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[54] **X-RAY TOMOGRAPHY SYSTEM WITH GANTRY PIVOT AND TRANSLATION CONTROL**

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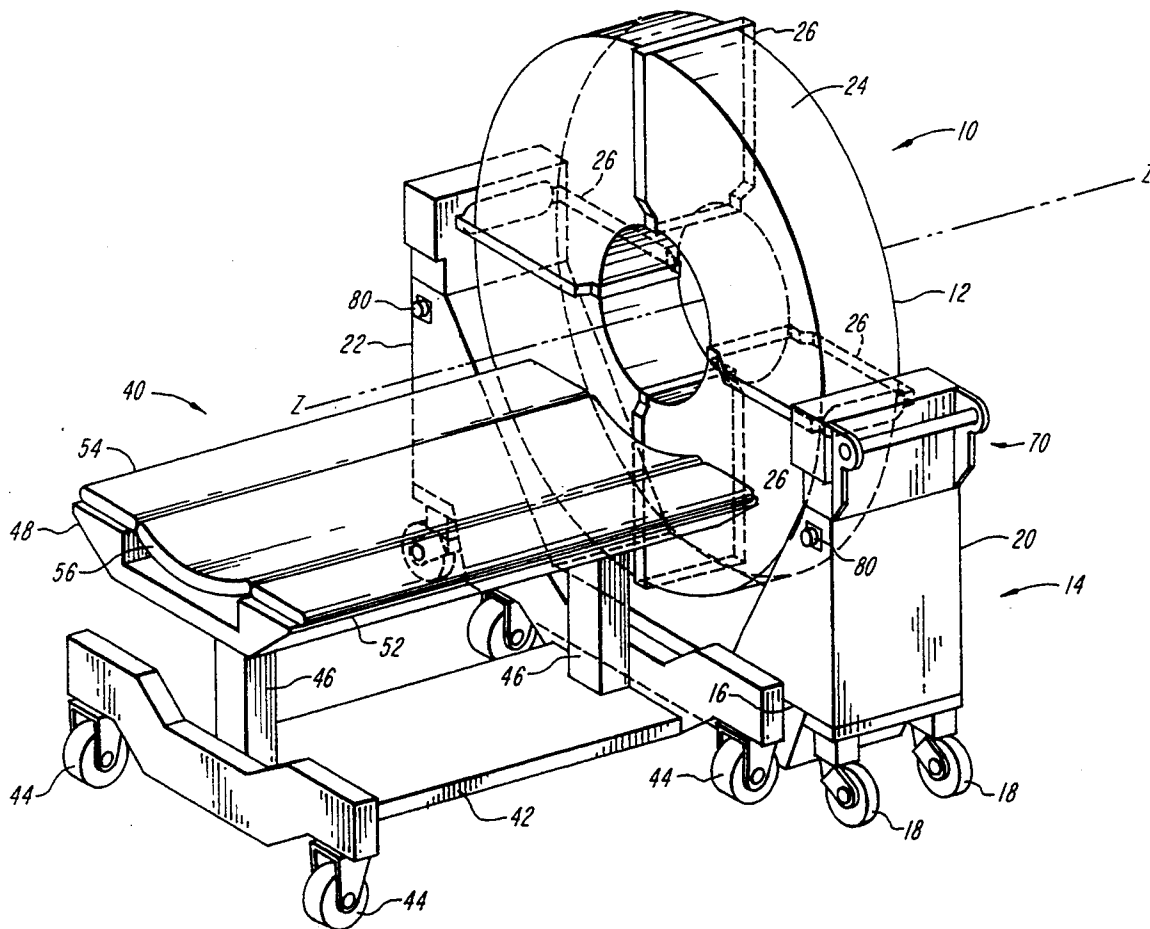
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An improved, portable X-ray tomography system is disclosed wherein lateral movement of the various tomography components relative to a stationary patient during a scanning procedure is precisely controlled by mechanical displacement means which, in turn, is coupled to electro-mechanical means for simultaneously measuring and monitoring the amount of the displacement.

