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[54] **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CREATING MESSAGES INCLUDING IMAGE INFORMATION**

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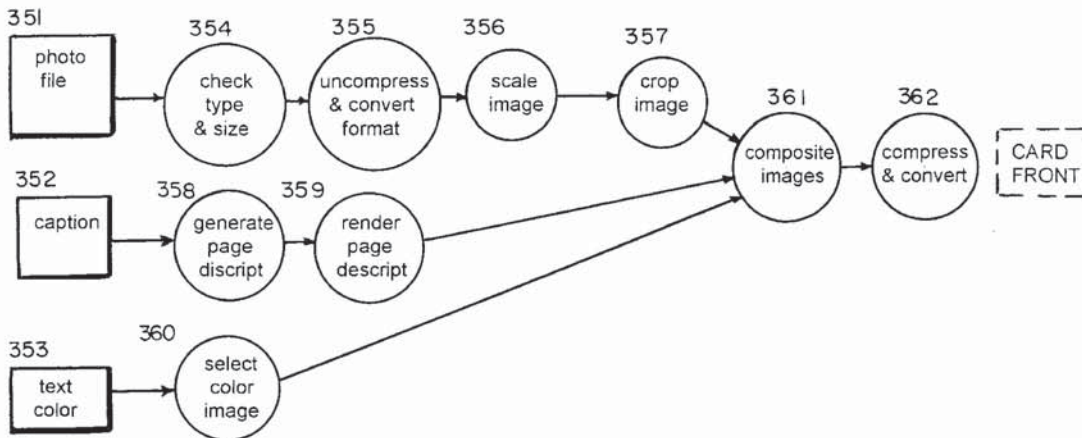
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### [57] **ABSTRACT**

A system for creation of an image display such as an electronic postcard. The system interacts with a user to create and configure the display. The user provides the image data to the system and optionally specifies a message and addressee for the image display. The system creates the display, comprising a mixture of image and textual data, and sends a notification including identification of the display to a specified addressee, for instance, the recipient of the postcard. The addressee can then request receipt of the display from the system via the identification information sent by the system.

