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- [54] **PORTABLE FILE SYSTEM OPERABLE UNDER VARIOUS COMPUTER ENVIRONMENTS**
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[57] ABSTRACT

A portable file system capable of sharing data among various computer environments, such that a user can freely utilize his own data under various computer environments. The system includes at least one portable data processing device having a memory unit for storing file data and file management data of portable side files; at least one stationary data processing device having a processing unit for executing desired processing by making accesses to the portable side files; and a conversion unit for converting at least one of the file data and the file management data of each requested file among the portable side files for which a file access request is issued by the processing unit into a form suitable for the stationary data processing device, such that the processing unit makes an access to each requested file among the portable side files according to converted file data/file management data obtained by the conversion unit. The conversion unit may be provided in the portable data processing device side, or in the stationary data processing device side.

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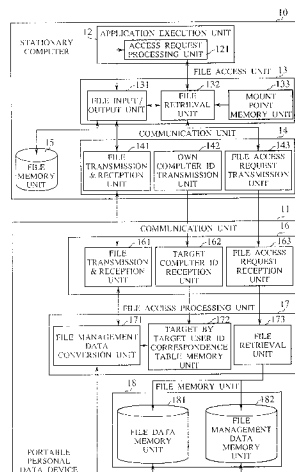


FIG. 1
PRIOR ART

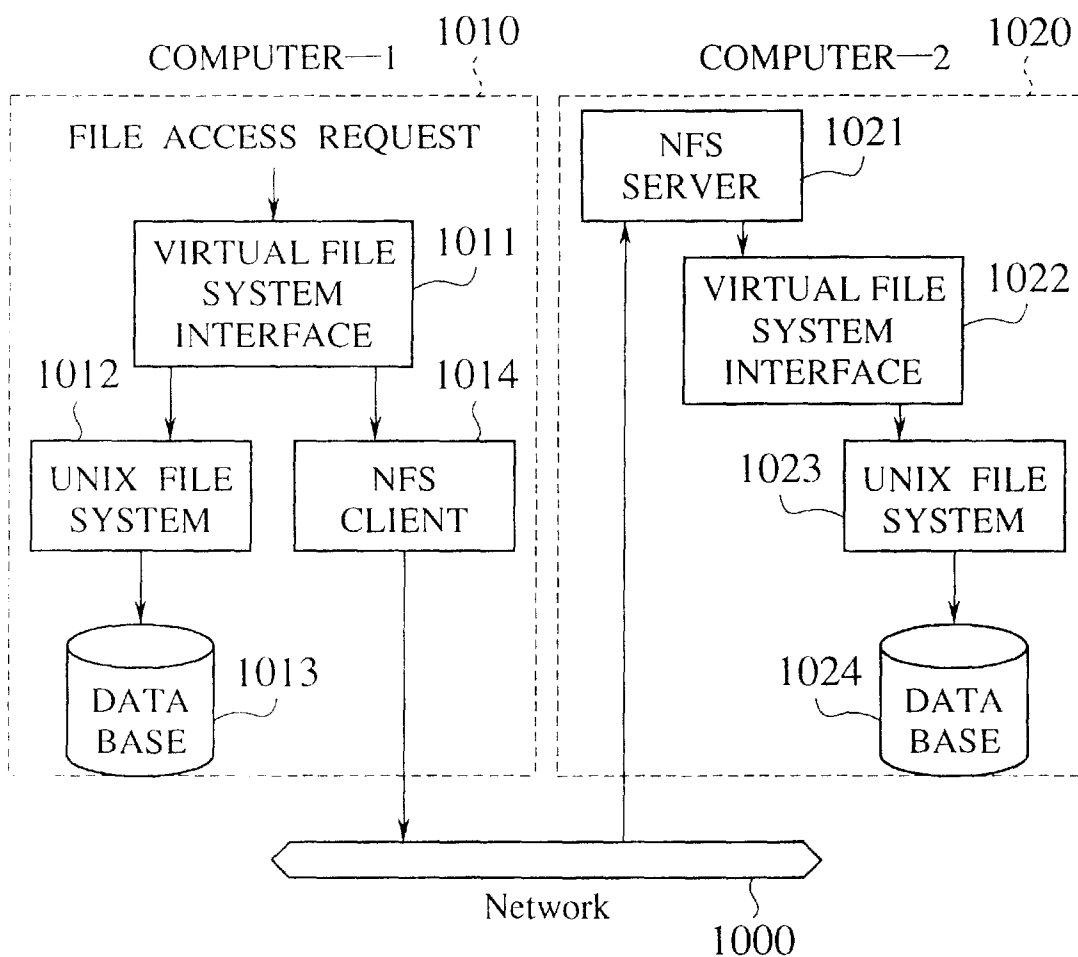


FIG. 2

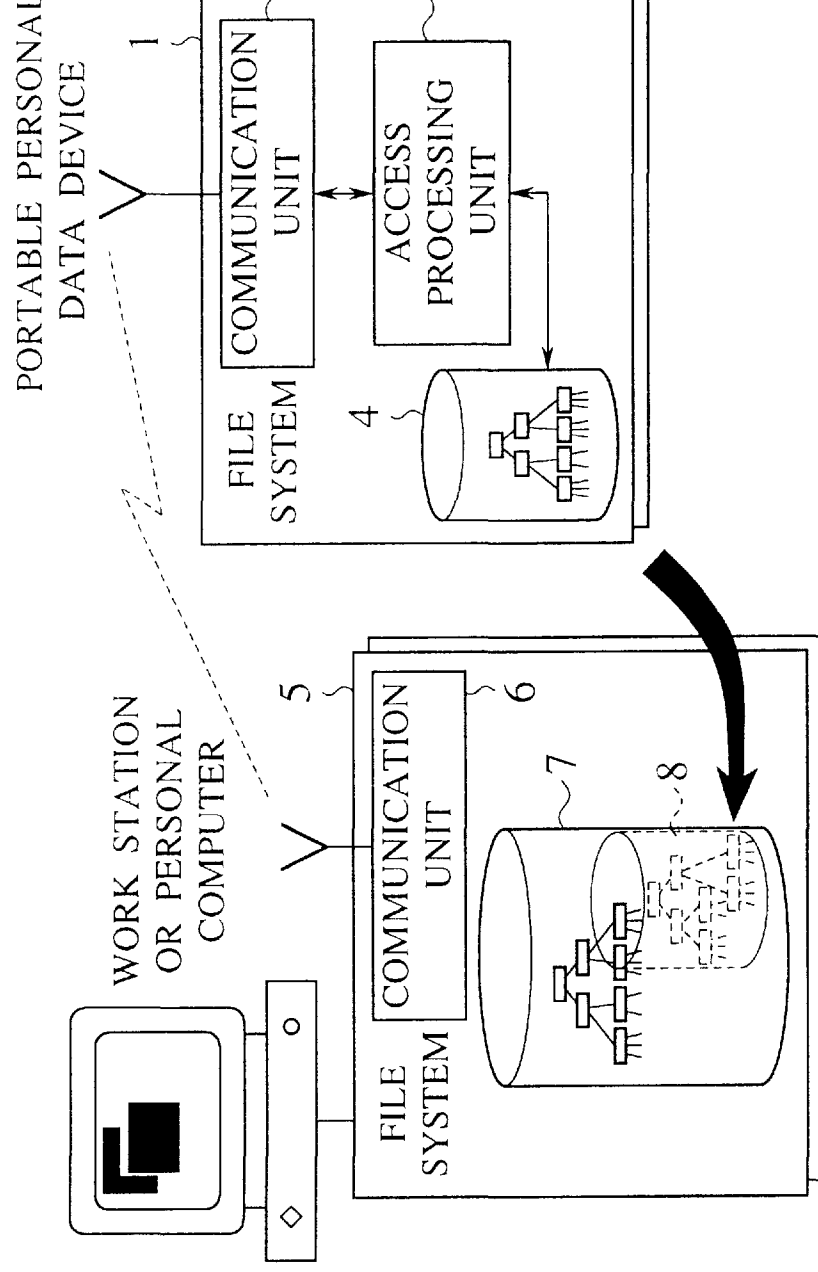


FIG. 3

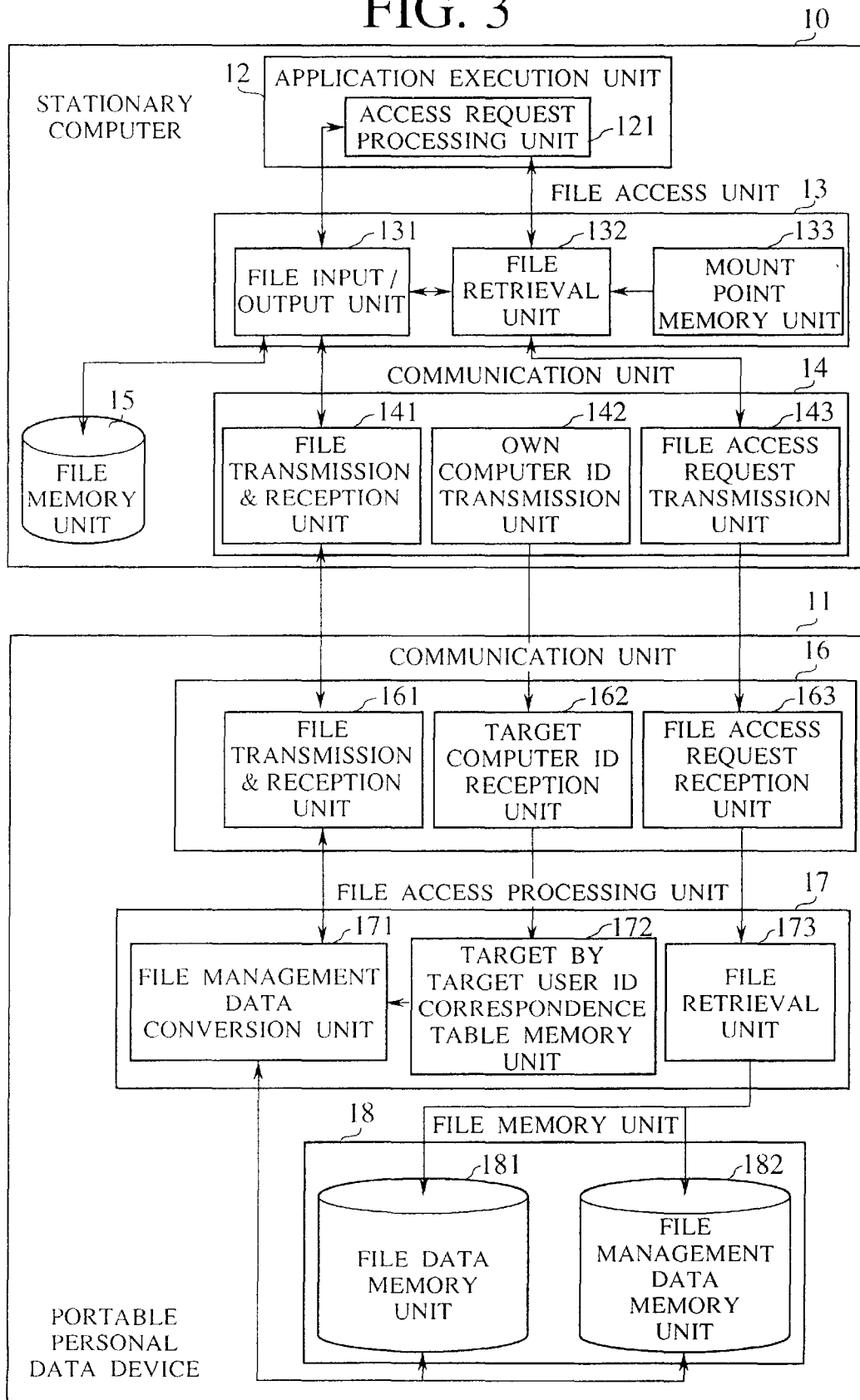


FIG. 4

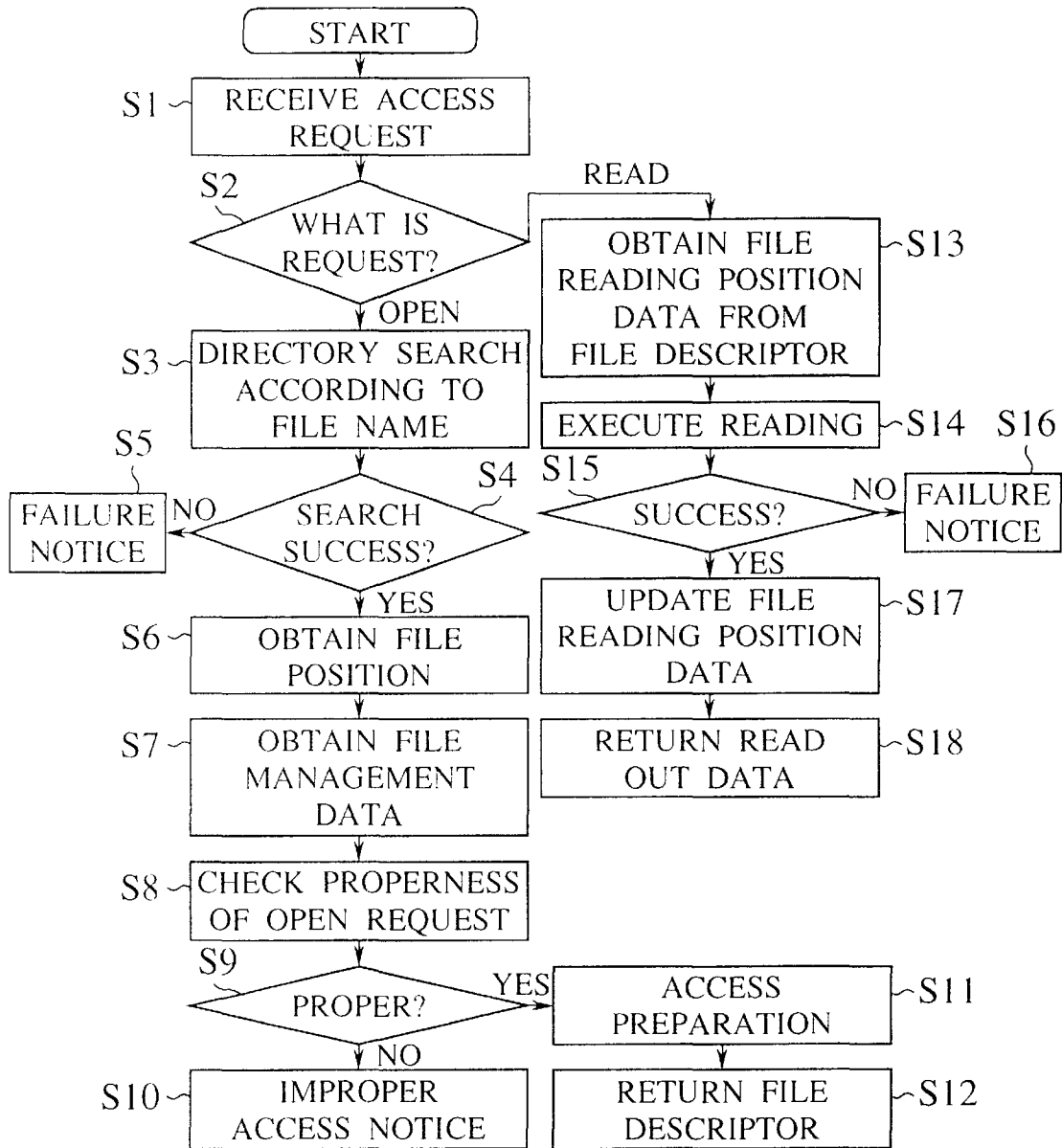


FIG. 5

HOST NAME	OS	USER ID	GROUP ID
WORK STATION A	Unix	105	300
WORK STATION B	Unix	300	1000
PERSONAL COMPUTER D	MS-DOS	—	—

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