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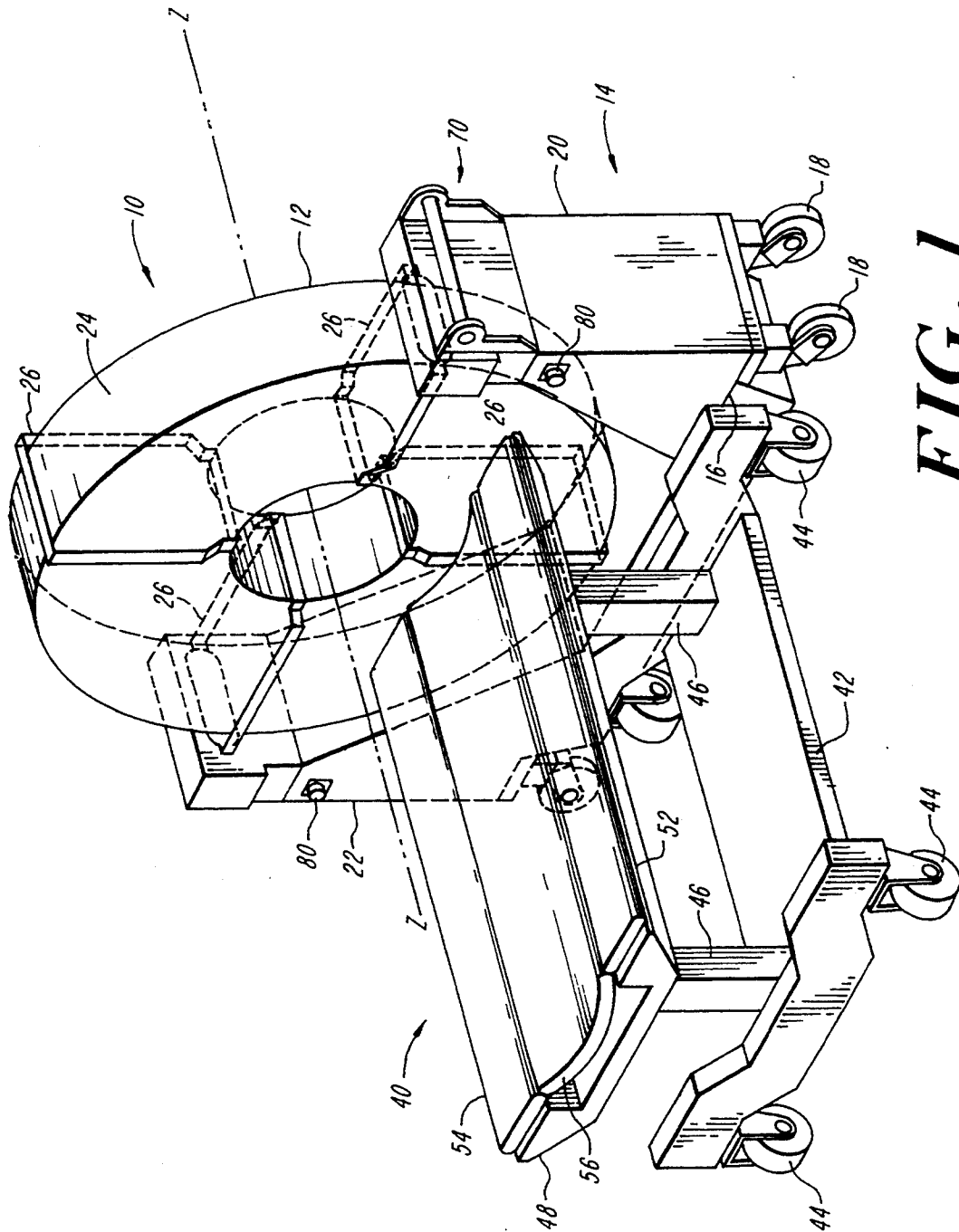


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