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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is to provide a remote control system capable of remotely controlling two or more pieces of electronic equipment using one remote controller. At first, a piece of electronic equipment (hereinbelow, called the first electronic equipment), which receives a remote control signal transmitted from the remote controller, judges external equipment (hereinbelow, called the second electronic equipment) corresponding to the remote control signal. Then the first electronic equipment transmits control data corresponding to the received remote control signal to the second electronic equipment. The second electronic equipment controls its operation on the basis of the control data transmitted from the first electronic equipment.

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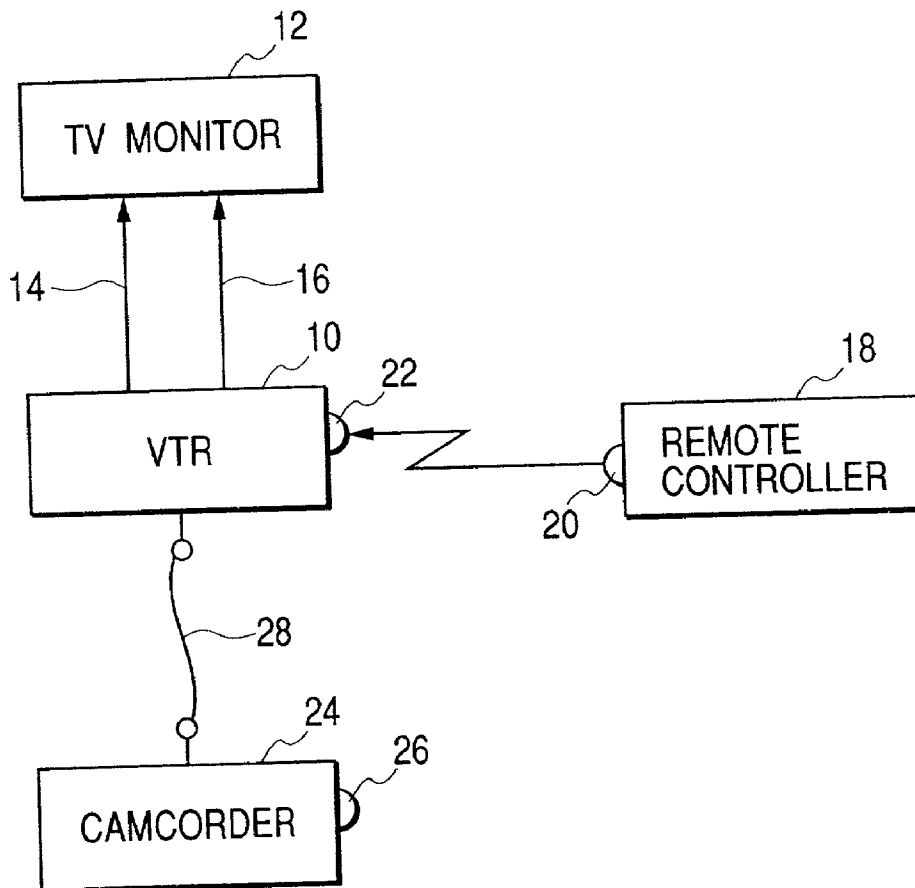


