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[54] **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING A MULTI-MEDIA FOOTNOTE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A multi-media footnote control links a reference and a video. During the viewing of a video by an author/editor thereof, a footnote may be added to properly credit another source and to aid in study of the subject presented on the video. At the appropriate place in the video, the author/editor stops the video and displays a create footnote window. The author will then enter the appropriate data into the window. The footnote data will then be automatically passed to the video in the predetermined position. The footnote will be displayed in a footnote area during the running of the video. If a user/author of the video wishes to review the footnoted reference, the video may be stopped and by indicating the footnote such as with a mouse, the reference will be displayed in a separate window.

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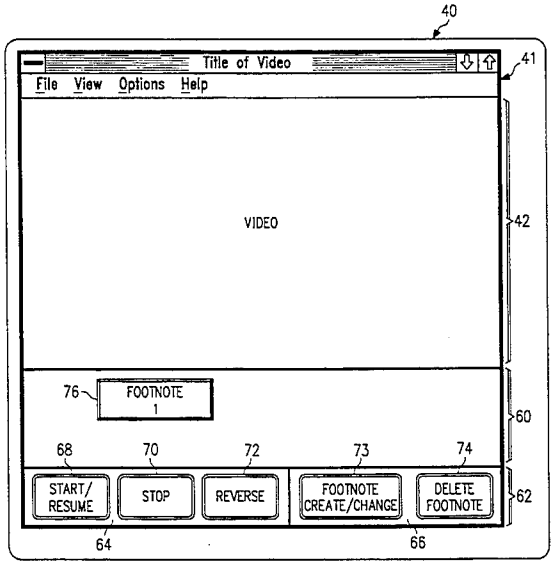

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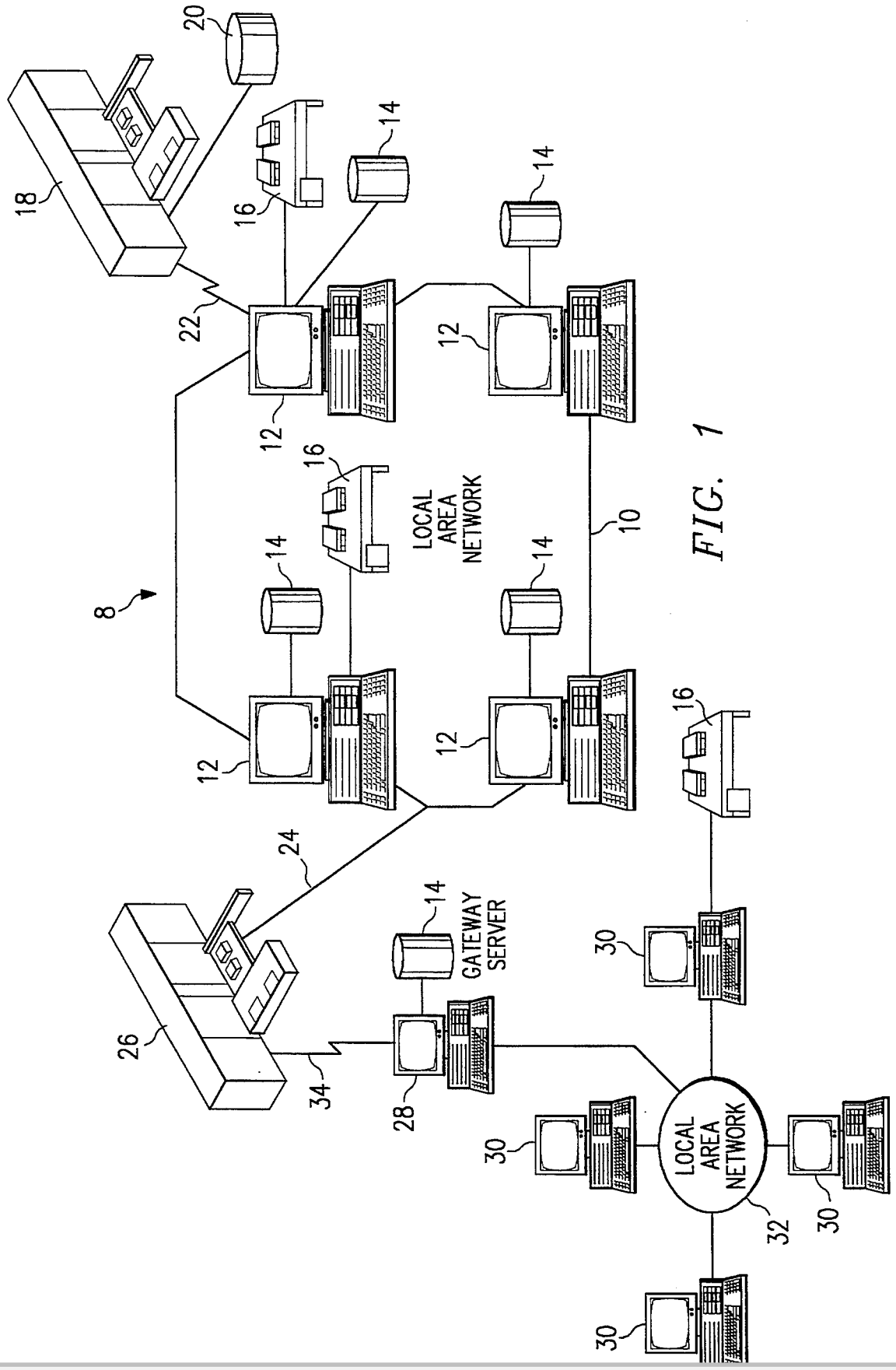

