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[54] **BATTERY EFFICIENT OPERATION OF SCHEDULED ACCESS PROTOCOL**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for conserving battery power in a wireless link adapter of a battery operated computer such as a portable laptop computer, as controlled by a scheduled multiaccess protocol. The portable computer is operable as a mobile unit in a multi-cell wireless network. The scheduled access multiaccess protocol is implemented to effectively conserve battery power by suitable control of the state of the controller, the transmitter and receiver units at the wireless link adapter by scheduling when the adapter is in a normal running mode, or a standby mode in which power is conserved.

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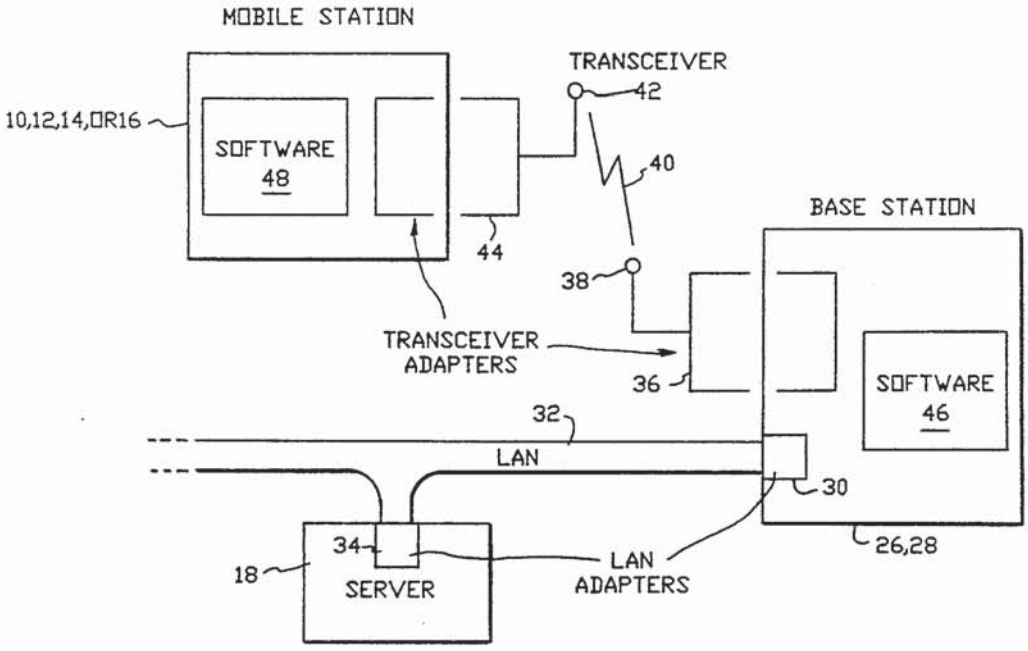