FIG. 1

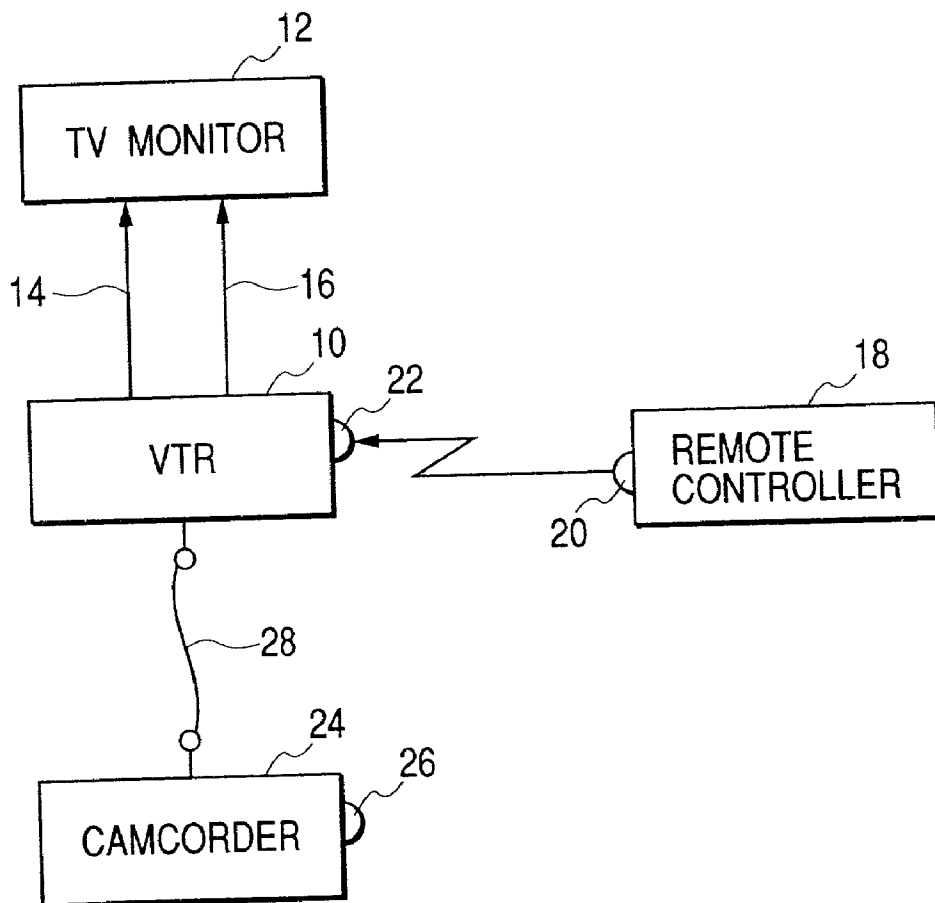


FIG. 2

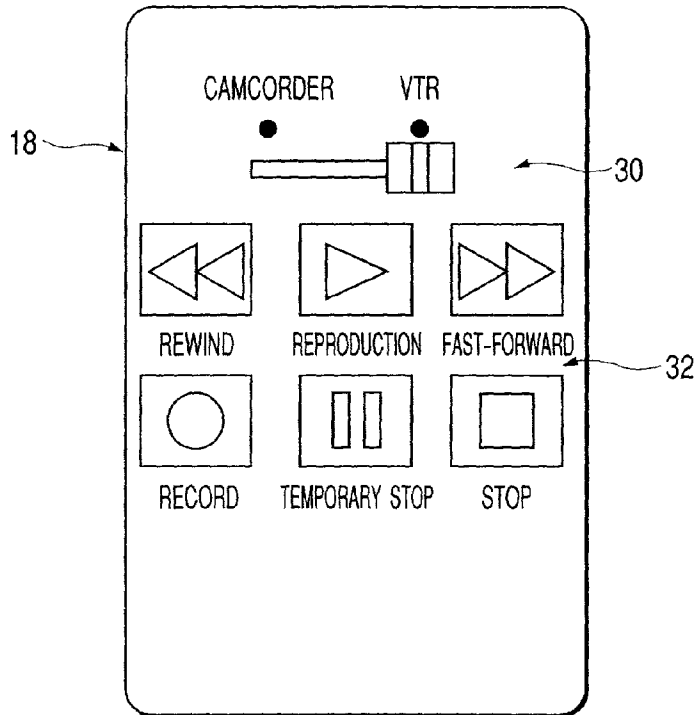


FIG. 3A

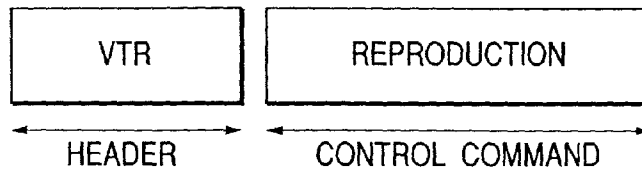


FIG. 3B

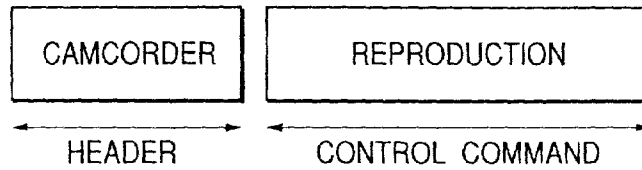


