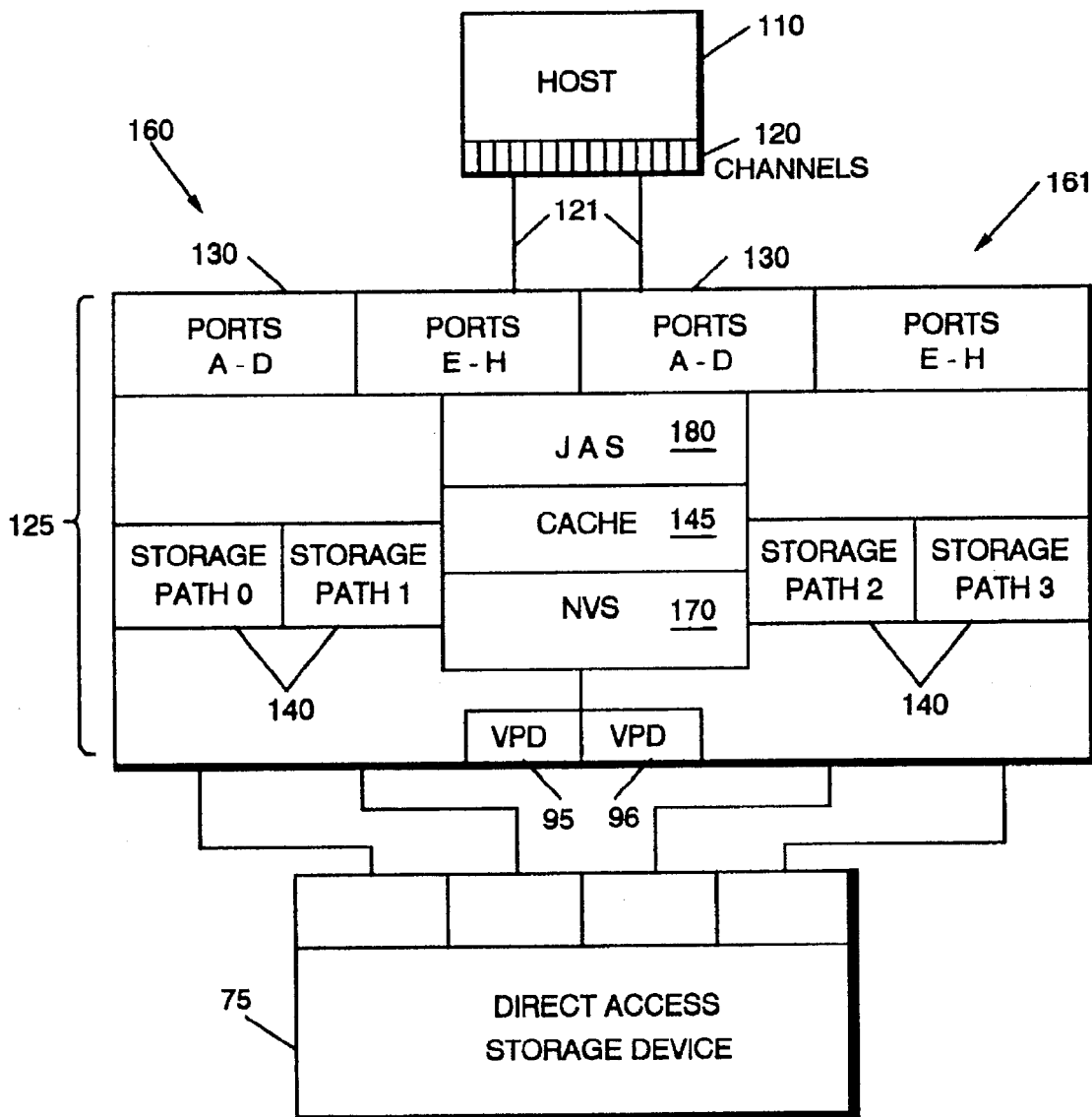


FIG. 2