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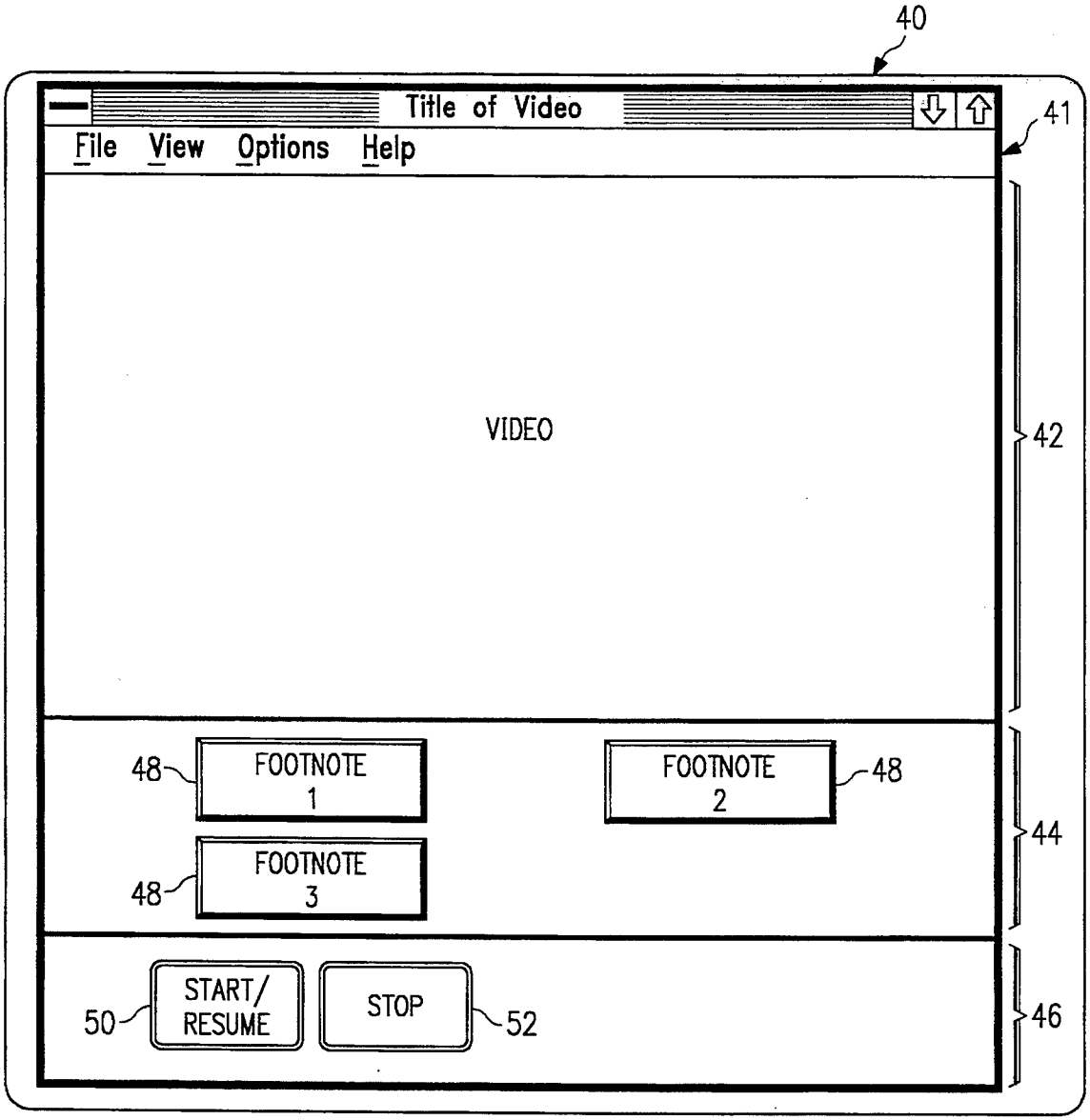