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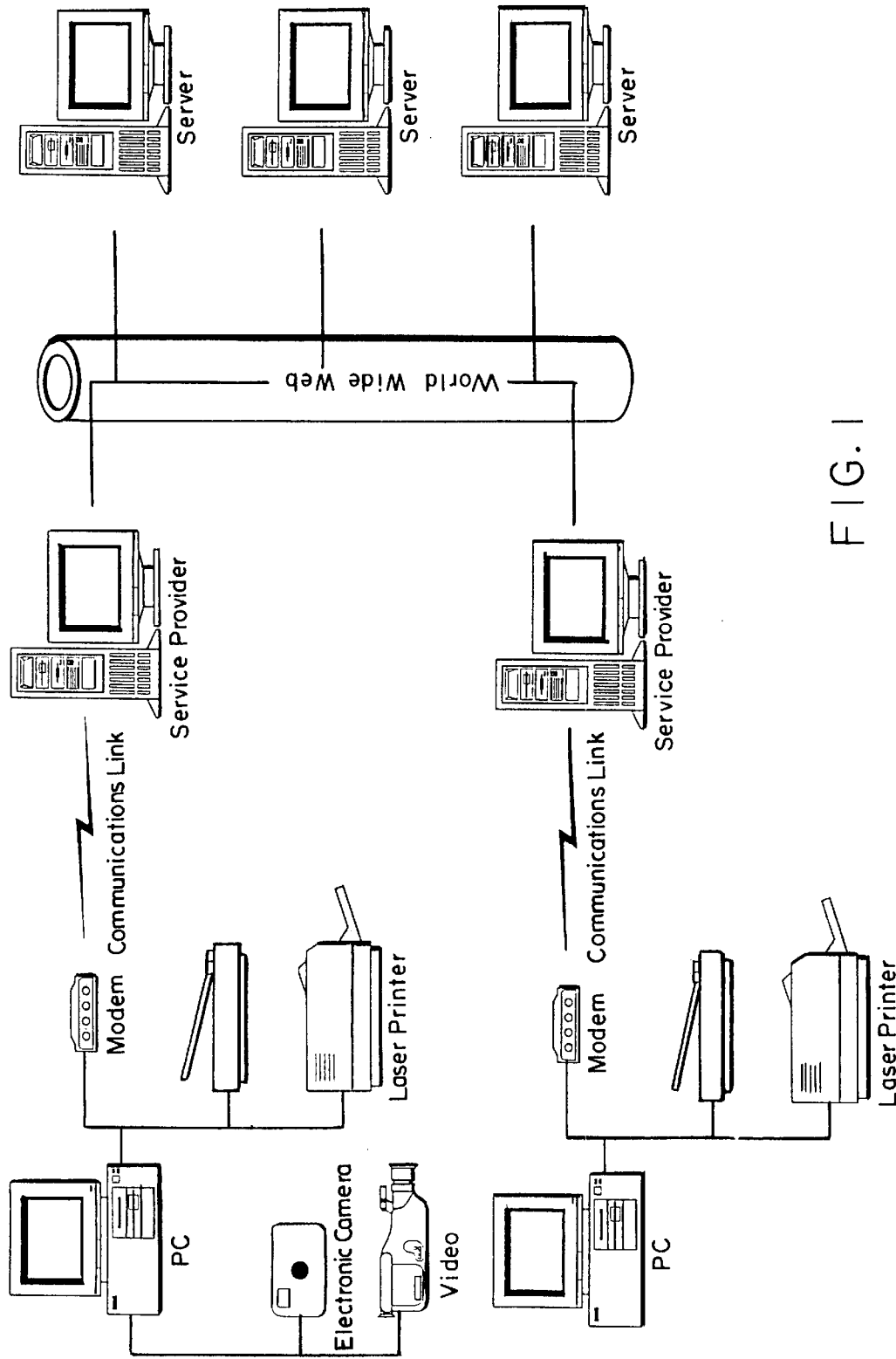