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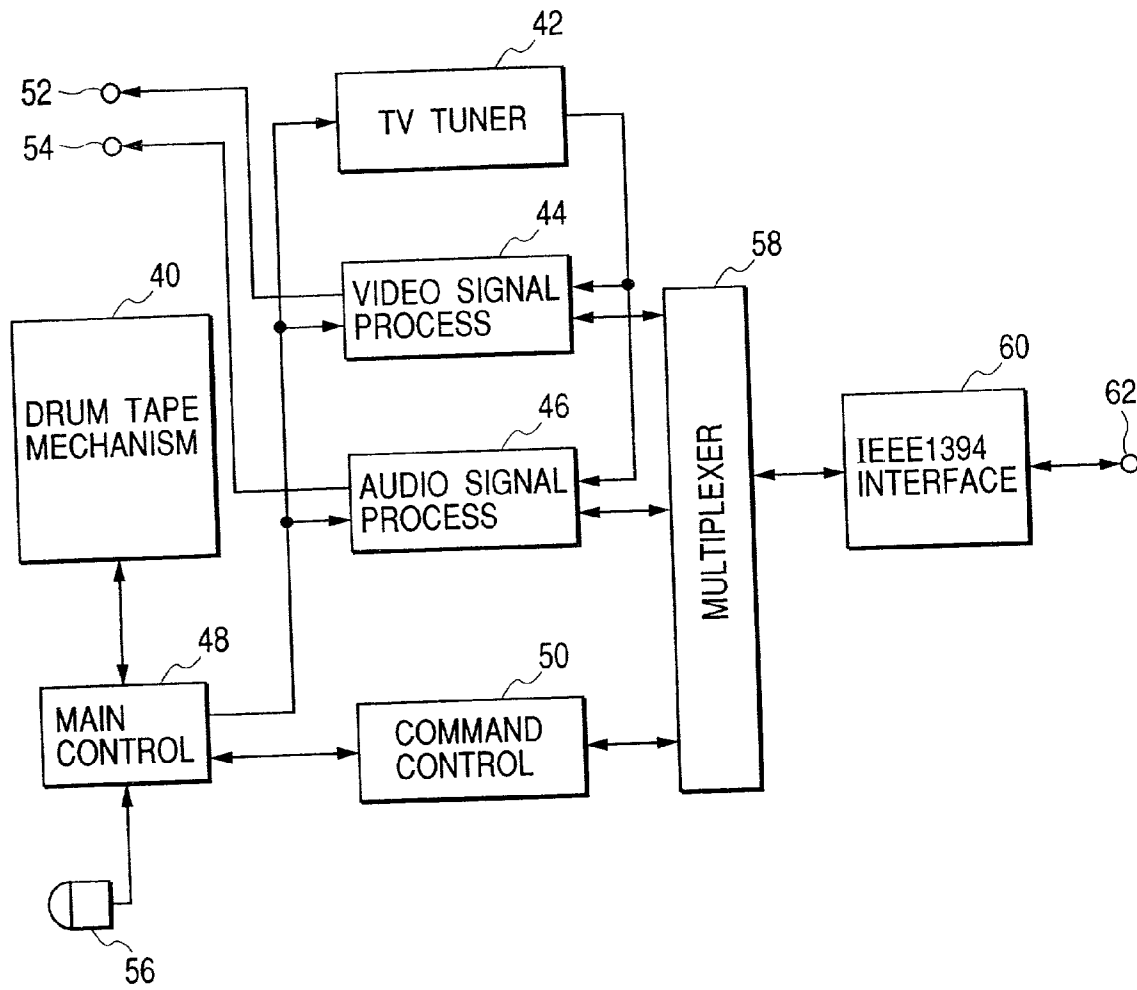
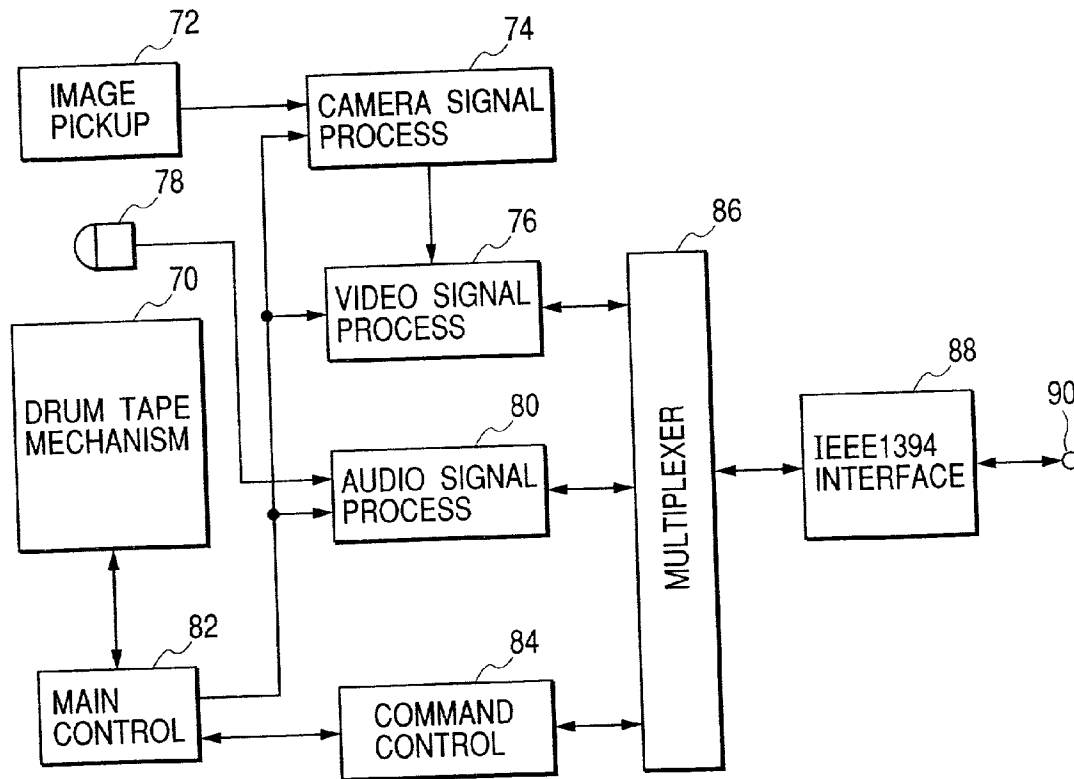


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