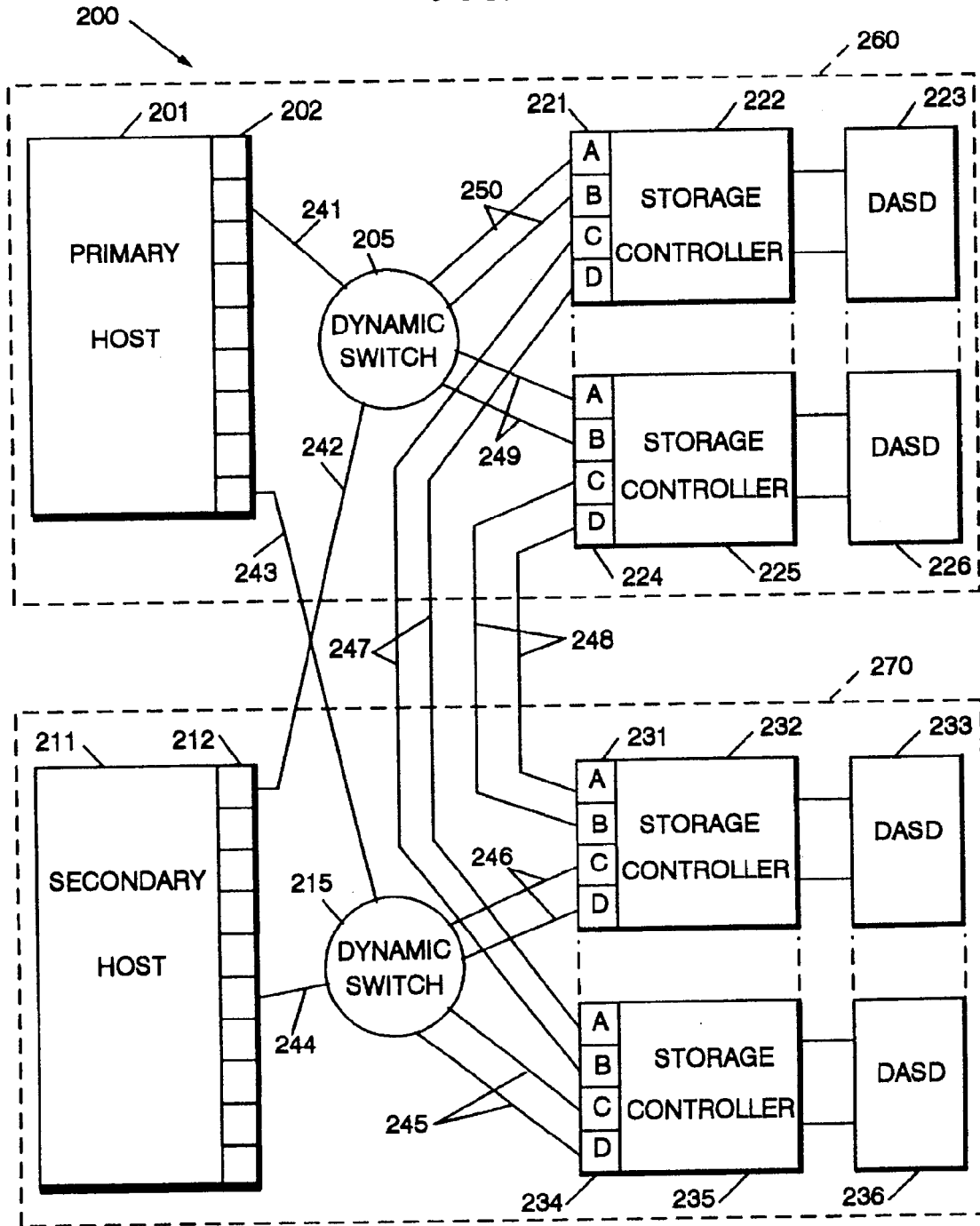


FIG. 3

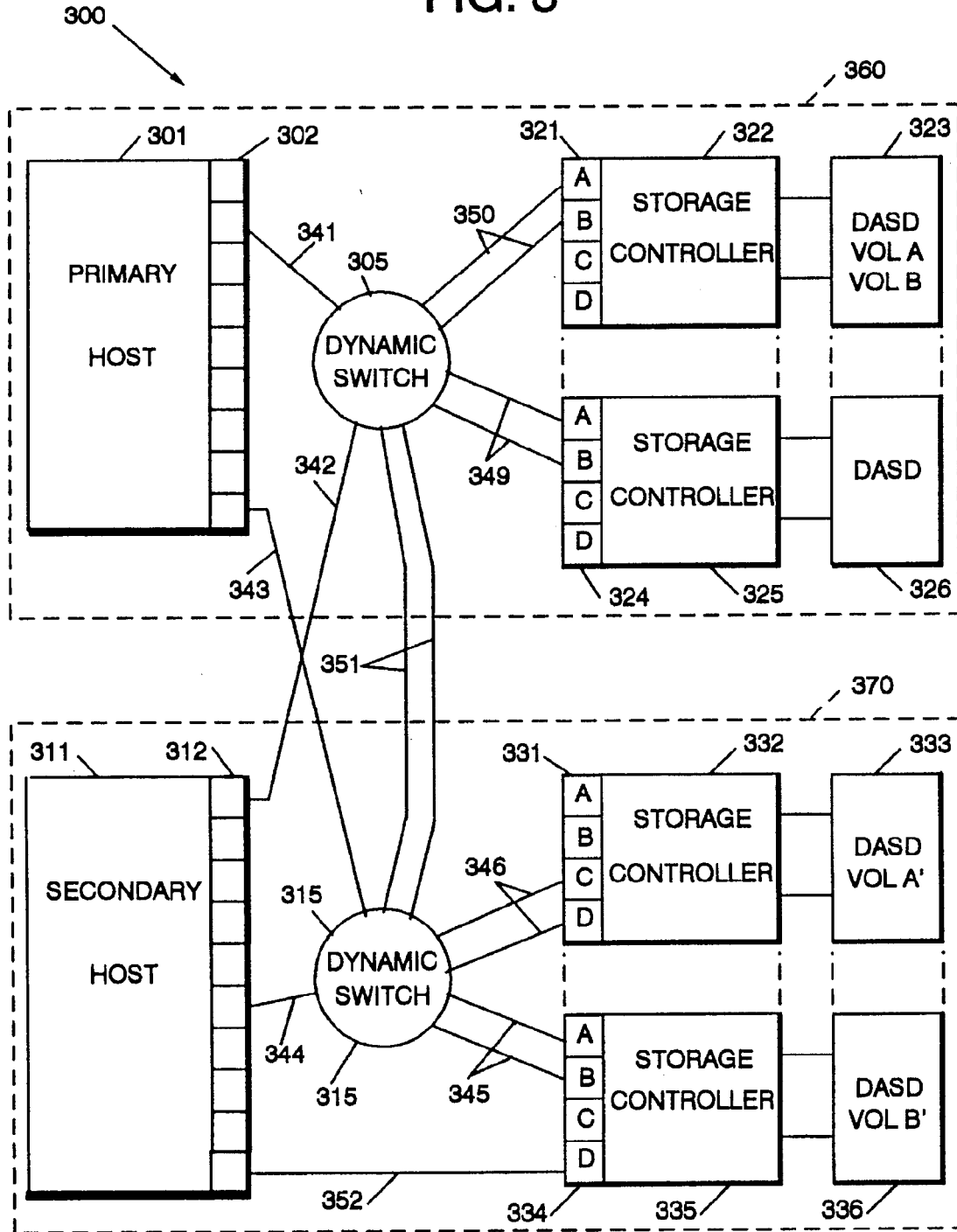