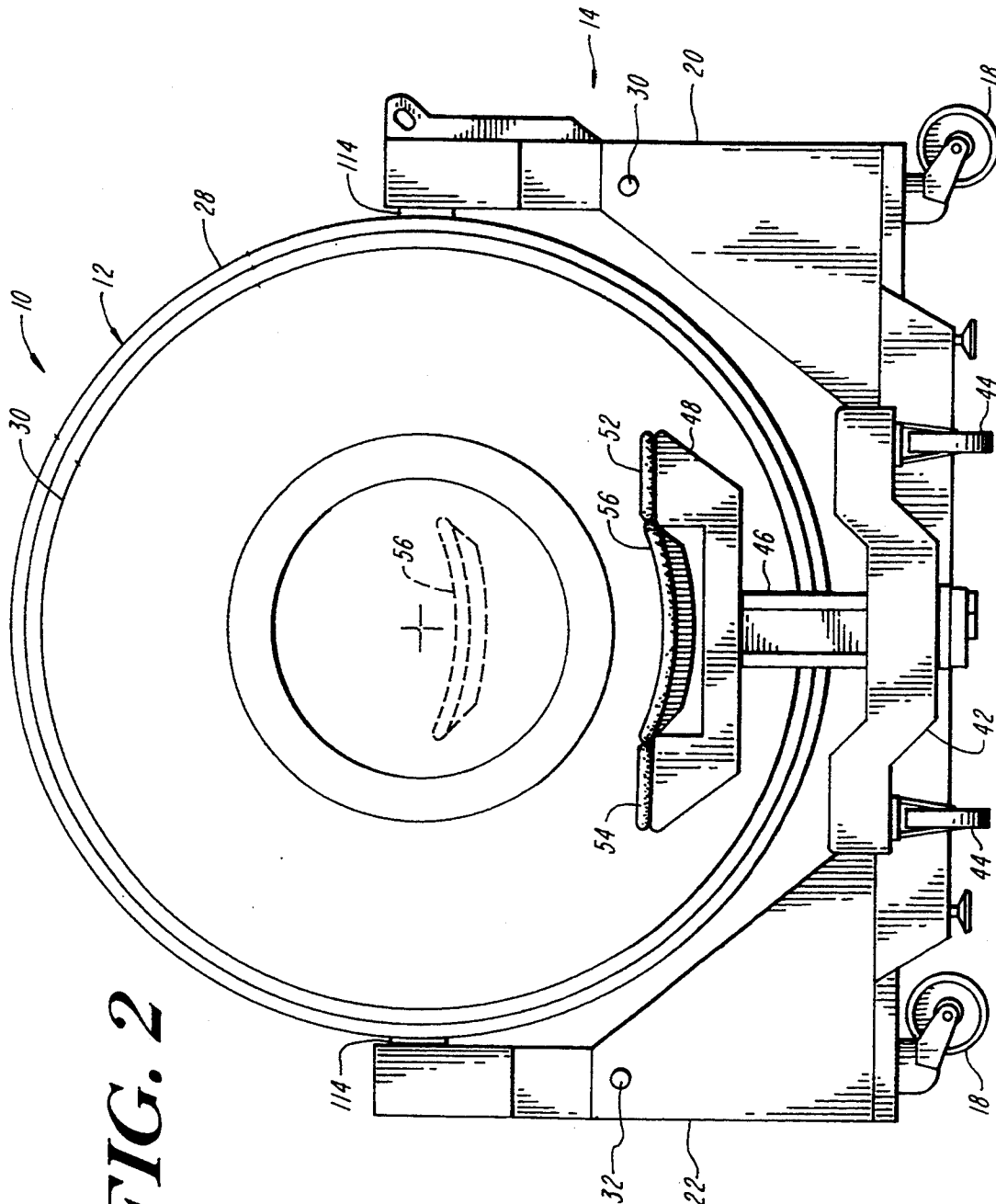


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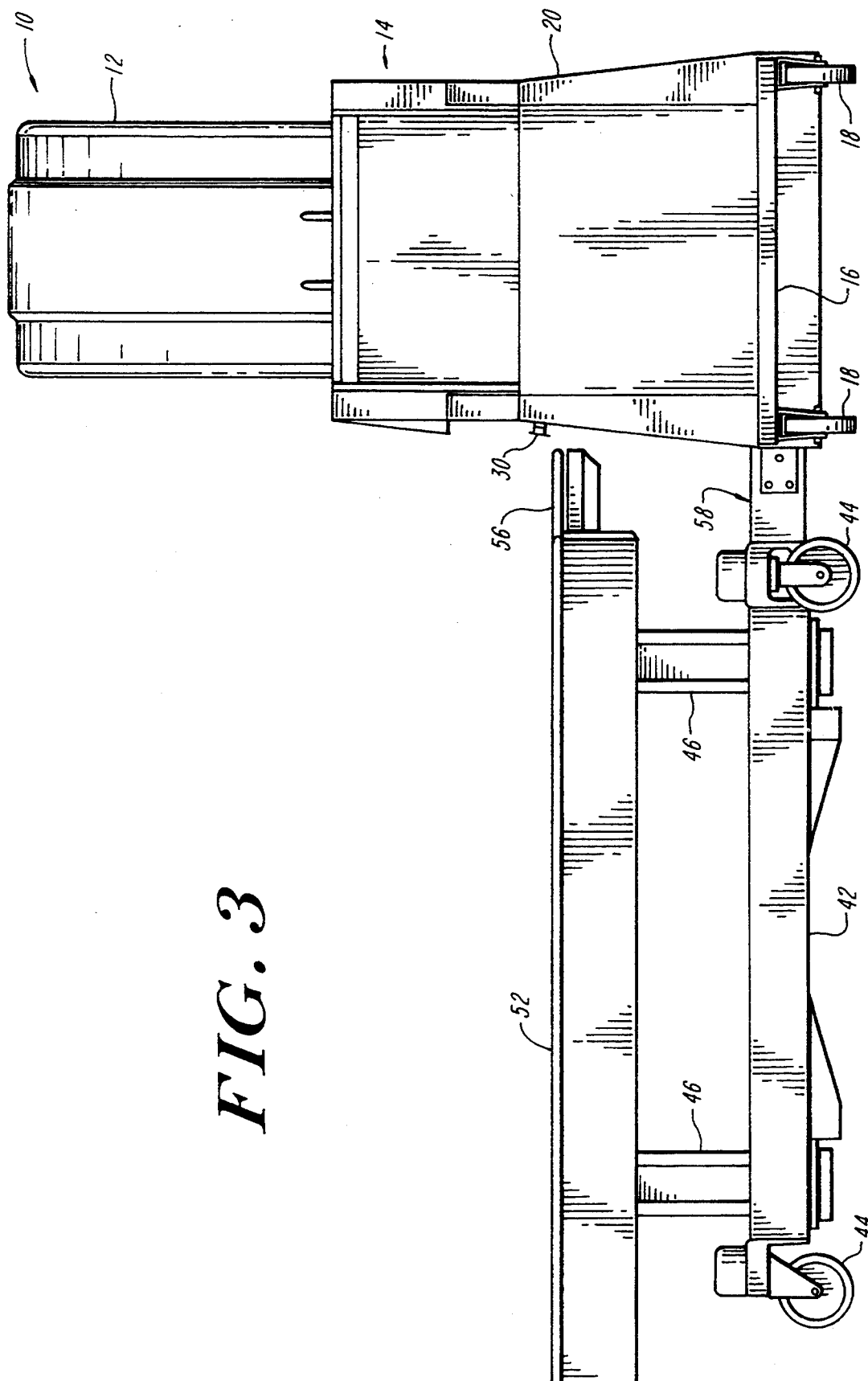