FIG. 1

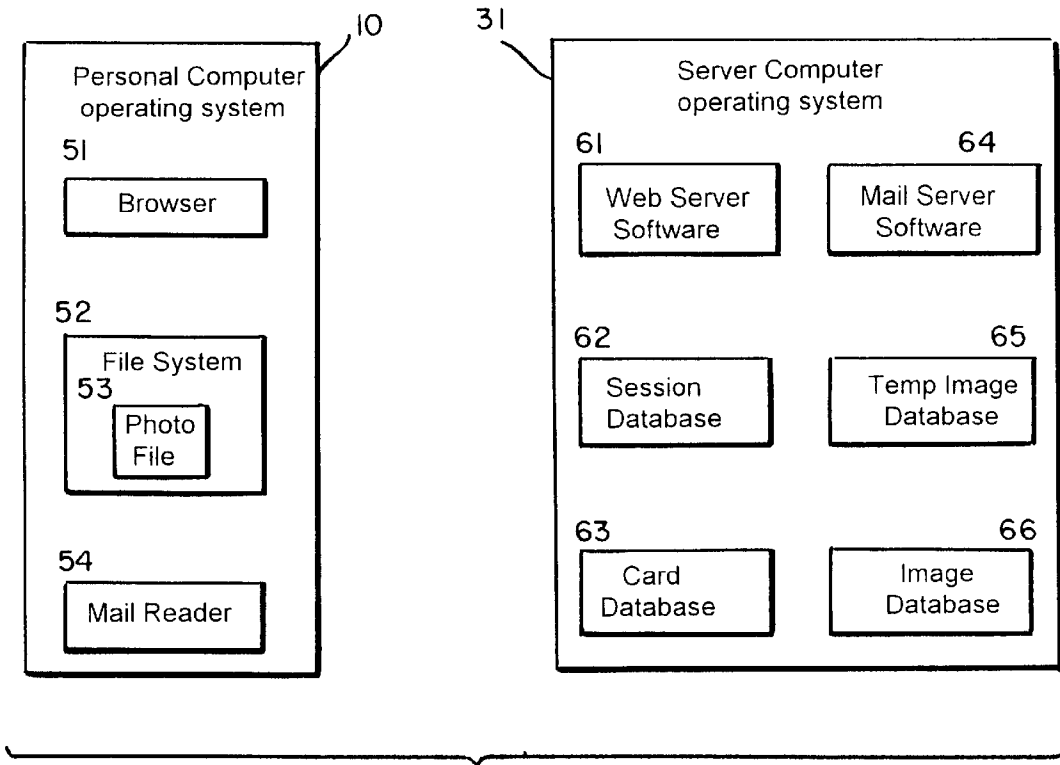


FIG. 2

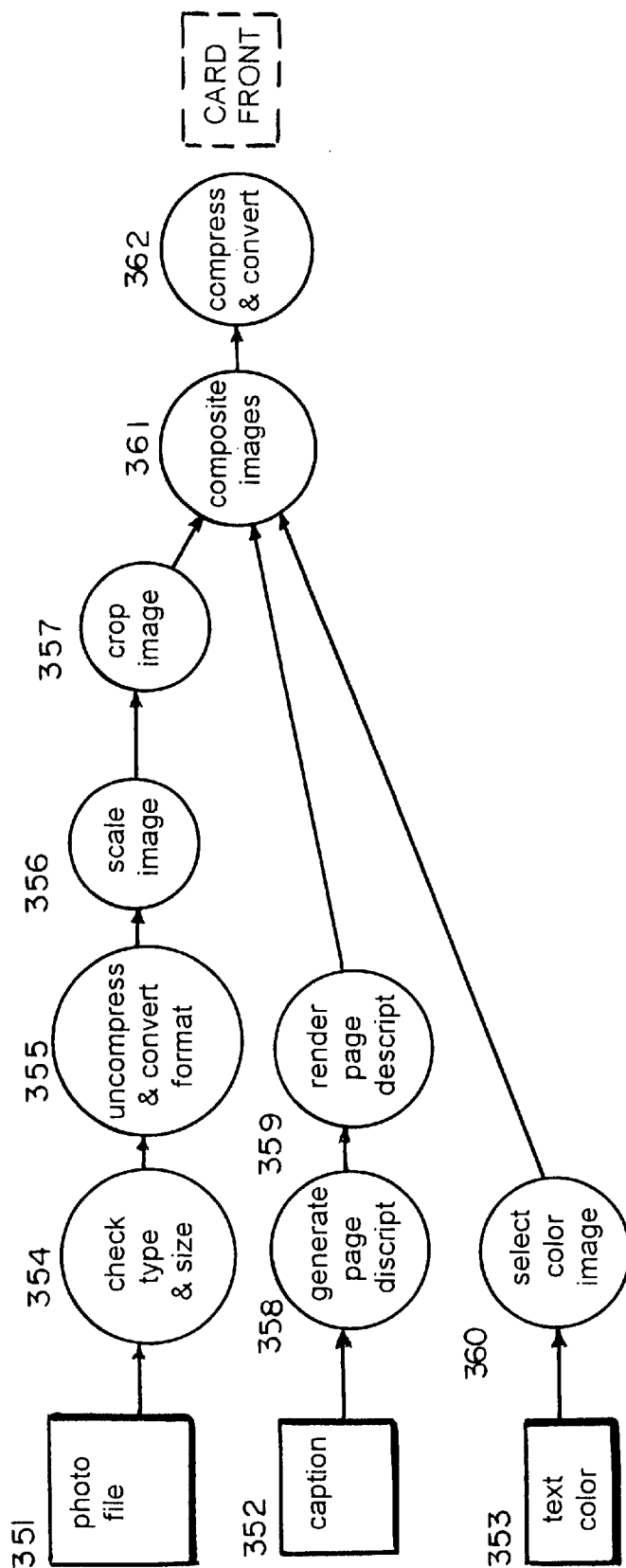


FIG. 3A

