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For   **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner of
 Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

2.   A method for decrypting data from a storage device using a computer

2   operatively connected to said storage device, said storage device having encrypted data

3   stored thereon, and a decryptor operatively connected to said computer to receive data

4   from said storage device and control instructions from said computer comprising the

5   steps of:

6   selecting data on said storage device;

1   transferring said selected data from said step of selecting from said storage

2   device to said decryptor;

3   identifying information in said selected data from said step of selecting; and

4   decrypting said selected data from said step of transferring in response to the

5   information in said selected data from said step of identifying.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please rewrite the paragraph in the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This is a continuation of application serial no. 08/113,329, filed August 30, 1993, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation of application serial no. 056,501, filed May 3, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,335,277, which was a continuation of application serial no. 849,226, filed March 10, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,233,654, which was a continuation of application serial no. 588,126, filed Sept. 25, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,109,414, which was a continuation of application serial no. 096,096, filed Sept. 11, 1987, now U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825, which was a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 829,531, filed Feb. 14, 1986, now U.S. Patent No. 4,704,725, which was a continuation of application serial no. 317,510, filed Nov. 3, 1981, now U.S. Patent No. 4,694,490.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2 as denoted below and add the following claims:

2. (amended) A method for decrypting data from a storage device using a computer operatively connected to said storage device, said storage device having encrypted data stored thereon, and a decryptor operatively connected to said computer to receive data from said storage device and control instructions from said computer comprising the steps of:

selecting data on said storage device;

transferring <u>at least some of</u> said selected data from said step of selecting from said storage device to said decryptor;

identifying information in said selected data from said step of selecting; and

decrypting said <u>at least some</u> selected data from said step of transferring in response to the information in said selected data from said step of identifying.

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3. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein said storage device is a laser disk, a floppy disk, or a storage medium capable of storing video data, said method further comprising one of the steps of:

connecting to said computer or said decryptor a processor that is adapted to assemble or store a record of the availability, use or usage of data;

programming a processor connected to said computer or said storage device to assemble or store a record of the availability, use or usage of some specific data;

adapting a device that controls said decryptor to communicate selected information to a remote data collection station;

inputting to a device that is adapted to communicate availability, use or usage information to a remote data collection station some information that identifys said selected data or that designates a source or supplier of said selected data;

inputting to a device that is adapted to communicate availability, use or usage information to a remote data collection station some information that identifys a buyer of said selected data or that designates a receiver or user of said selected data;

processing a title of said selected data; and

using some of said identified information as a code for said step of decrypting.

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