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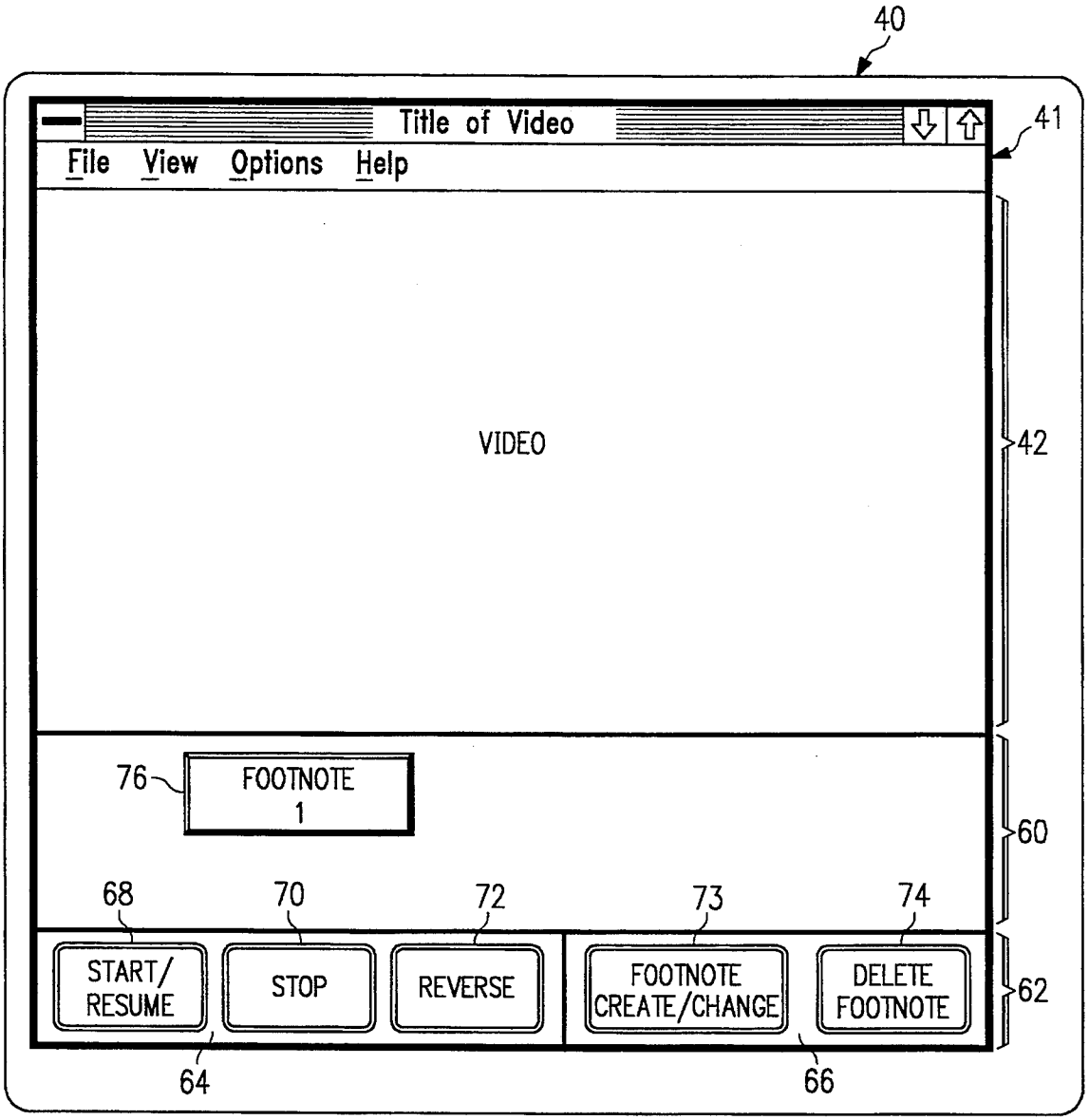