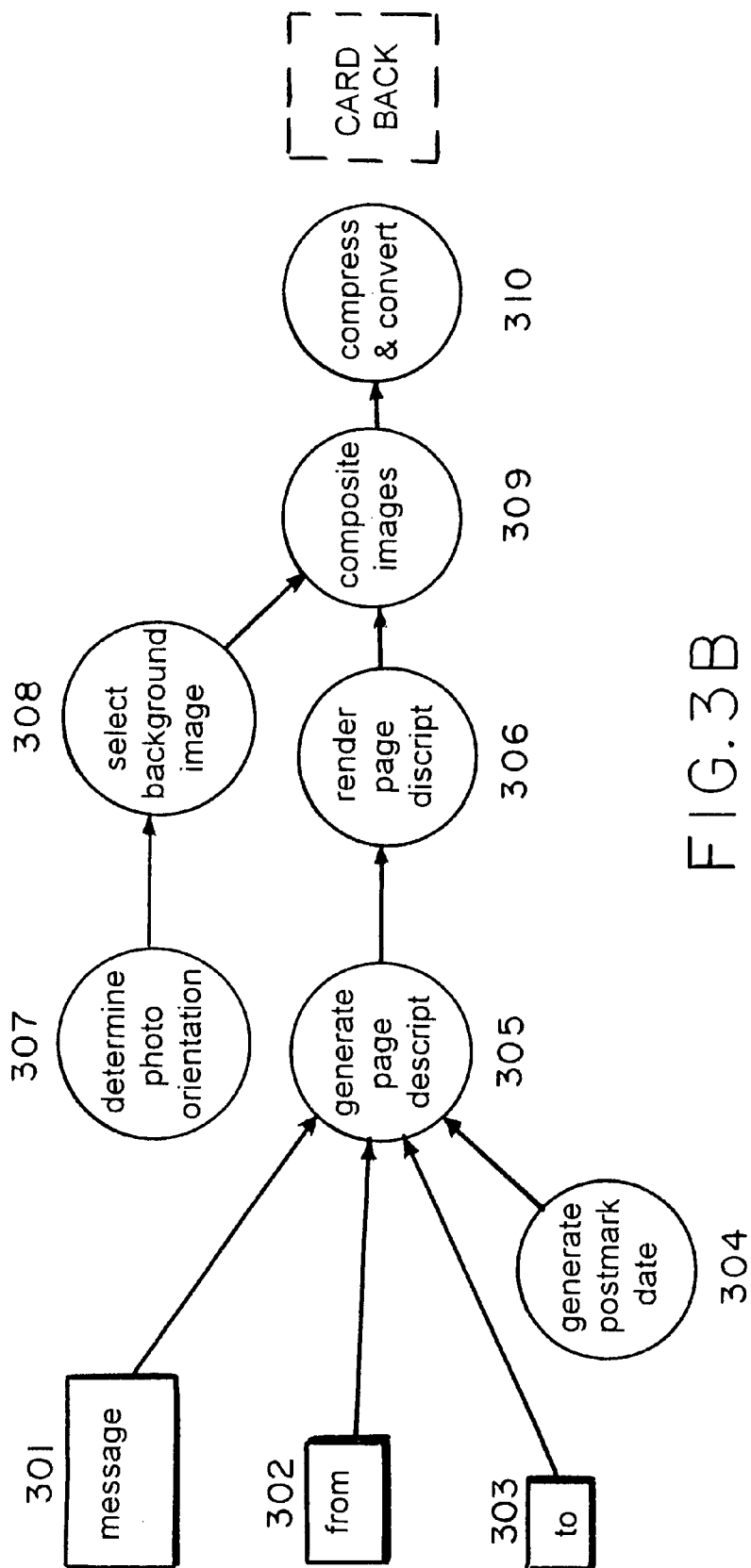


FIG. 3B

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