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(54) **SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING IMAGE DATA FROM A CAMERA TO A PRINTING SYSTEM**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A digital still camera is provided with a data communication section which transfers image data of a picture frame photographed by the digital still camera to a printing equipment through a radio telephony channel each time the picture frame is photographed. The data communication section sends ID data consisting of a user ID number and a frame ID number and print order data as along with the image data. In the printing equipment, the received image data and ID data is stored as database in a memory. Based on the image data read from the database, a printer makes hard copies in conditions designated by the print order data. The hard copies are delivered to a place appointed by the print order data.
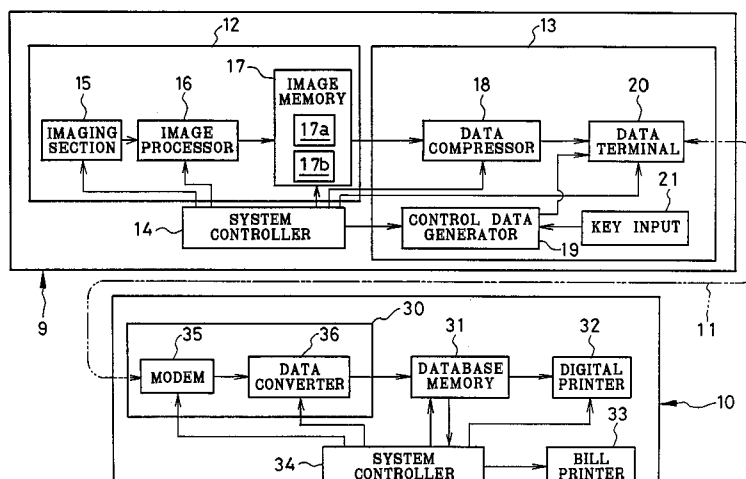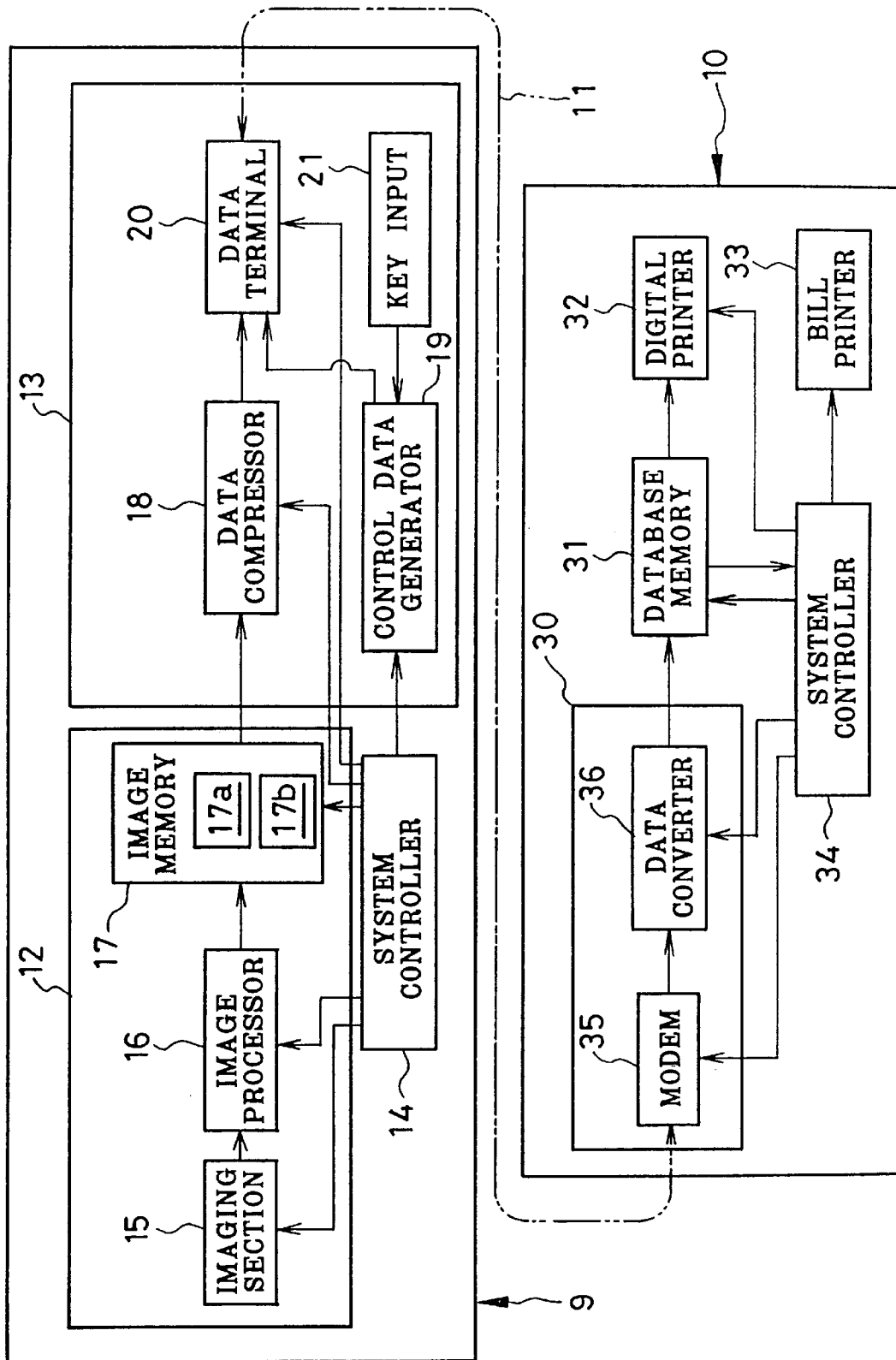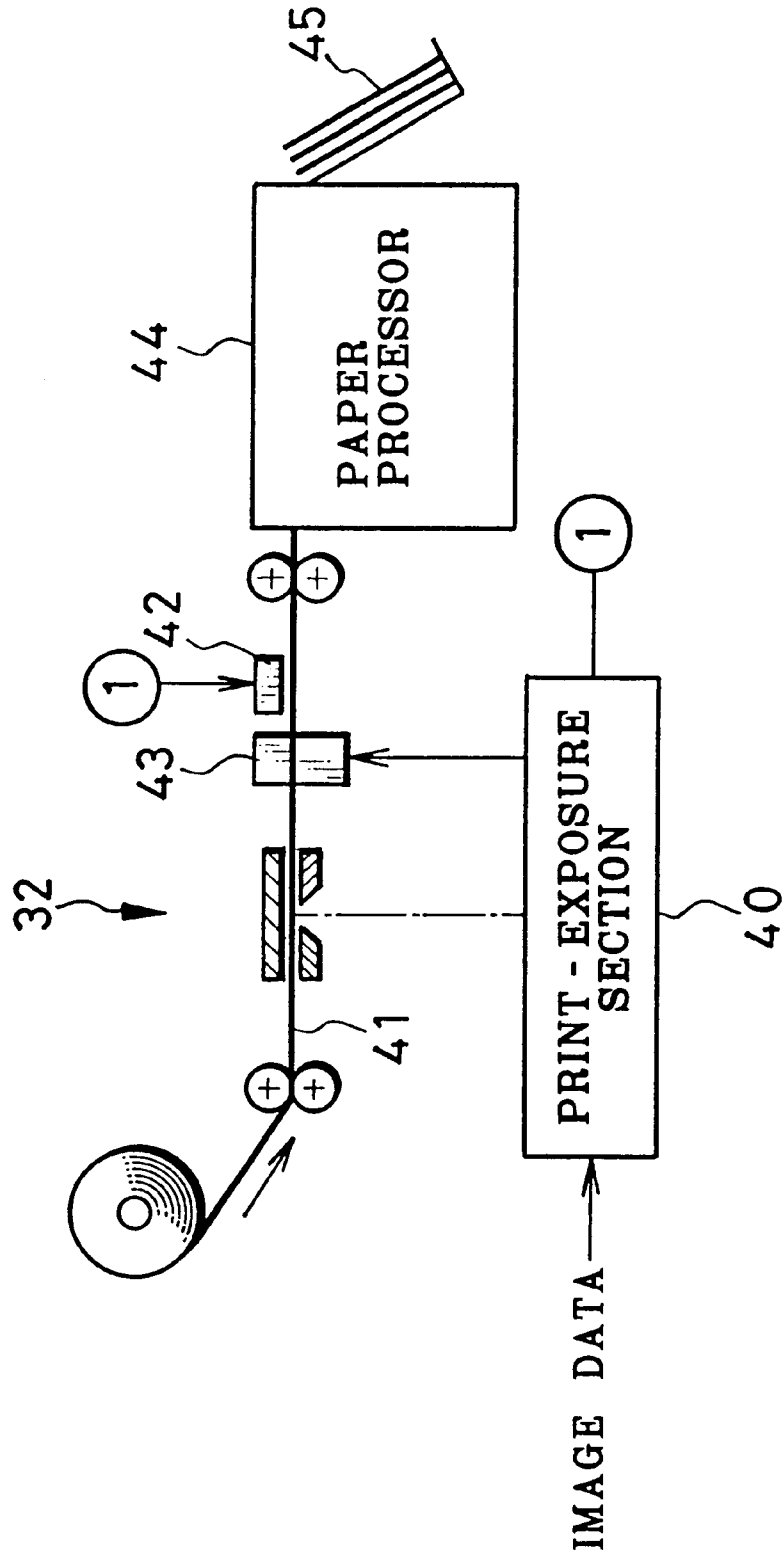