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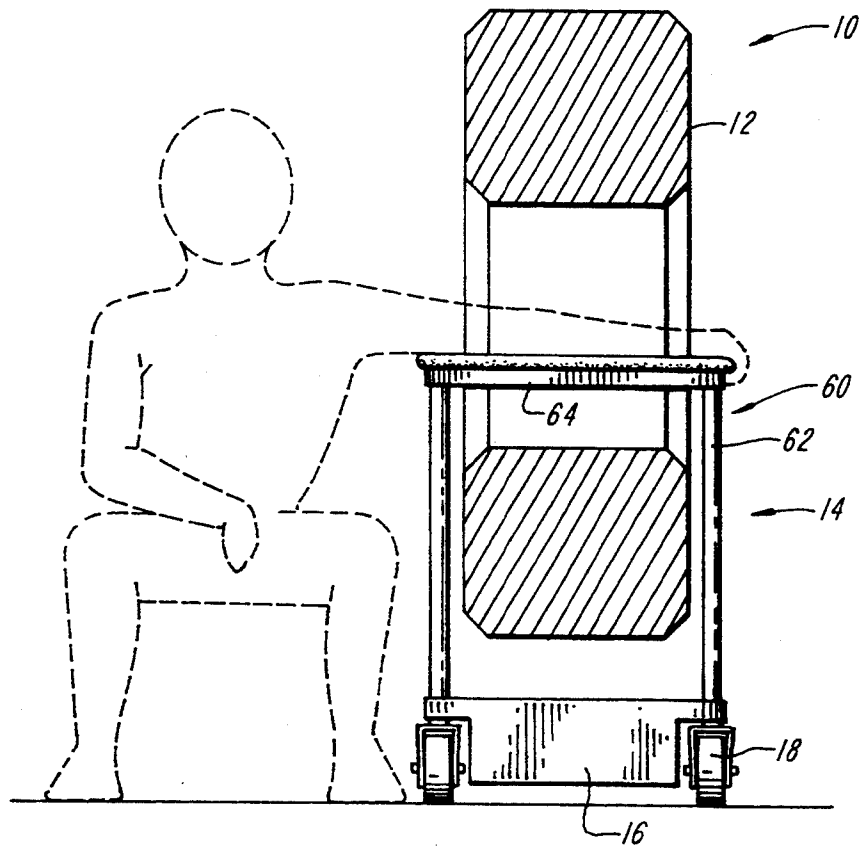


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