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[54] **SINGLE SENSOR COLOR CAMERA WITH USER SELECTABLE IMAGE RECORD SIZE**

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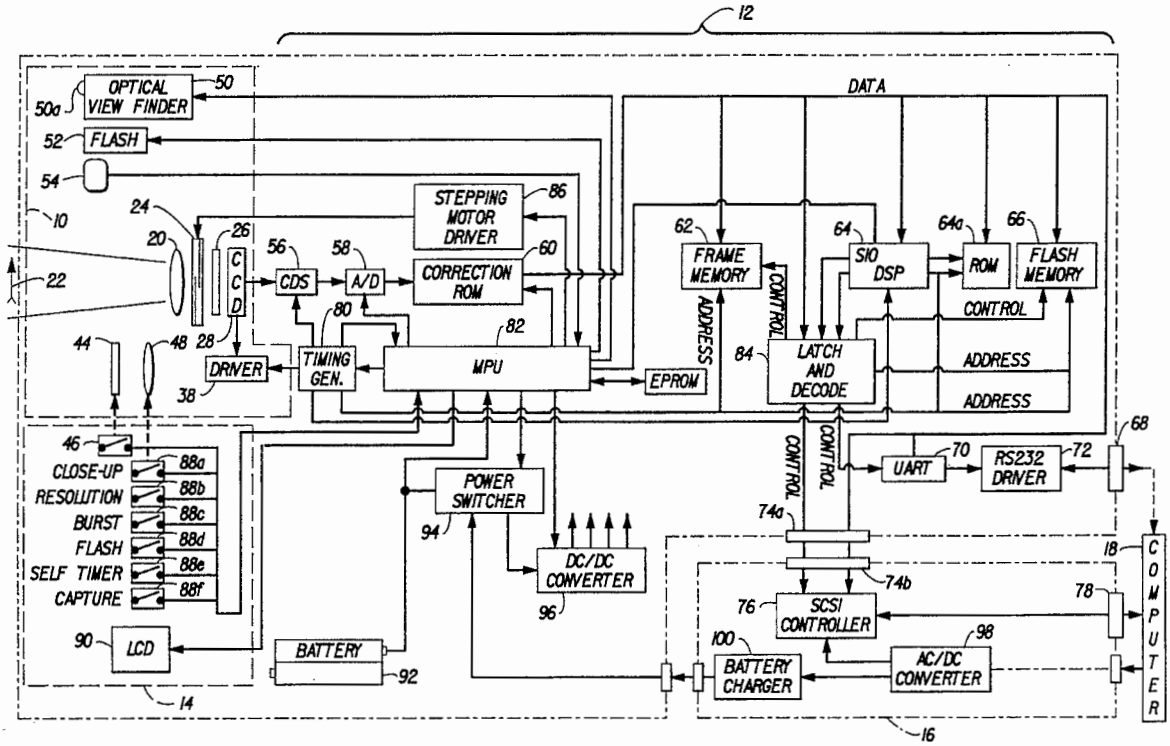
[57] **ABSTRACT**

An electronic camera is adapted for processing images of different resolution to provide a user selectable image record size. A buffer memory is provided for storing color image pixels from a sensor as baseband signals corresponding to at least one image. A timing controller responsive to a resolution mode switch controls the order in which color image pixels are selected for storage in both vertical and horizontal directions. The order selected by the resolution switch includes a full resolution mode, and at least one reduced resolution mode in which the color image pixels are subsampled such that each chrominance image pixel is selected to be spatially adjacent to a selected luminance image pixel. Additionally, the buffer memory can store a burst of low resolution images.