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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

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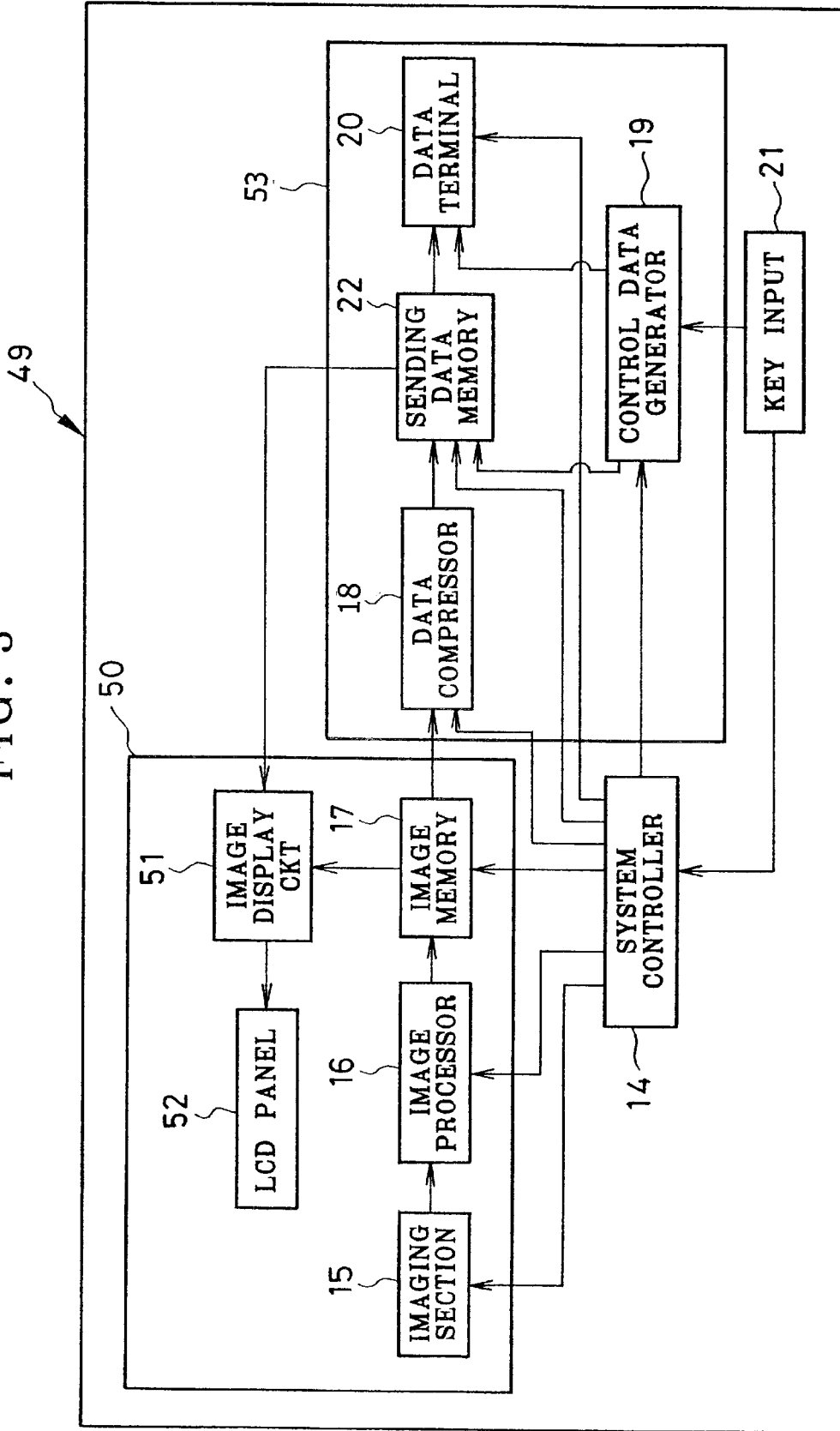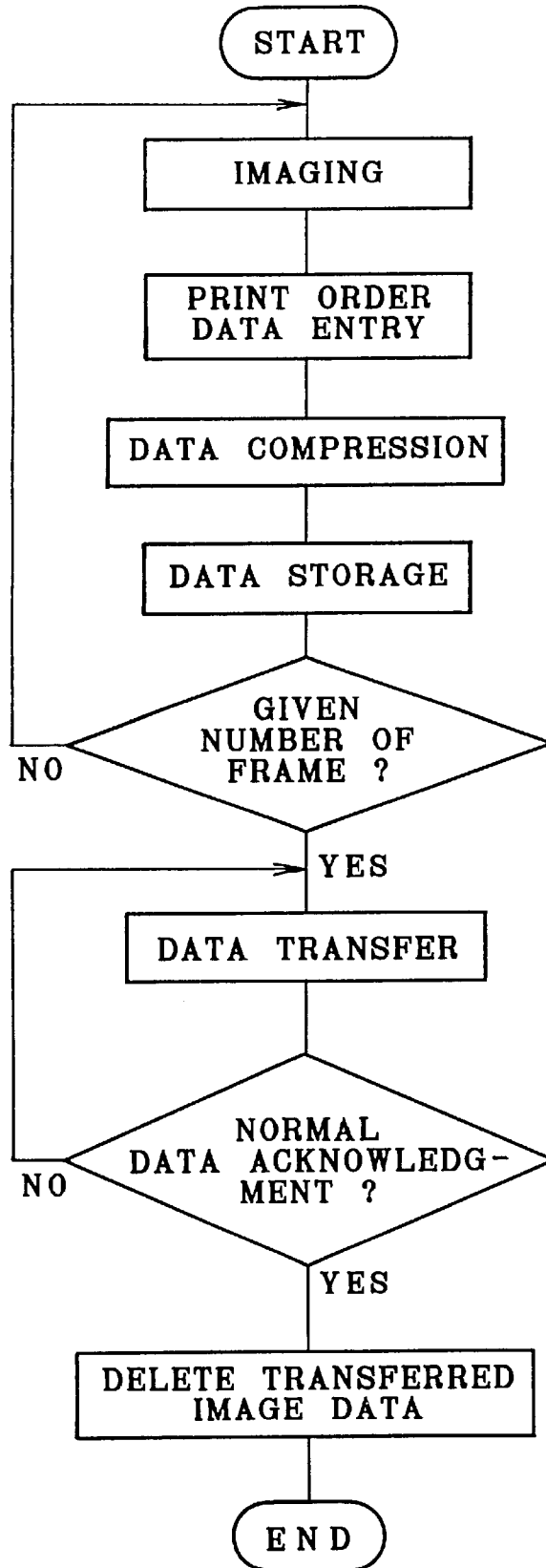
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