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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING SIGNALS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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The invention concerns a method of encoding signals, in particular digitized audio signals, with an encoding device for encoding the signal in an encoding format and a processing device for processing the encoded signal.

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Methods of that kind are known for example from European patent specification No 290 581. In that case, in the bit rate-reducing encoding of audio signals which are already present in digitized form, for example 48 kHz sampling frequency/16-bit resolution, psycho-acoustic phenomena of the perception of audio signals are used in such a way that the original bit rate of the audio signals is considerably reduced. Such methods are also familiar and standardised under the heading of 'source encoding' (ISO 11172 and 11318).

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The object of the invention is to provide a method of the kind set forth in the opening part of this specification, which resolves the above-indicated problems and in which re-coding operations, once encoding has been effected, are very substantially avoided.

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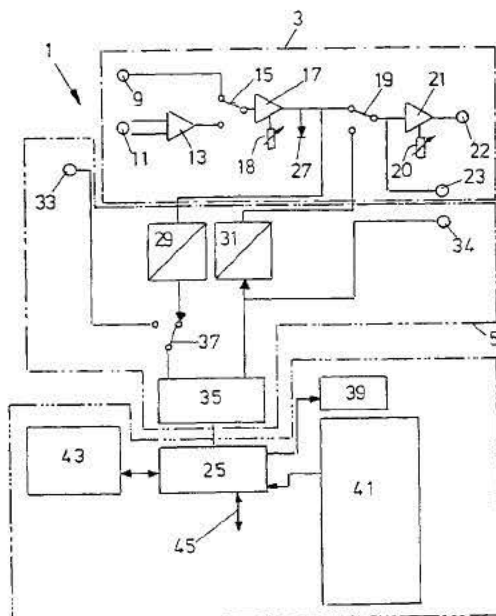