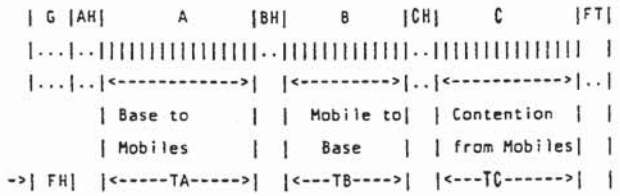

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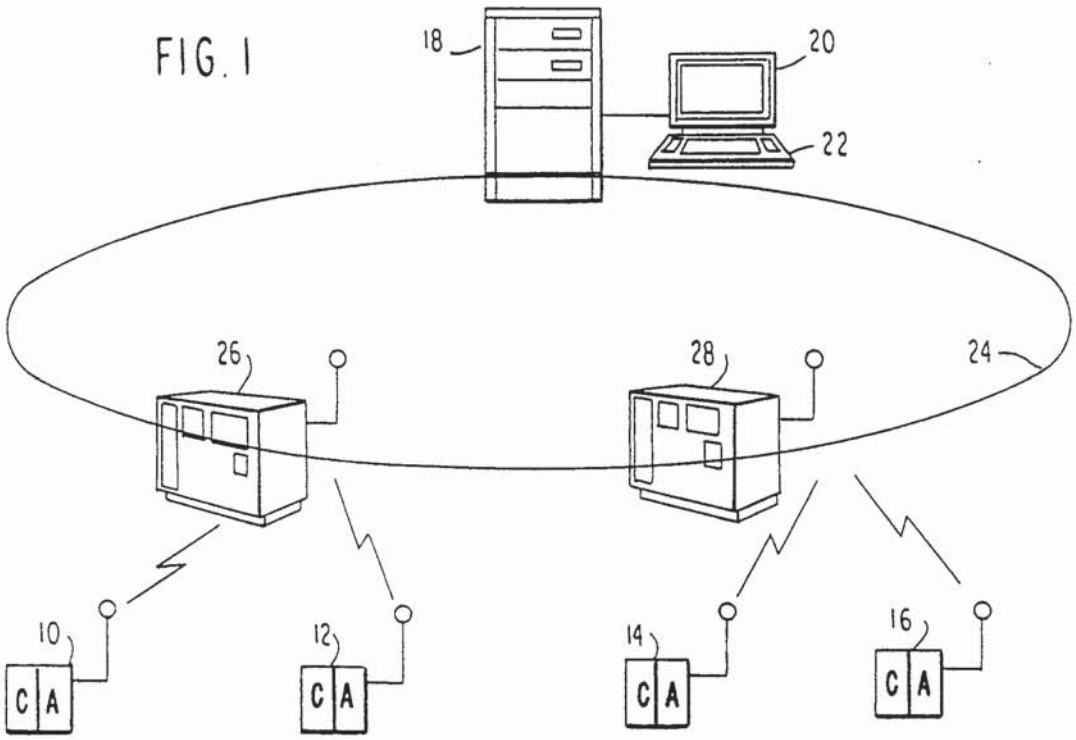

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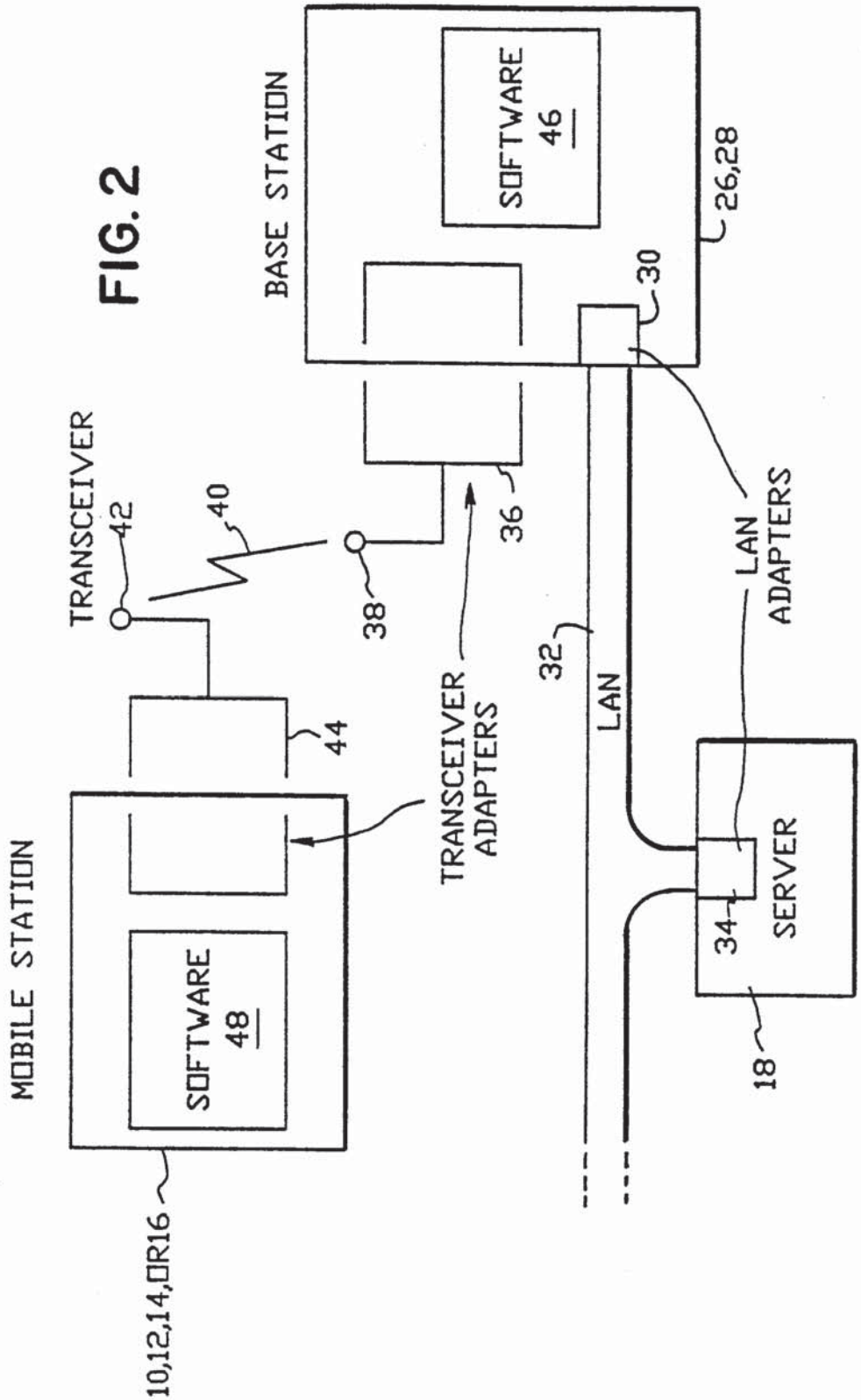