15 Claims, 5 Drawing Sheets



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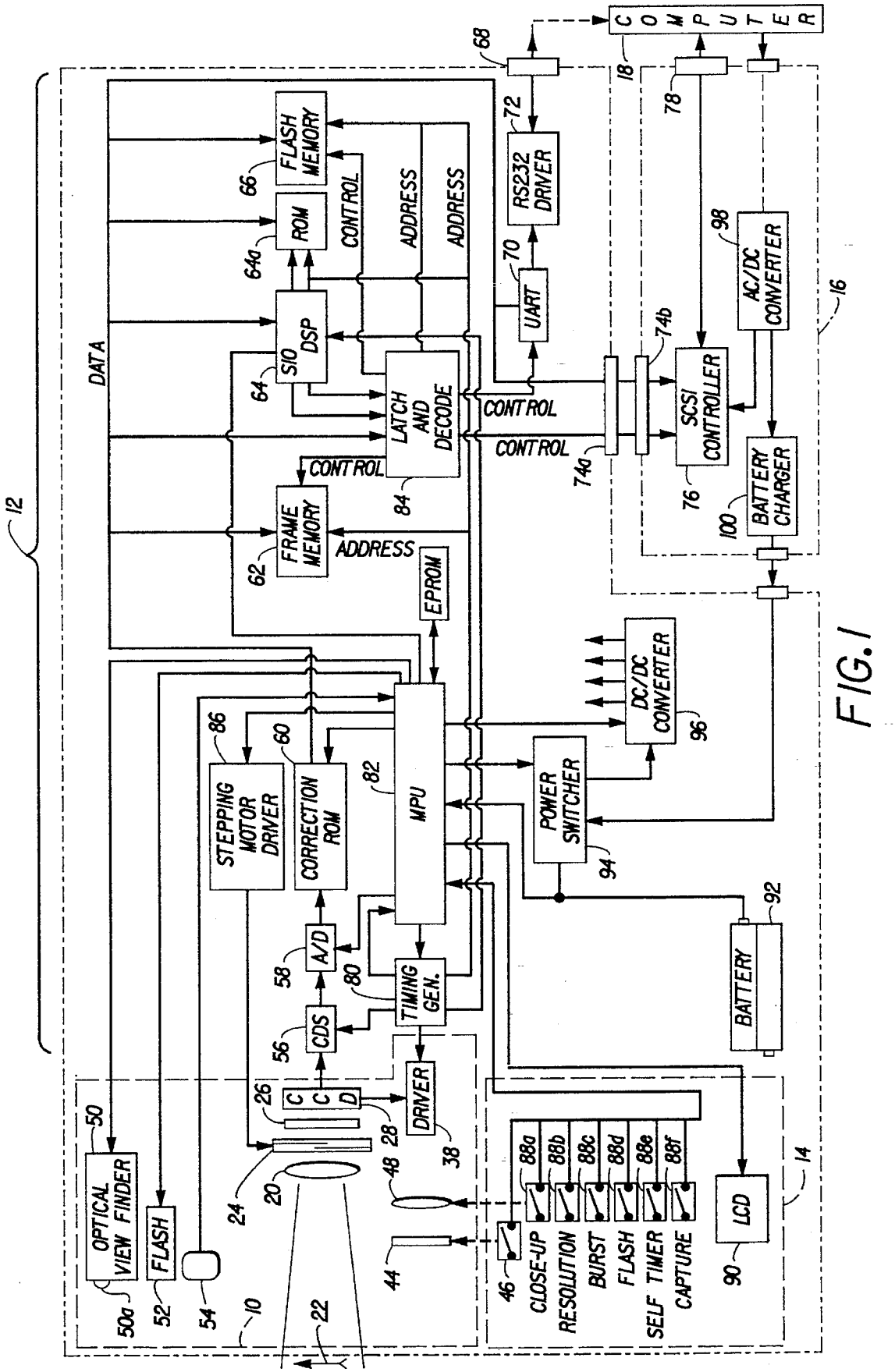

