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[54] APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RECORDING, COMMUNICATING AND ADMINISTERING DIGITAL IMAGES

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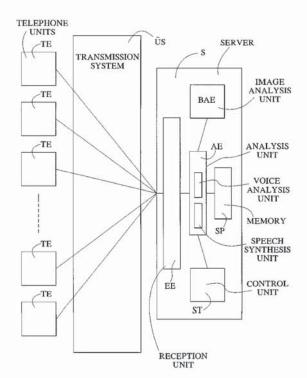
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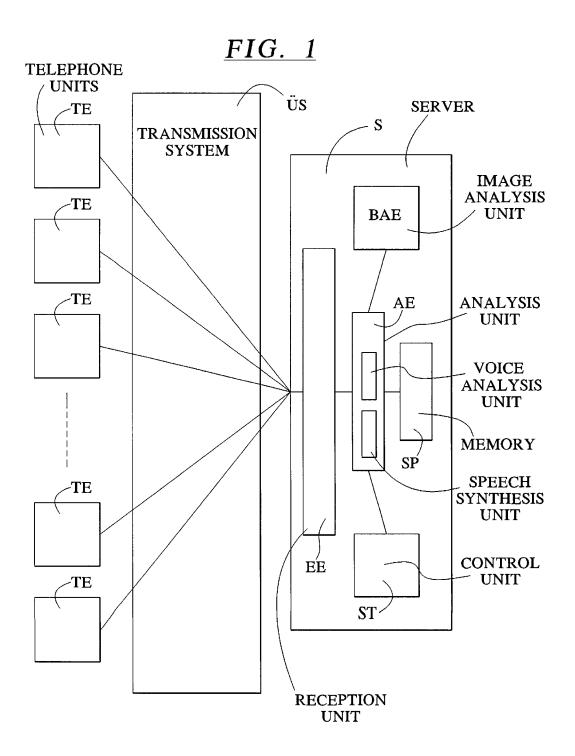
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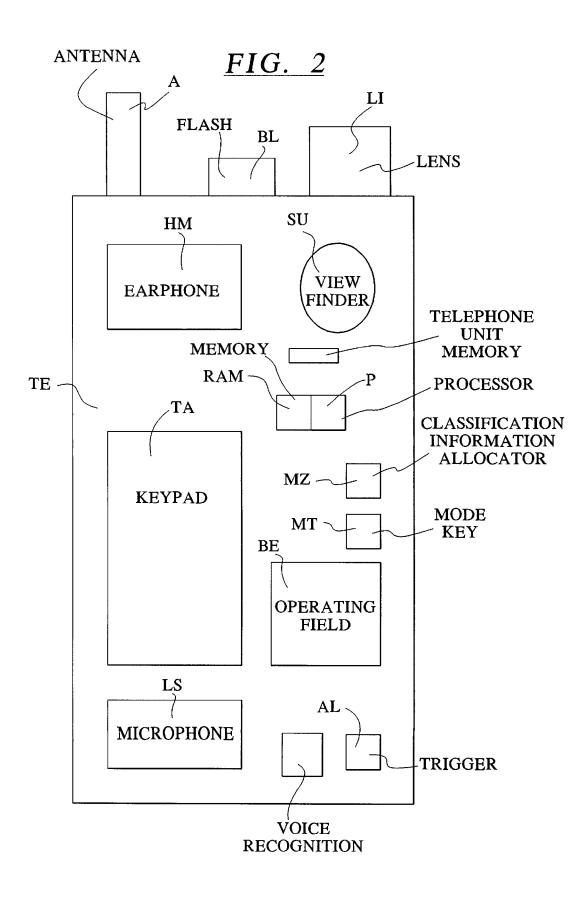
A communication system includes at least one telephone unit, a transmission system for communicating from the telephone unit, and a server for receiving information via the transmission system. The telephone unit includes a digital image pick up by which images are recorded, transmitted to the server, and stored in the server depending upon classification information which characterizes the digital images and which is associated with the digital image data. The classification information is determined by an analysis unit in the server.

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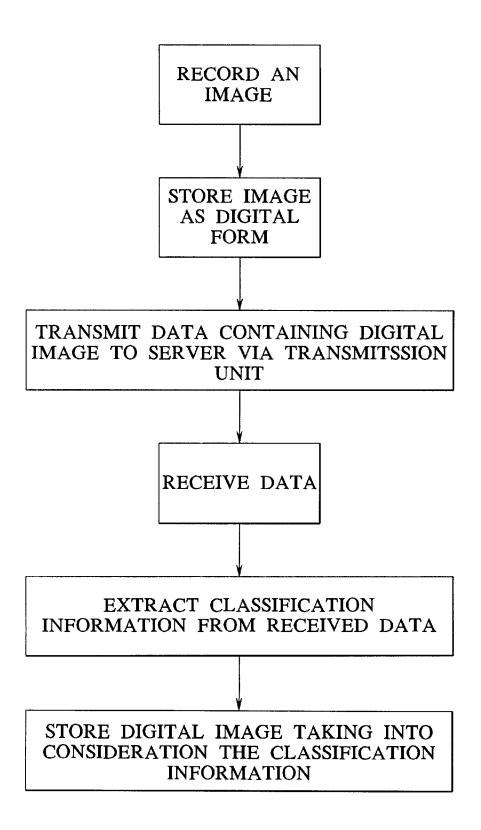


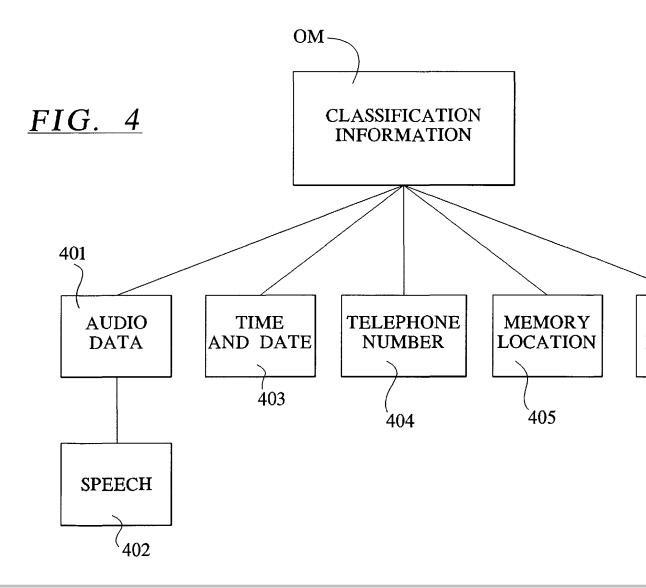
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<u>FIG.</u> 3





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