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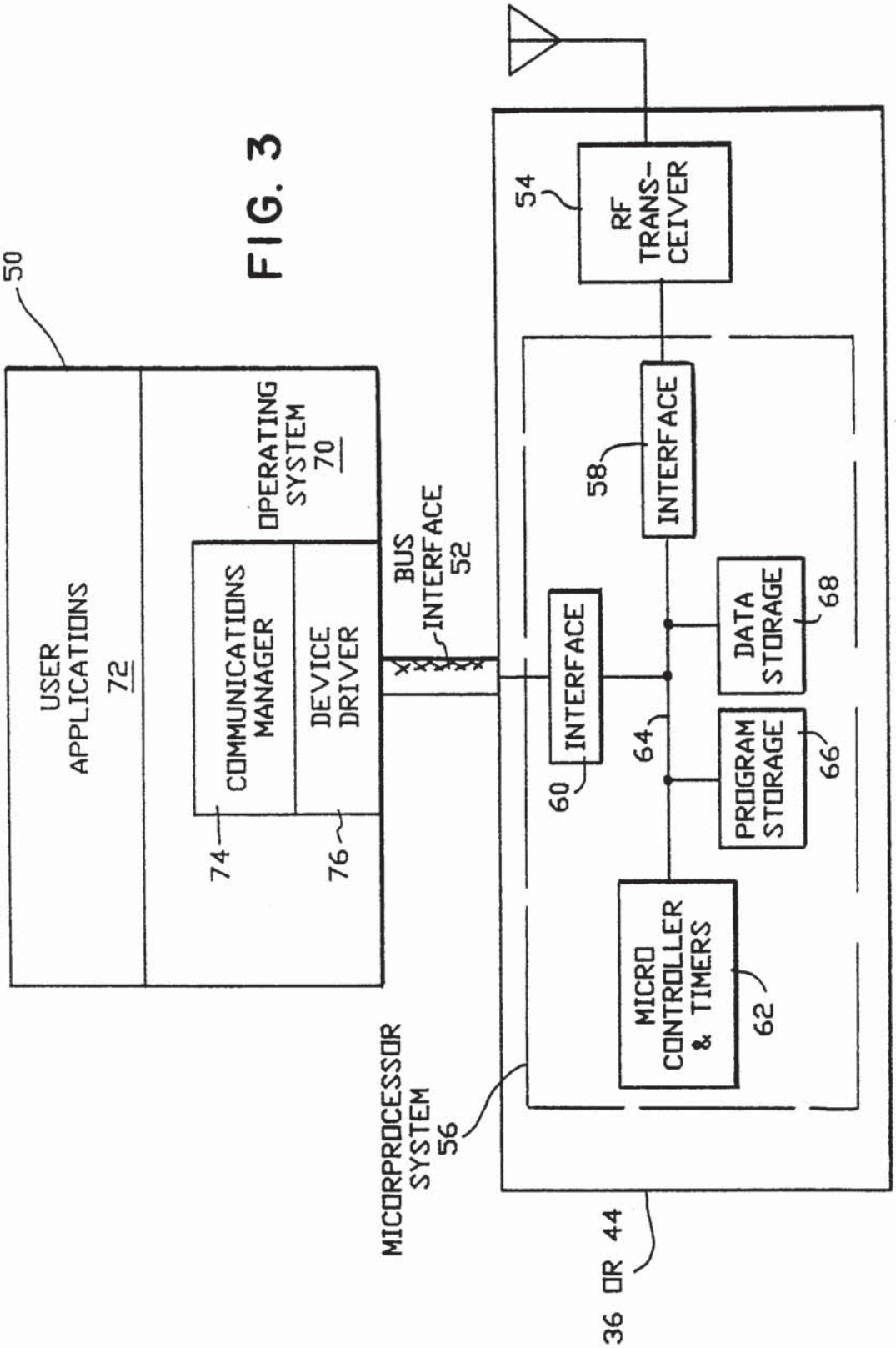