FIG. 1

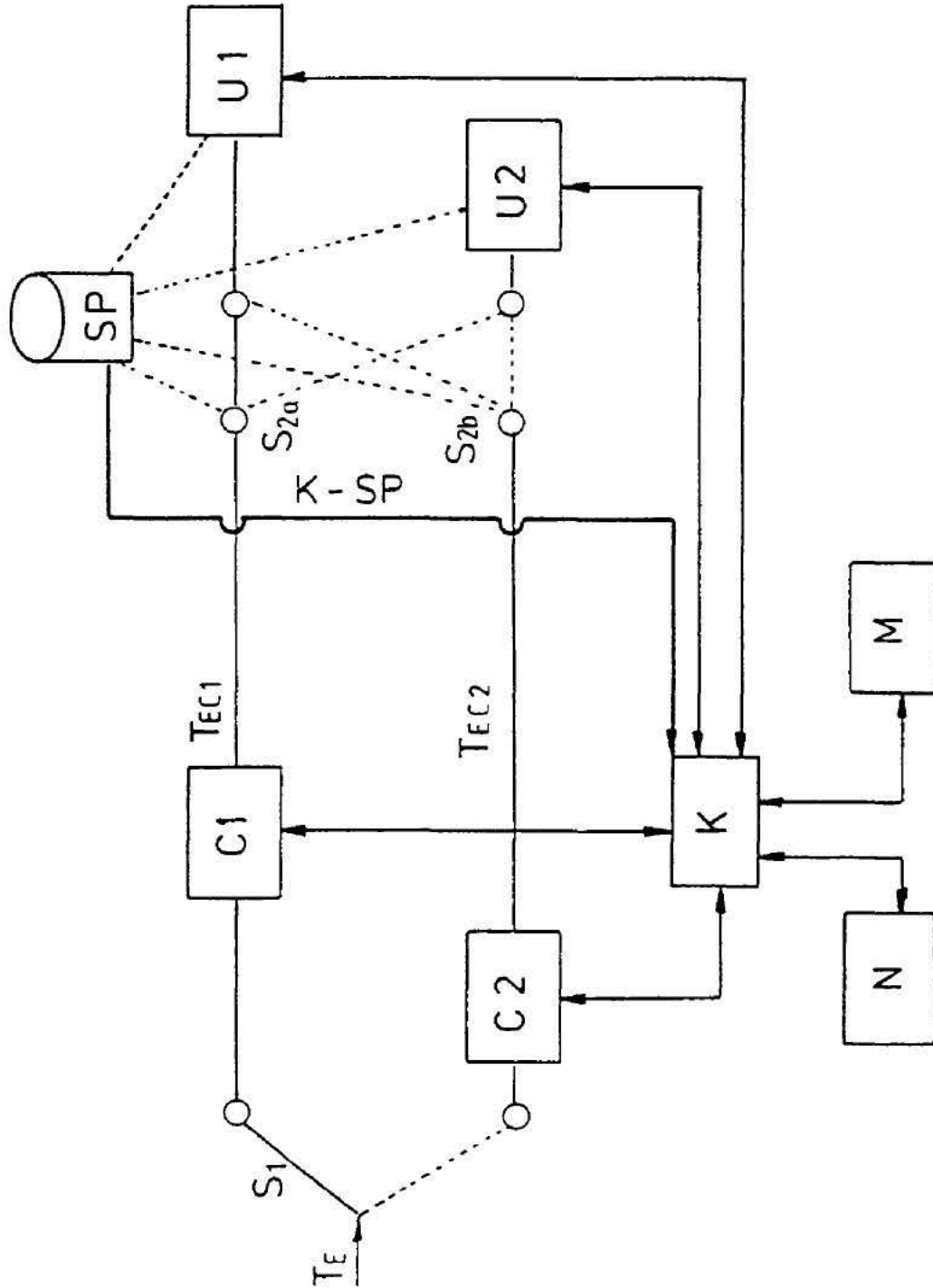
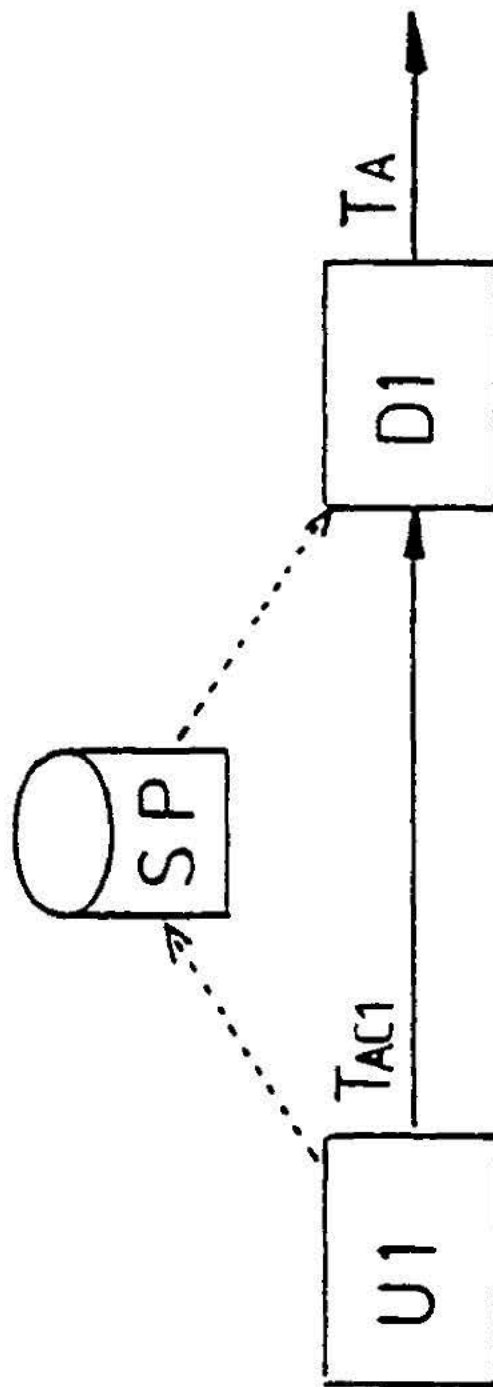