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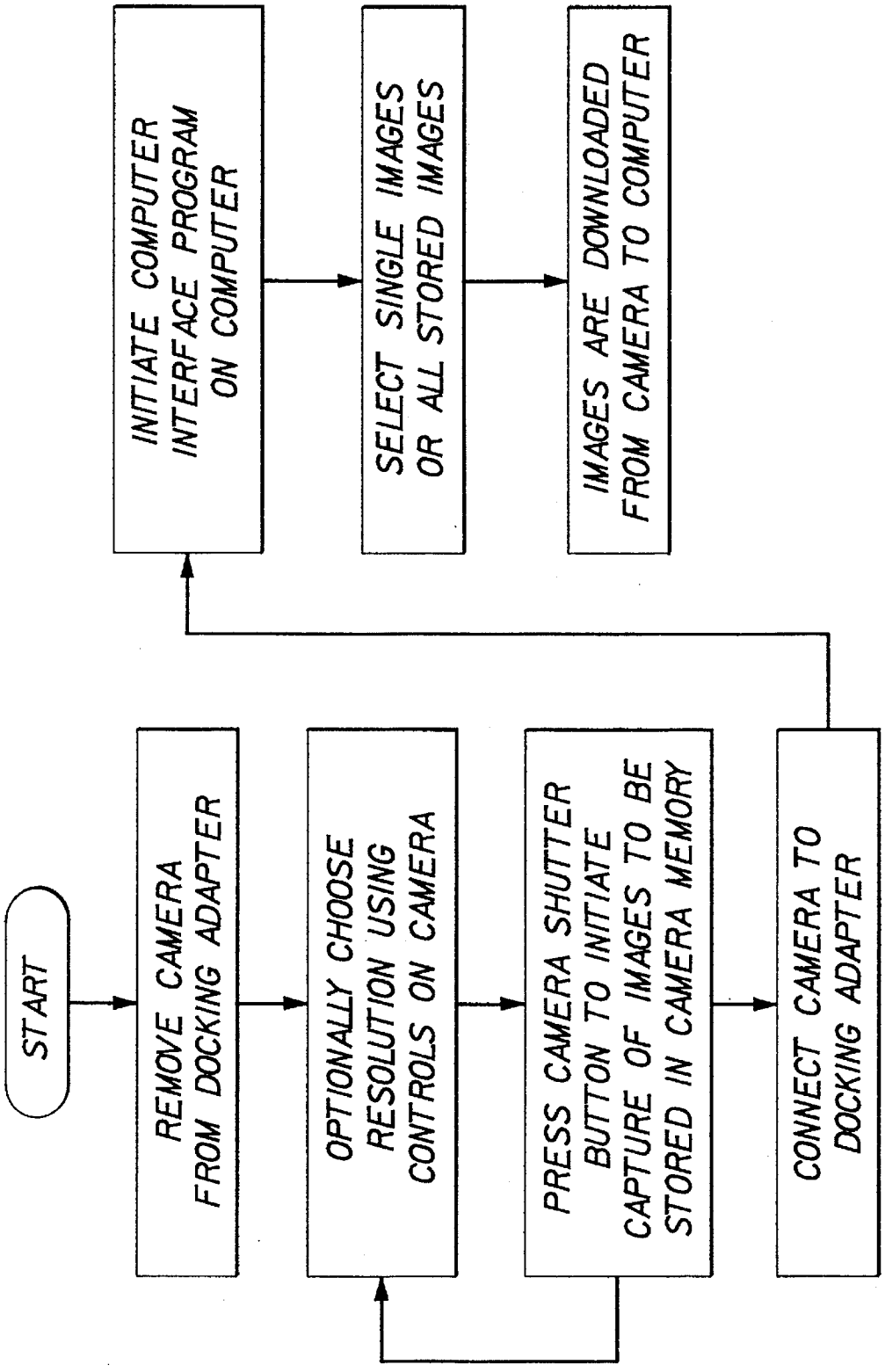

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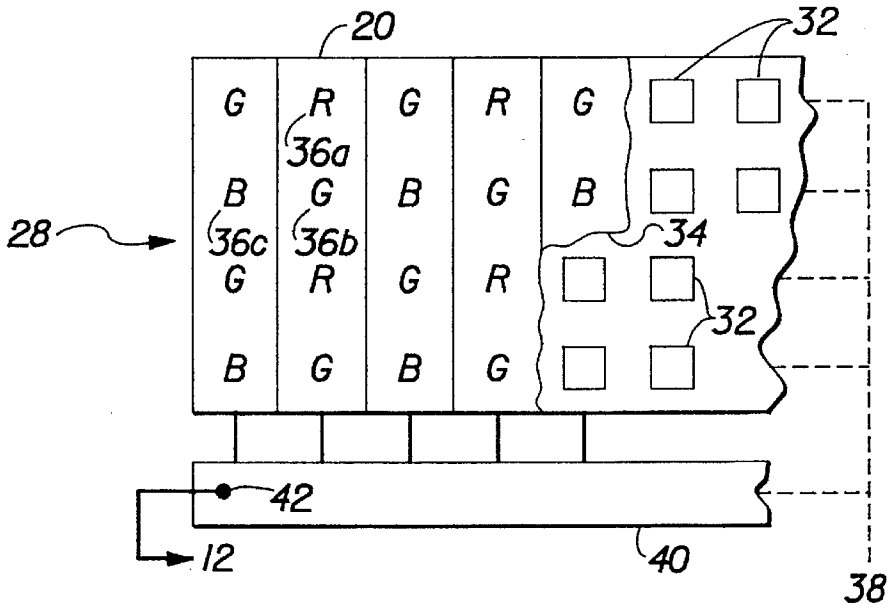