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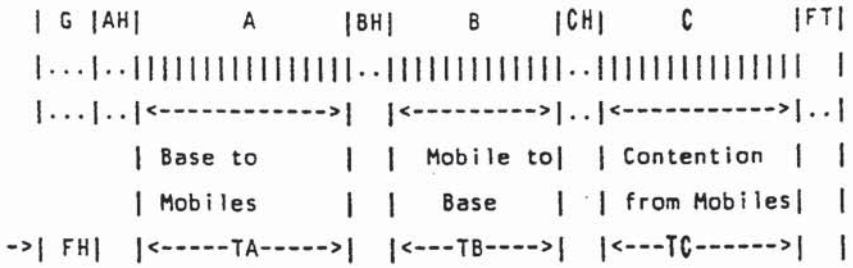

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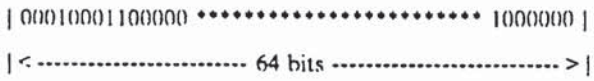

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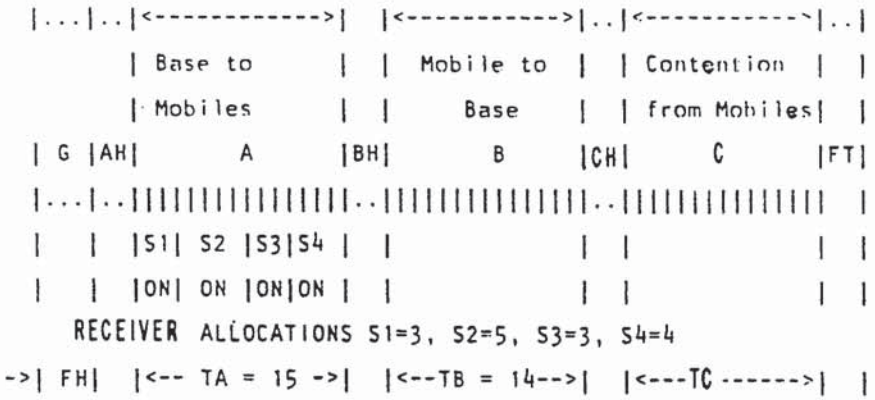

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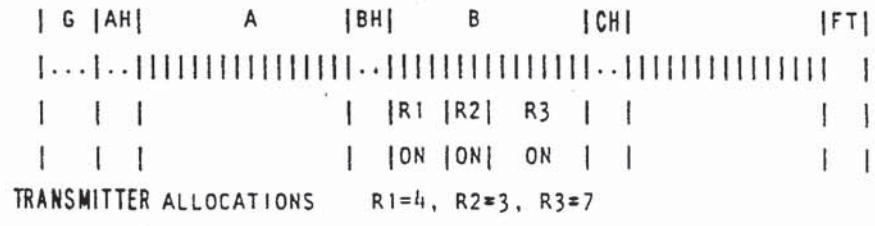

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