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[54] **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR ALPHANUMERIC INFORMATION EMPLOYING AUDIO TONE SIGNALLING**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A communications system for exchanging alphanumeric information between remote stations, employing station apparatus (e.g., modified typewriters) capable of generating and responding to an audio tone code. The system is compatible with use of a push-button telephone instrument as an alternative sending station.

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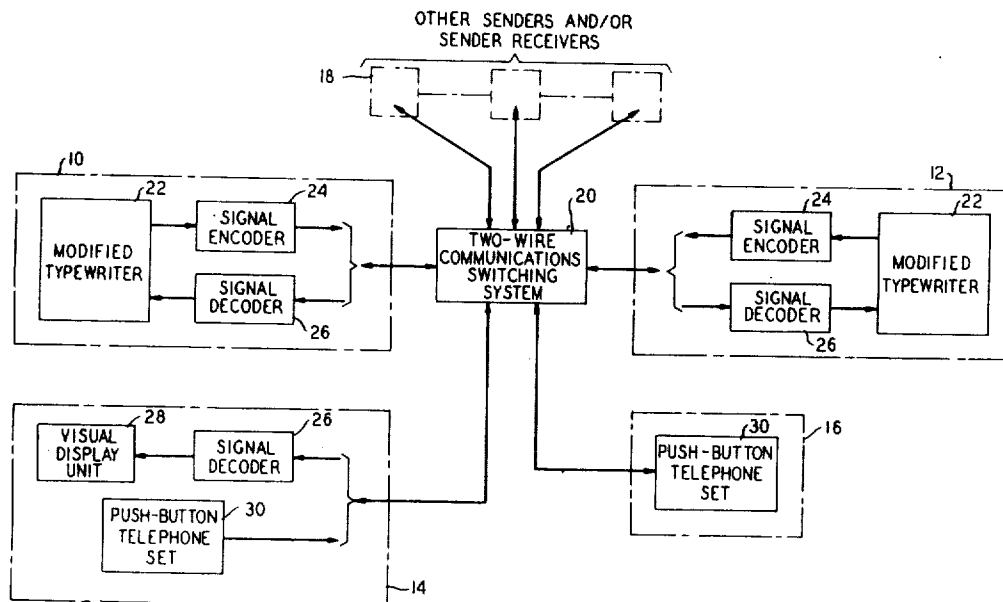
FIG. 1
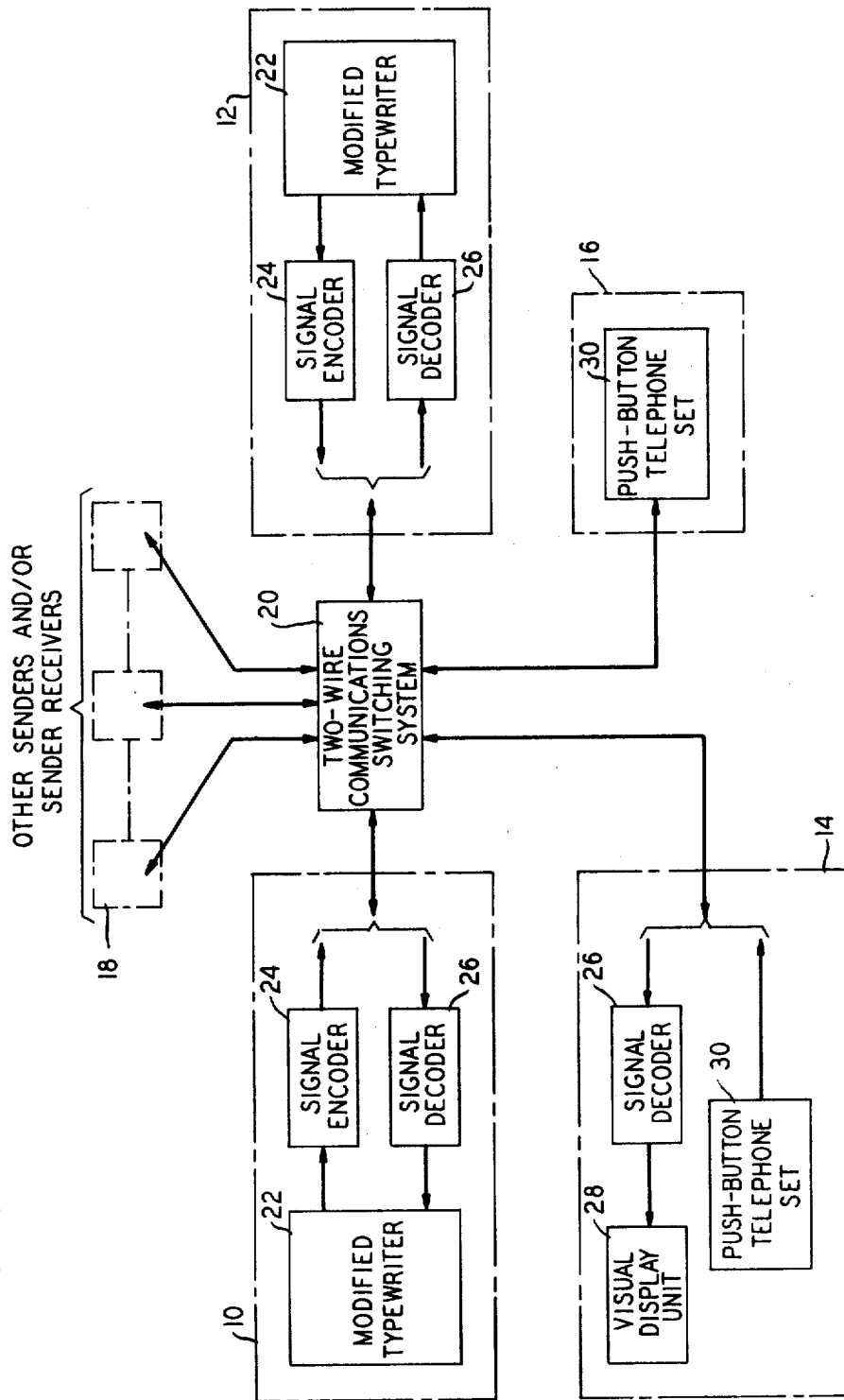
FIG. 2

ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTER	CODING SEQUENCE	
1	1	
2	2	
3	3	
4	4	
5	5	NUMERIC MODE
6	6	
7	7	
8	8	
9	9	
0	0	
Q	1- 0	
Z	1- 1-0	
. (PERIOD)	1- 1- 1- 0	
A	2- 0	
B	2- 2- 0	
C	2- 2- 2- 0	
D	3- 0	
E	3- 3- 0	
F	3- 3- 3- 0	
G	4- 0	
H	4- 4- 0	
I	4- 4- 4- 0	
