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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Melvin A. Robinson (Reg. No. 31,870) on 10/12/1999.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 3 and 17 are canceled.

Amend claims 1 and 16 as follows:

1. {Amended} A communication system for recording and administering digital images, comprising:

at least one telephone unit including:

- a telephone portion for making telephone call,
- a digital pick up unit for recording images,
- a memory for storing digital images recorded by the digital image pick up unit, means for allocating classification information prescribed by a user of said at least

one telephone unit to characterize digital images obtained by said digital pick up unit.





a processor for processing the digital images recorded by the digital image pick up unit[,];

a server including the following components:

a receiving unit for receiving data sent from said at least one telephone unit,

an analysis unit for analyzing the data received by the receiving unit from the telephone unit,

the data including classification information to characterize the digital images,
a memory in which at least the digital images are archived, the archiving taken into
consideration the classifying information; and

a transmission system coupled to said at least one telephone unit and to the said server to provide for transmission of data from said at least one telephone unit and to the said server, the data including at least the digital images recorded by the digital image pick up unit and classification information.

Amended A method for recording and administering digital images, comprising the steps of:
recording images using a digital pick up unit in a telephone unit,
storing the images recorded by the digital pick up unit in a digital form as digital images,
transmitting data including at least the digital images and classification information to a
server, wherein said classification information is prescribable by a user of the telephone unit for
allocation to the digital images.





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