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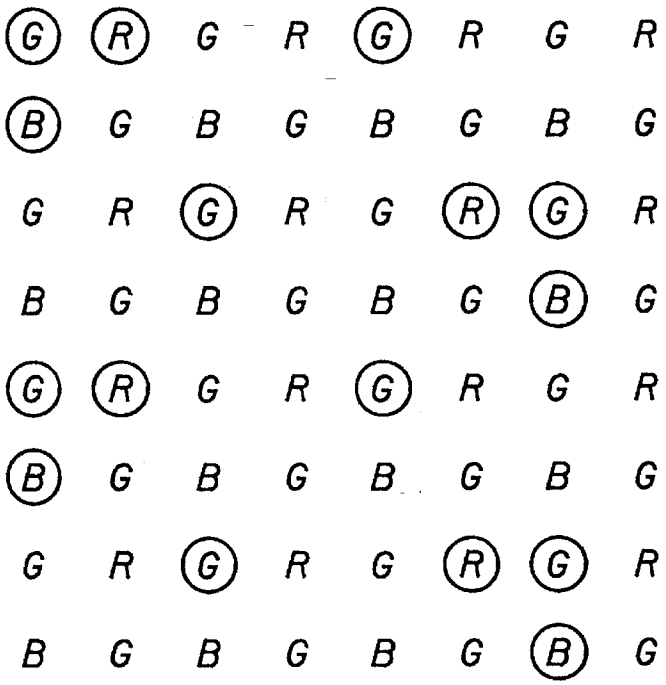

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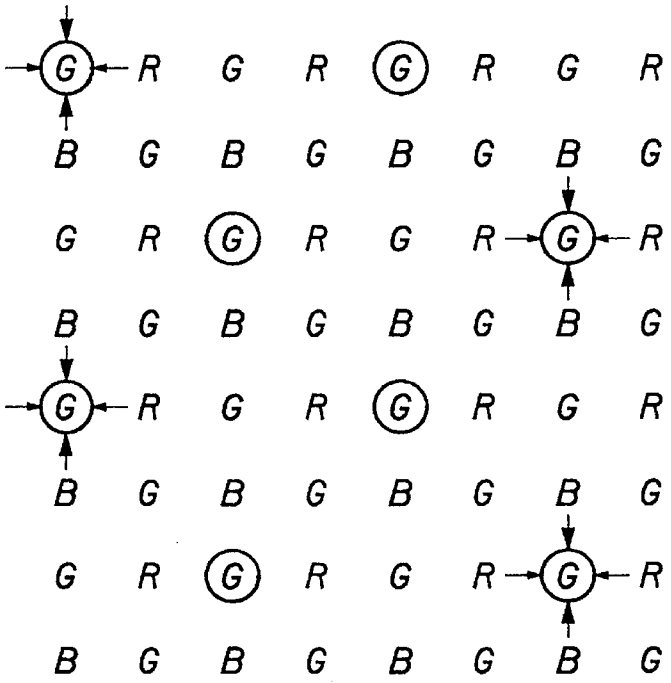

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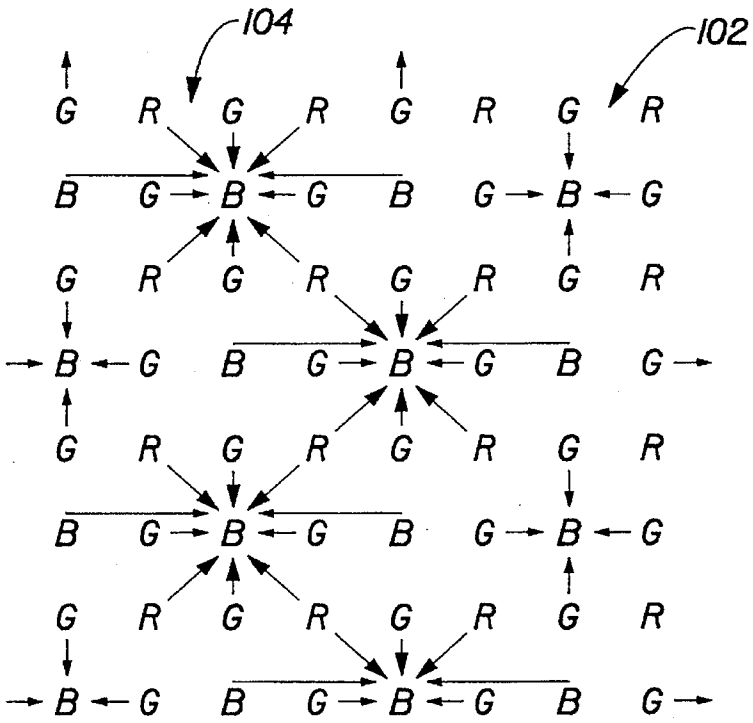

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