J	5- 0	
K	5- 5- 0	
L	5- 5- 5- 0	
M	6- 0	
N	6- 6- 0	ALPHABETIC MODE
O	6- 6- 6- 0	
P	7- 0	
R	7- 7- 0	
S	7- 7- 7- 0	
T	8- 0	
U	8- 8- 0	
V	8- 8- 8- 0	
W	9- 0	
X	9- 9- 0	
Y	9- 9- 9- 0	
(CARRIAGE RETURN)	*- 0	
(ALPHABETIC MODE)	*- *- * [SPECIAL]	
(SPACE)	#- 0	
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FIG. 3A

FIG. 3B

DOCKET ALARM
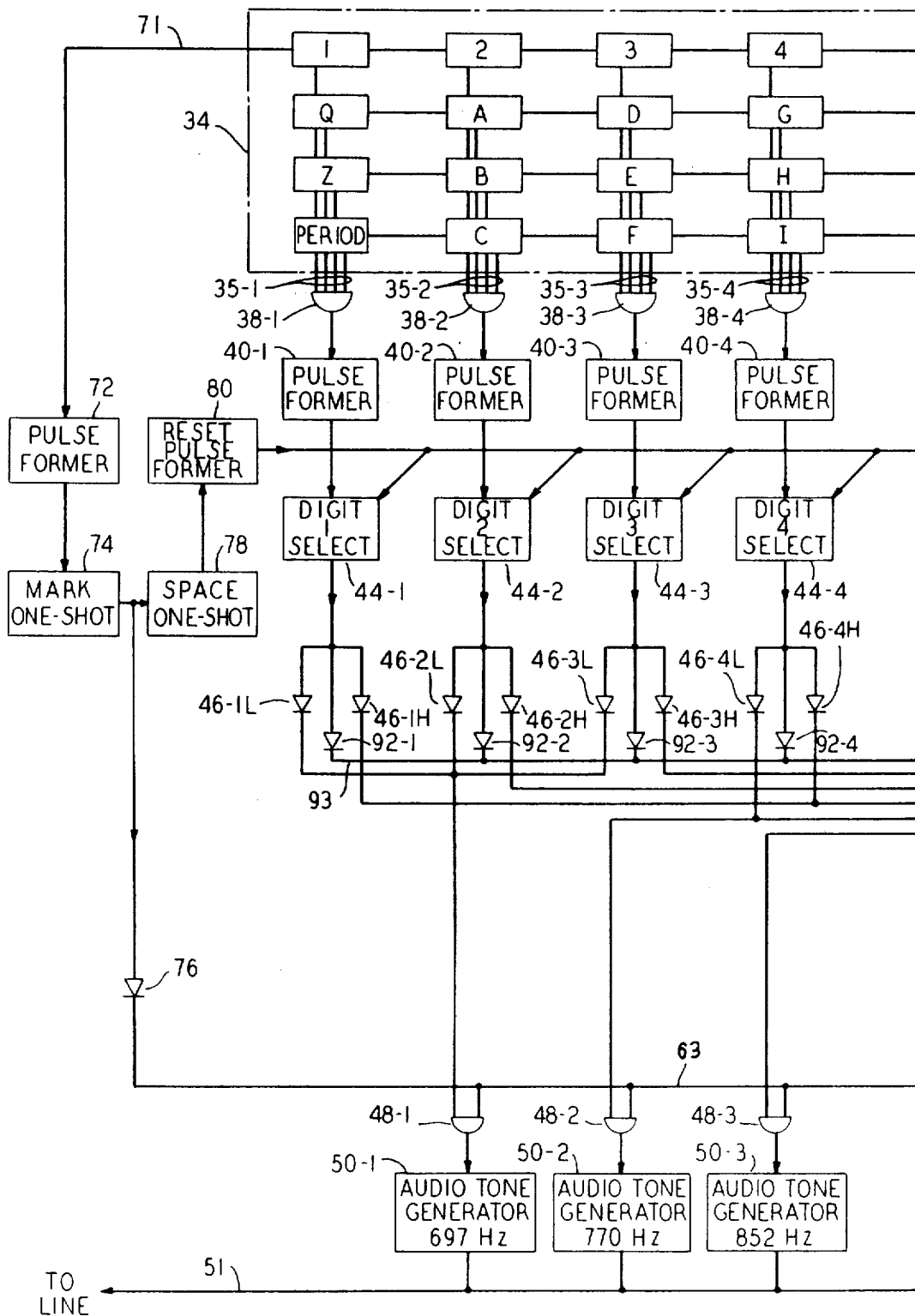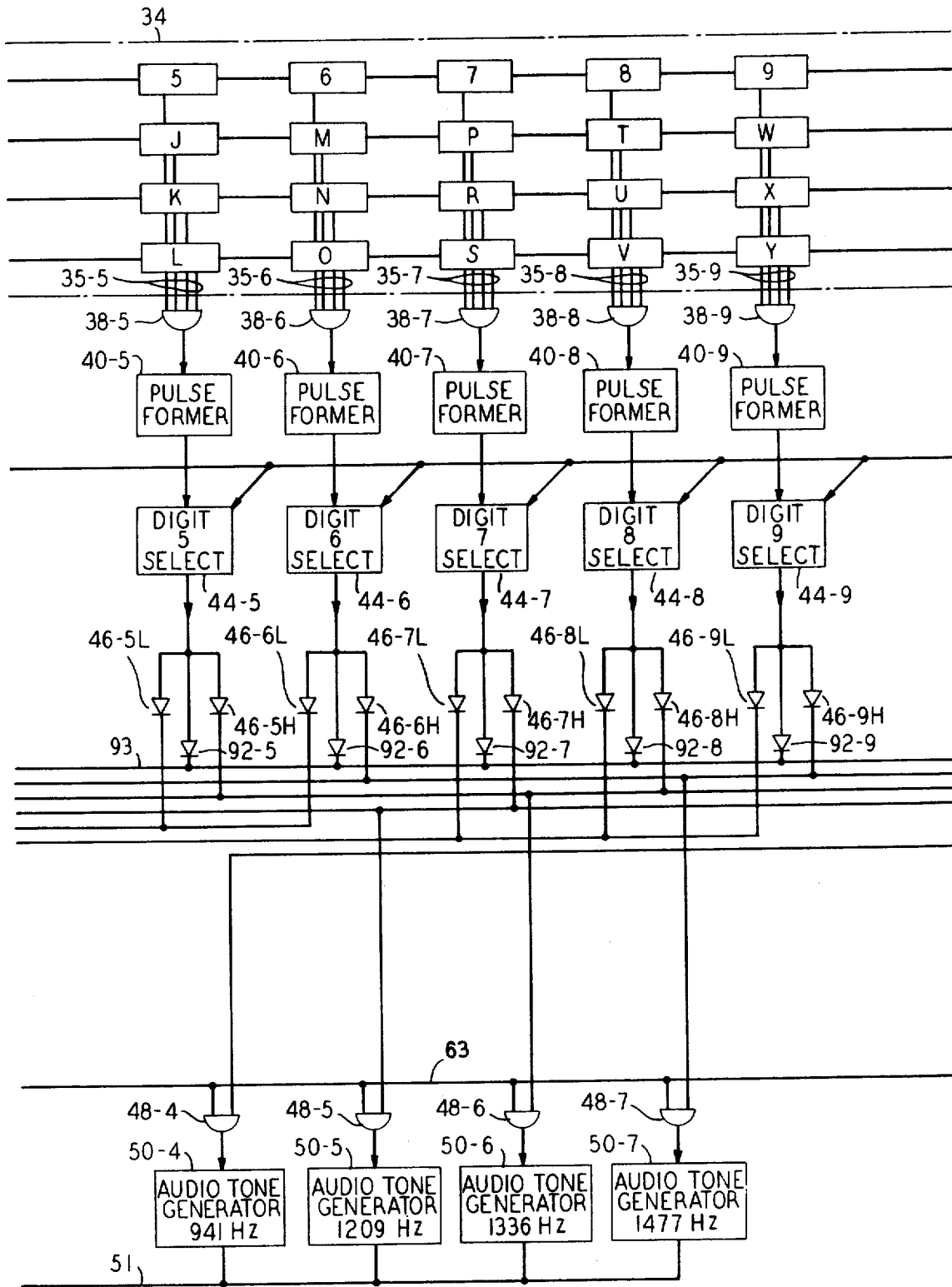
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