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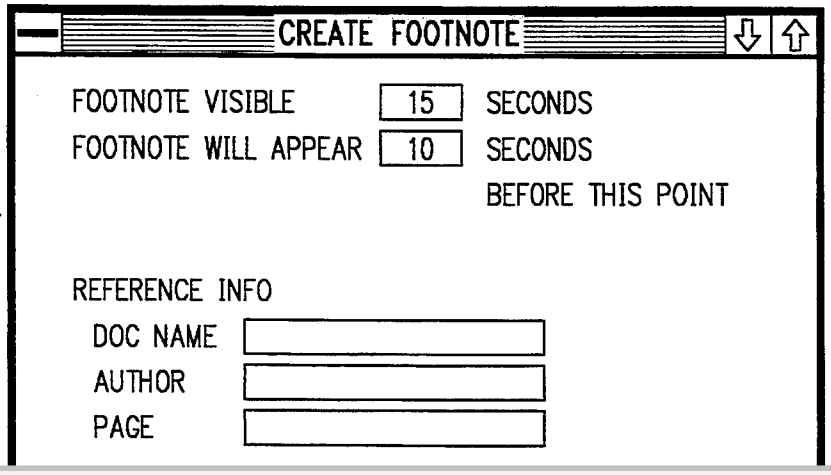

