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[54] **FILE SHARING IN A TELECONFERENCE APPLICATION**

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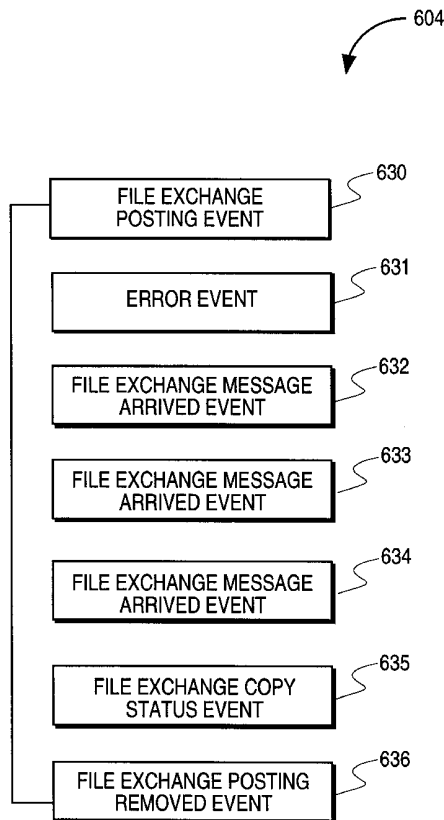"*Apple QuickTime Conferencing,*" Apple QuickTime Fact Sheet, Apple Computer, Inc., Jan. 1995.

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A system and method which enables teleconference members to share files during