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[54] TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF DIGITAL DATA OVER STANDARD TELEVISION CHANNELS

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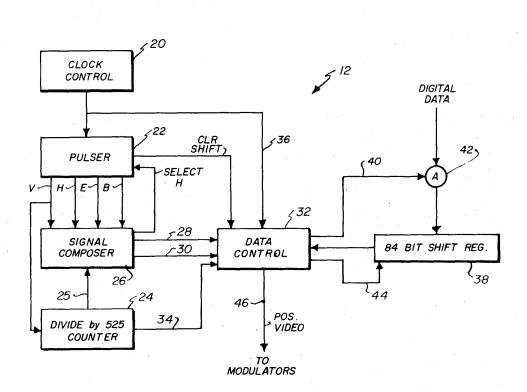
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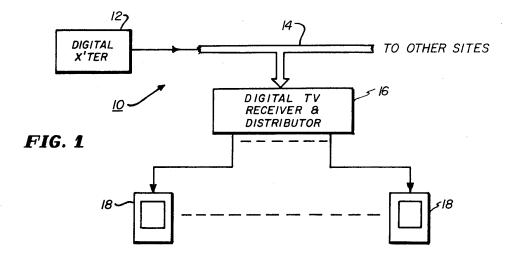
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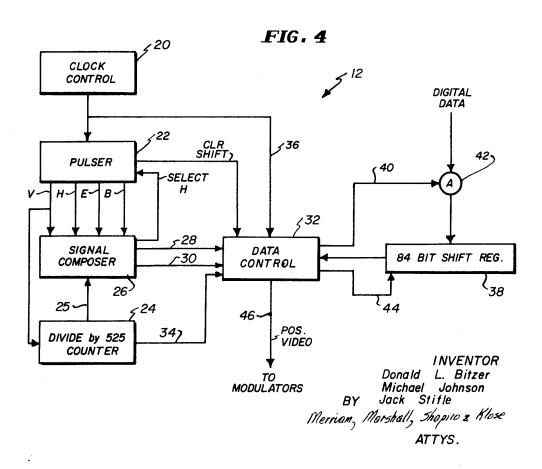
Apparatus and a method for the economical distribution of digital data to a number of data terminals using standard commercial television channels including a digital transmitter for transmitting digital data over a video cable and a receiver for receiving the transmitted digital data and selectively distributing the recovered data to the desired data terminals. A method for sending digital data bit by bit over television channels in a field by field manner to a plurality of terminals in a manner such as to greatly simplify the detection of any errors and offering an advantage of decreasing the probability of errors as more data terminals are added to the system.

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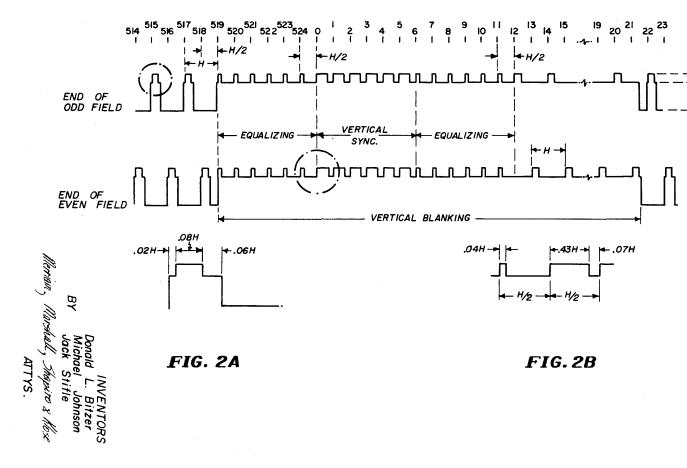


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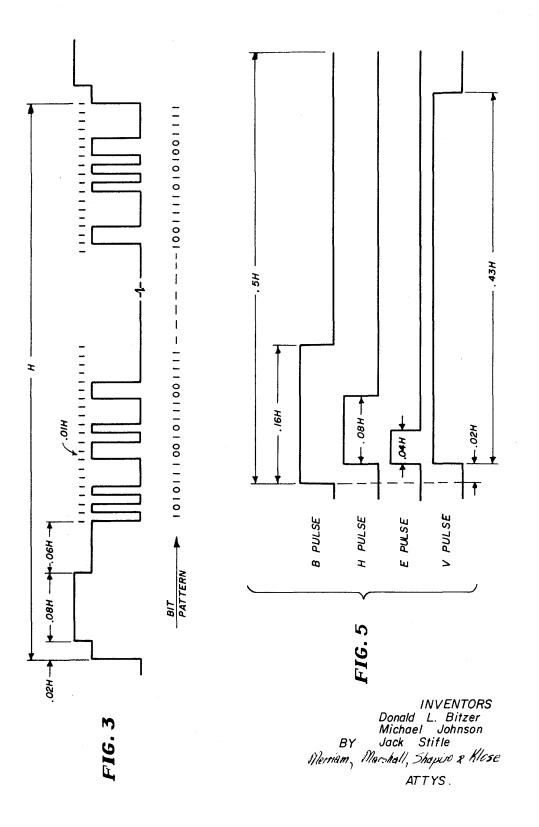
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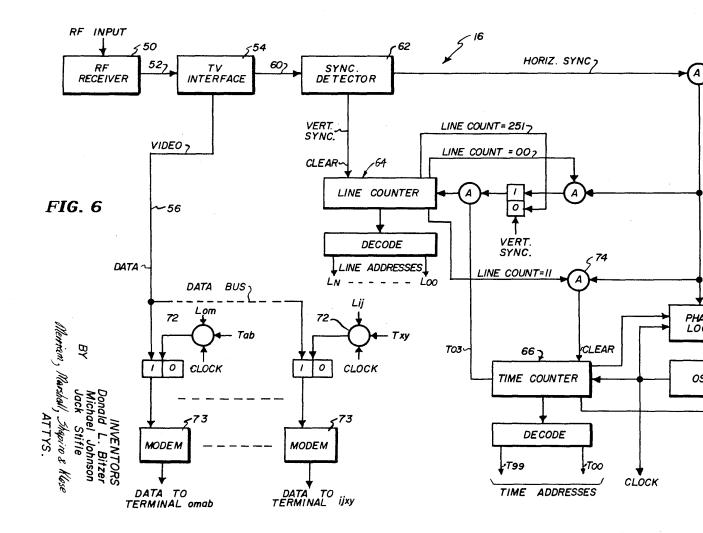
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