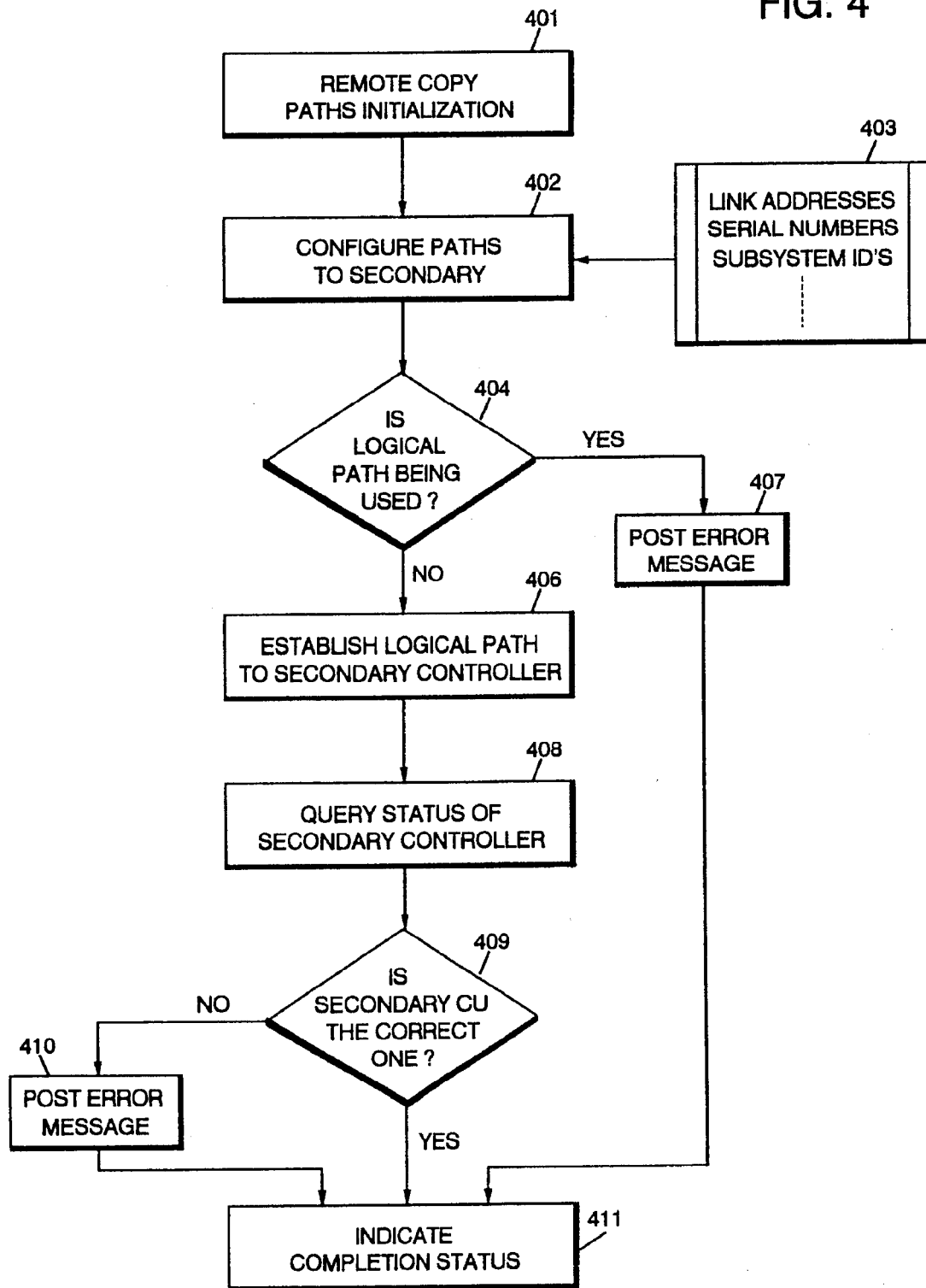


FIG. 4



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