FIG. 2



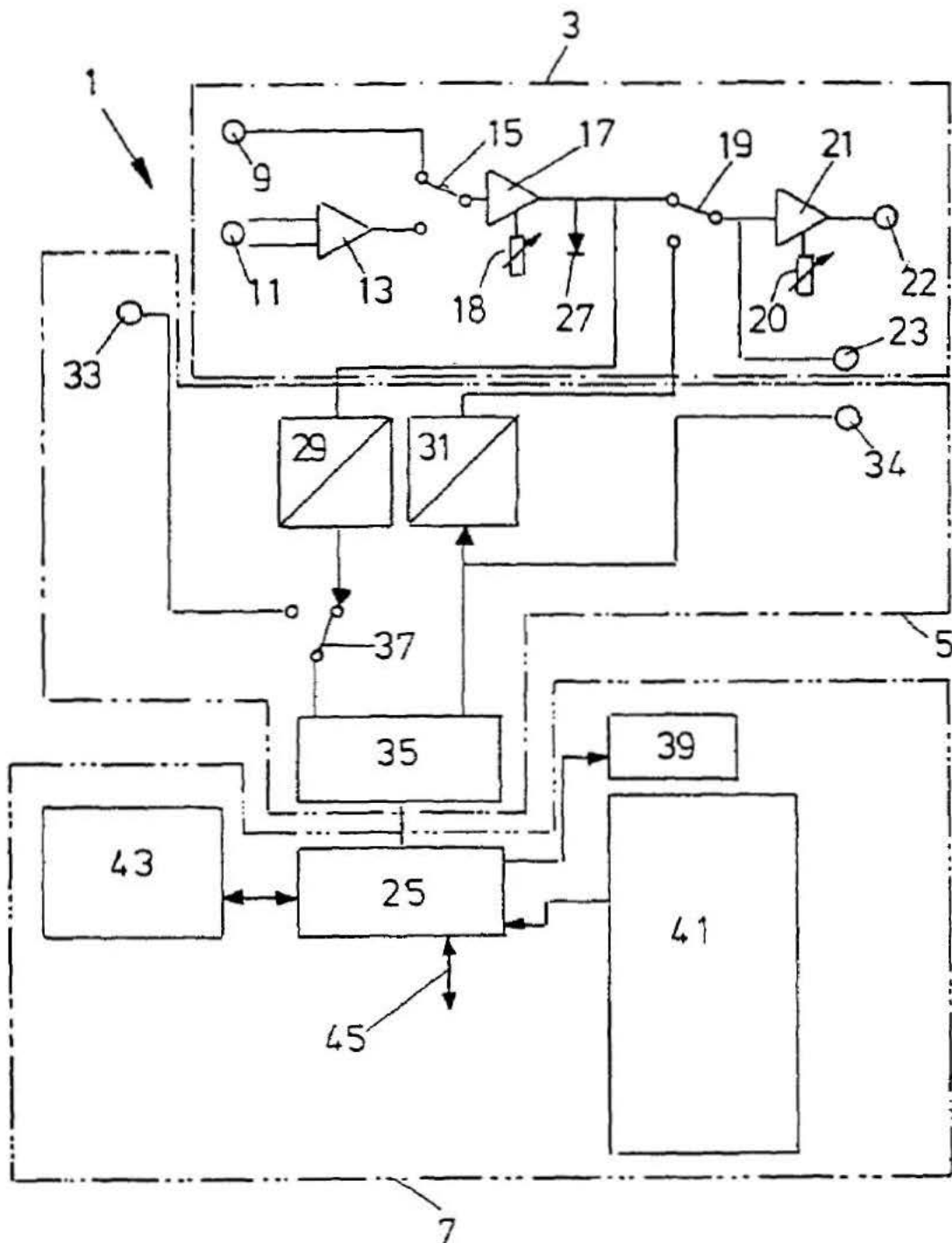
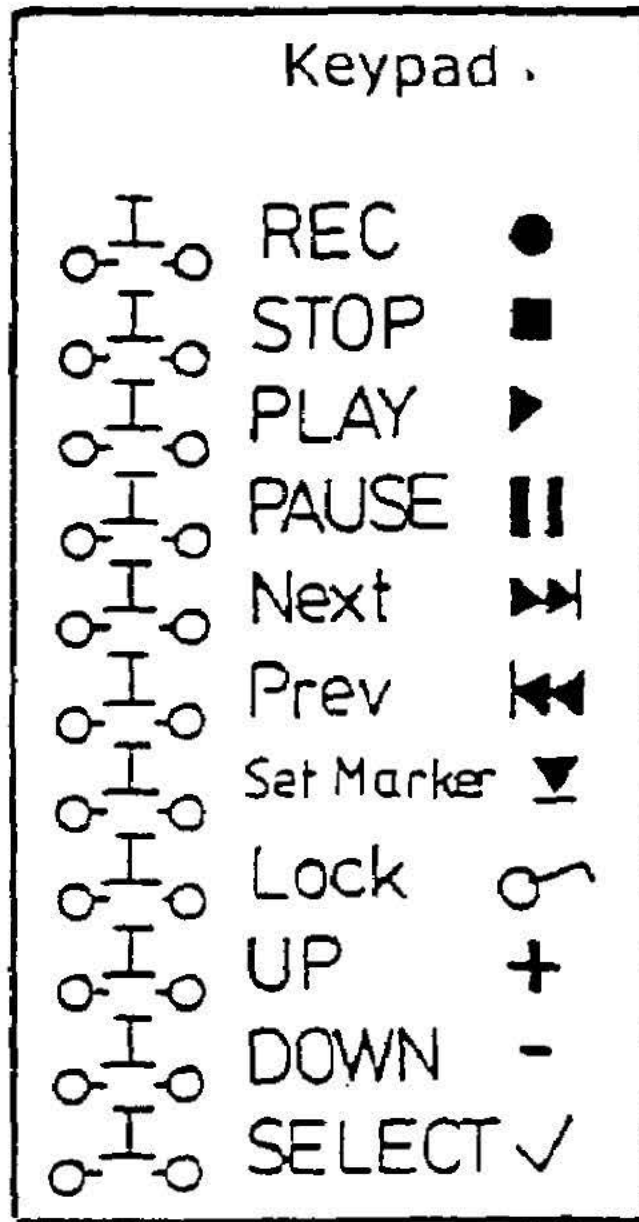


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FIG. 4

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