a teleconference. An endpoint including a processor with a memory coupled thereto. The memory stores a teleconferencing application. A file sharing mechanism is associated with the application at run time. The file sharing mechanism generates a window on the local display in which the local member of the teleconference may post advertisements for files thereby making the file sharable. The local endpoint sends the advertisement to a remote endpoint. A corresponding accessory receives the advertisement and posts it in the remote window. A local member can copy remotely posted files by manipulating the corresponding advertisement.
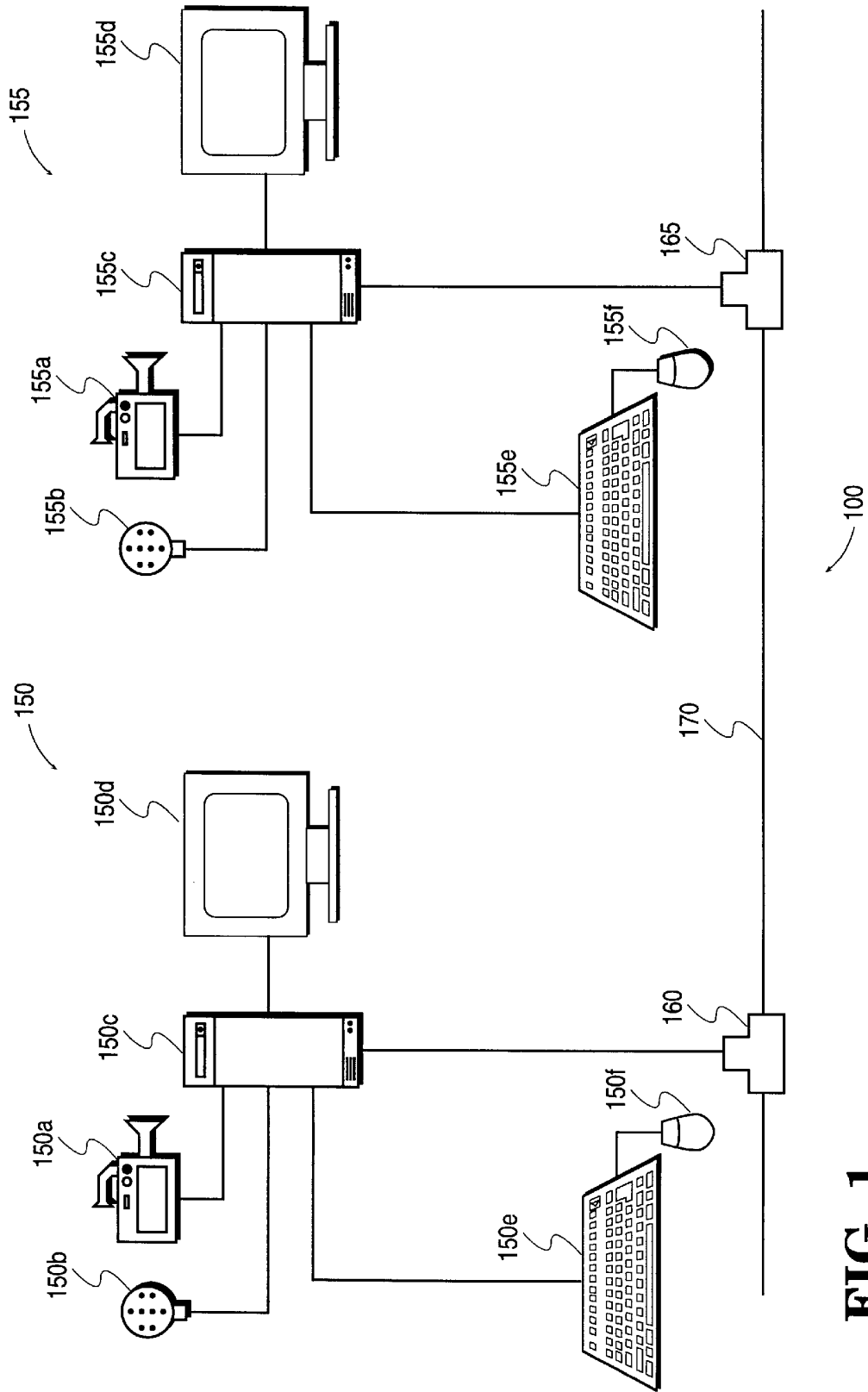
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| FILE EXCHANGE POSTING EVENT — 630 |
| ERROR EVENT — 631 |
| FILE EXCHANGE MESSAGE ARRIVED EVENT — 632 |