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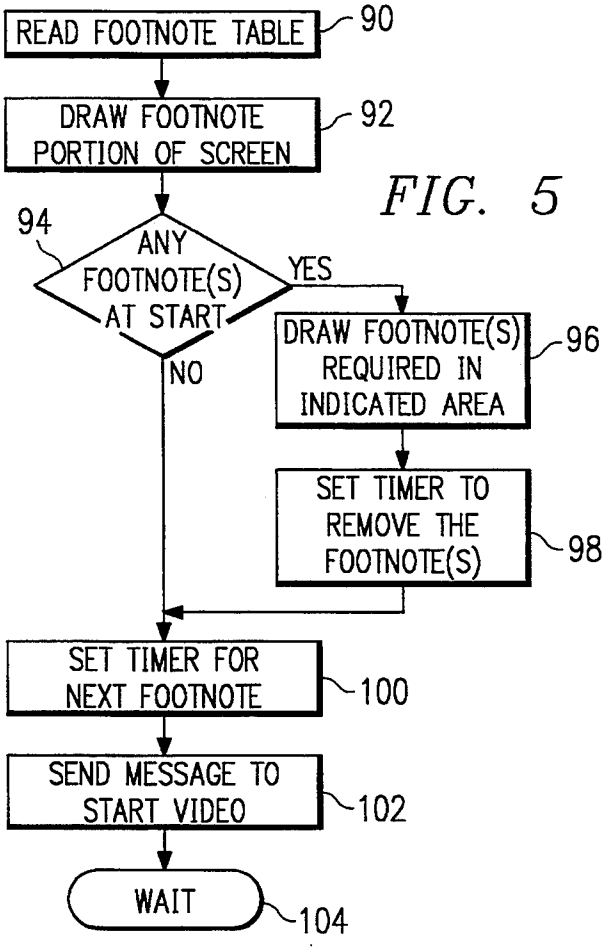

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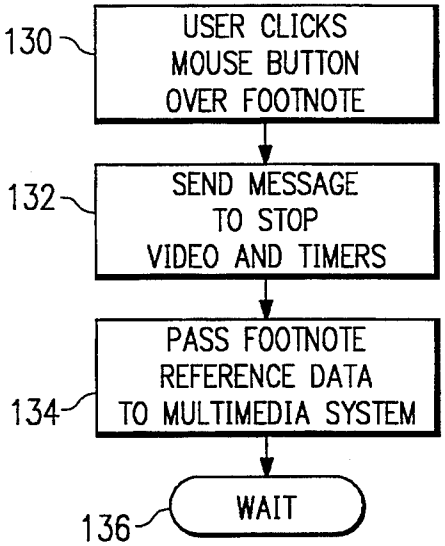

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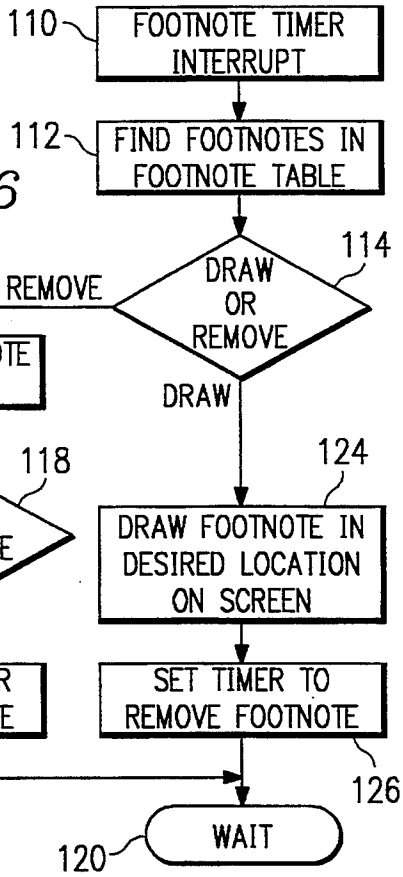

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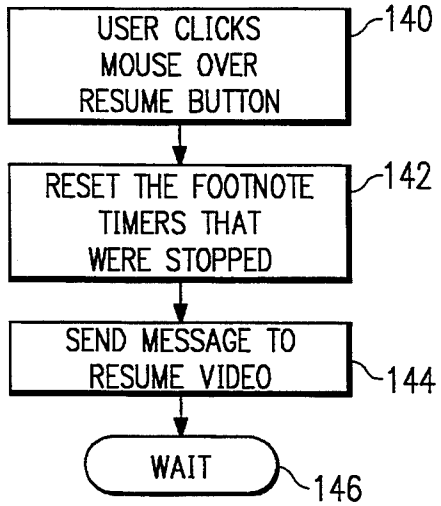

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