| FILE EXCHANGE MESSAGE ARRIVED EVENT — 633 |
| FILE EXCHANGE MESSAGE ARRIVED EVENT — 634 |
| FILE EXCHANGE COPY STATUS EVENT — 635 |
| FILE EXCHANGE POSTING REMOVED EVENT — 636 |

**FIG. 1**

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

FIG. 4

# DOCKET ALARM
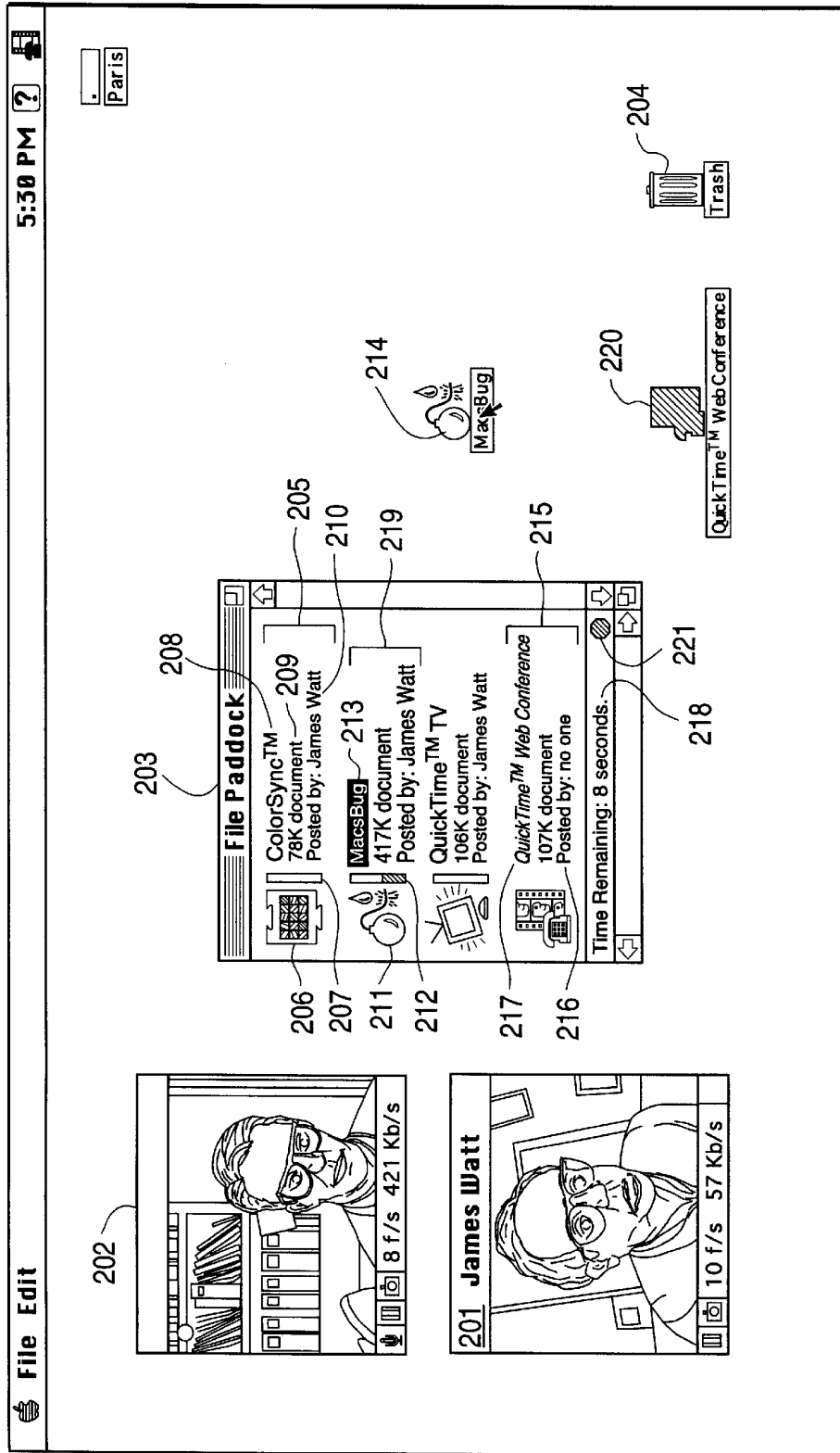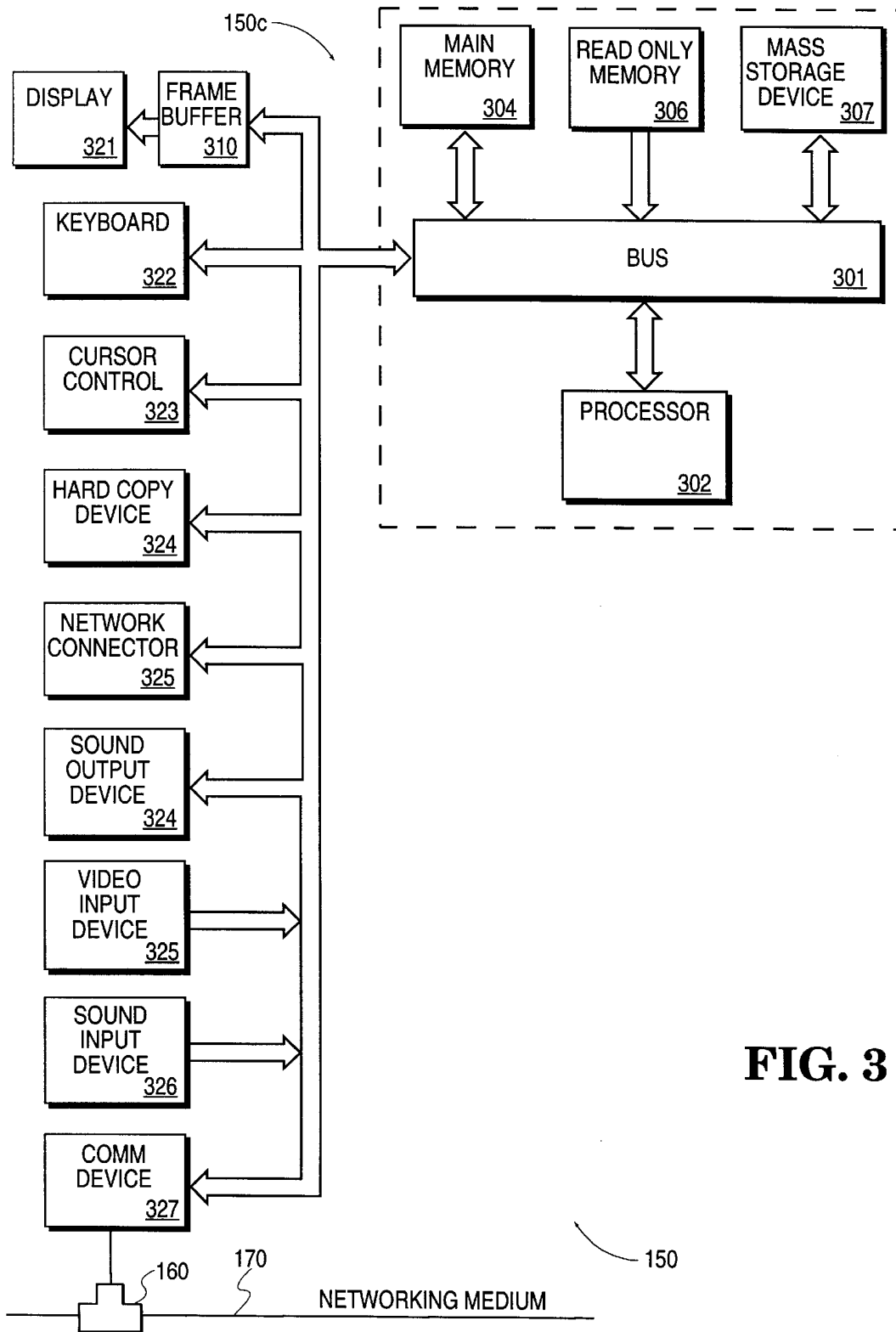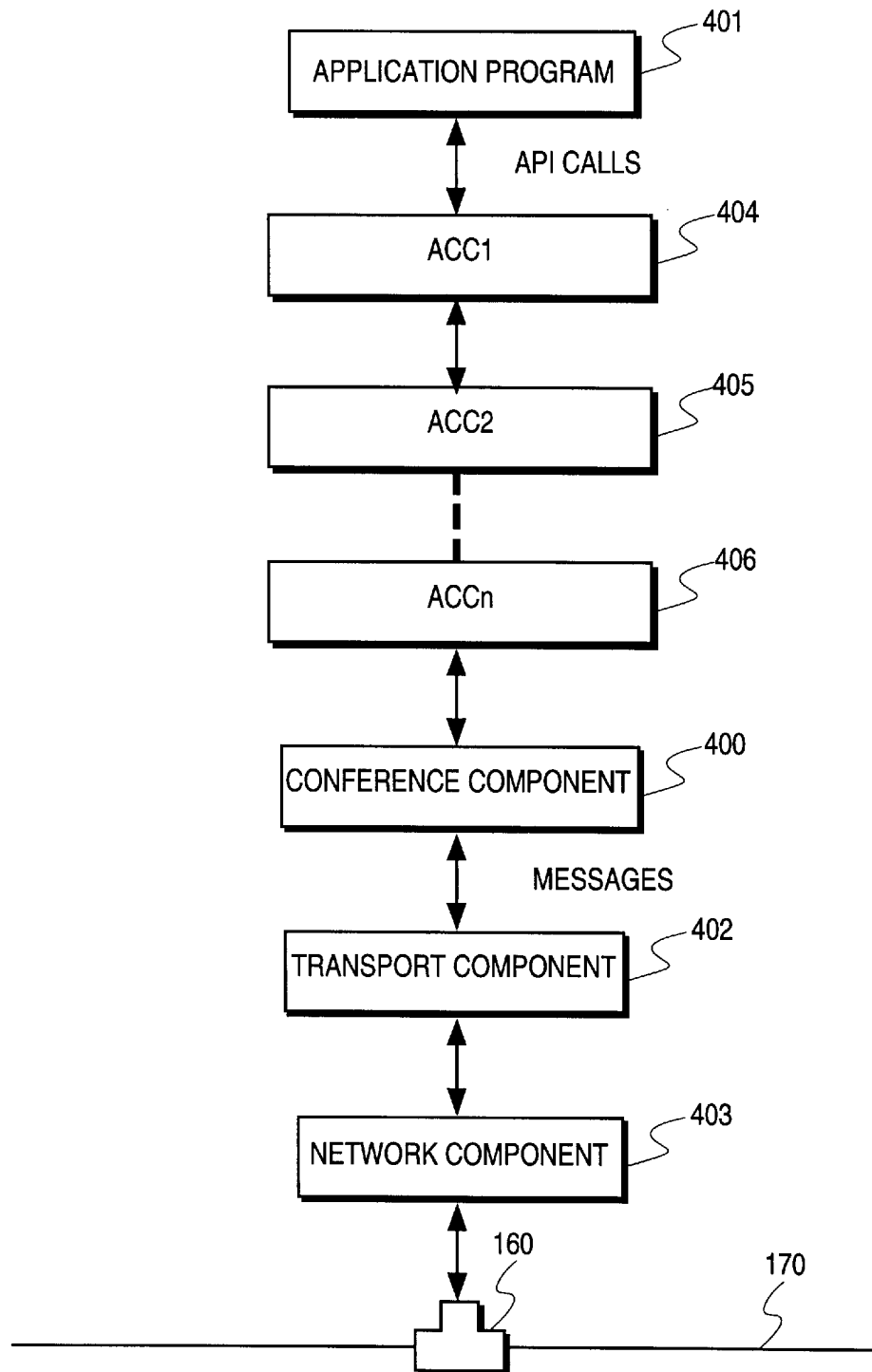
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