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- [54] **METHOD FOR PERFORMING SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS IN DEVICE CONNECTED TO COMPUTER IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIED VALUES BEING WRITTEN INTO SNOOPED SUB PORTIONS OF ADDRESS SPACE**
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of controlling an input/output (I/O) device connected to a computer to facilitate fast I/O data transfers. An address space for the I/O device is created in the virtual memory of the computer, wherein the address space comprises virtual registers that are used to directly control the I/O device. In essence, control registers and/or memory of the I/O device are mapped into the virtual address space, and the virtual address space is backed by control registers and/or memory on the I/O device. Thereafter, the I/O device detects writes to the address space. As a result, a pre-defined sequence of actions can be triggered in the I/O device by programming specified values into the data written into the mapped virtual address space.

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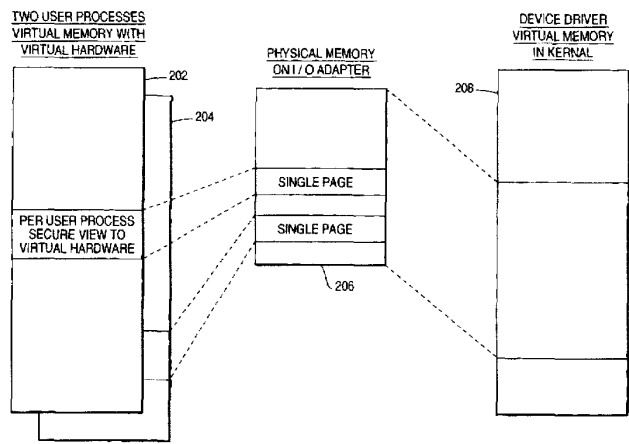
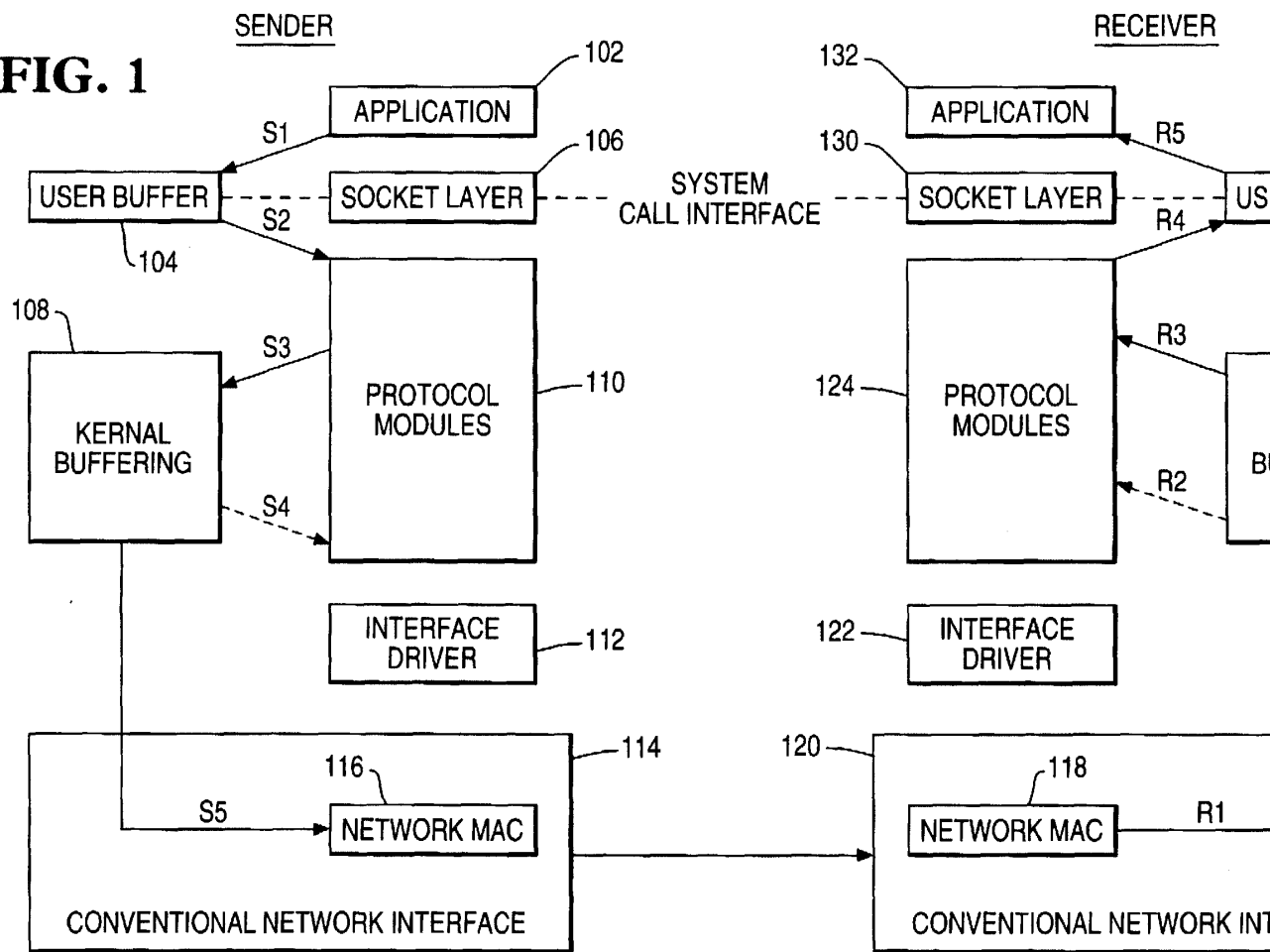


FIG. 1



TWO USER PROCESSES
VIRTUAL MEMORY WITH
VIRTUAL HARDWARE

FIG. 2

DEVICE D
VIRTUAL M
IN KER

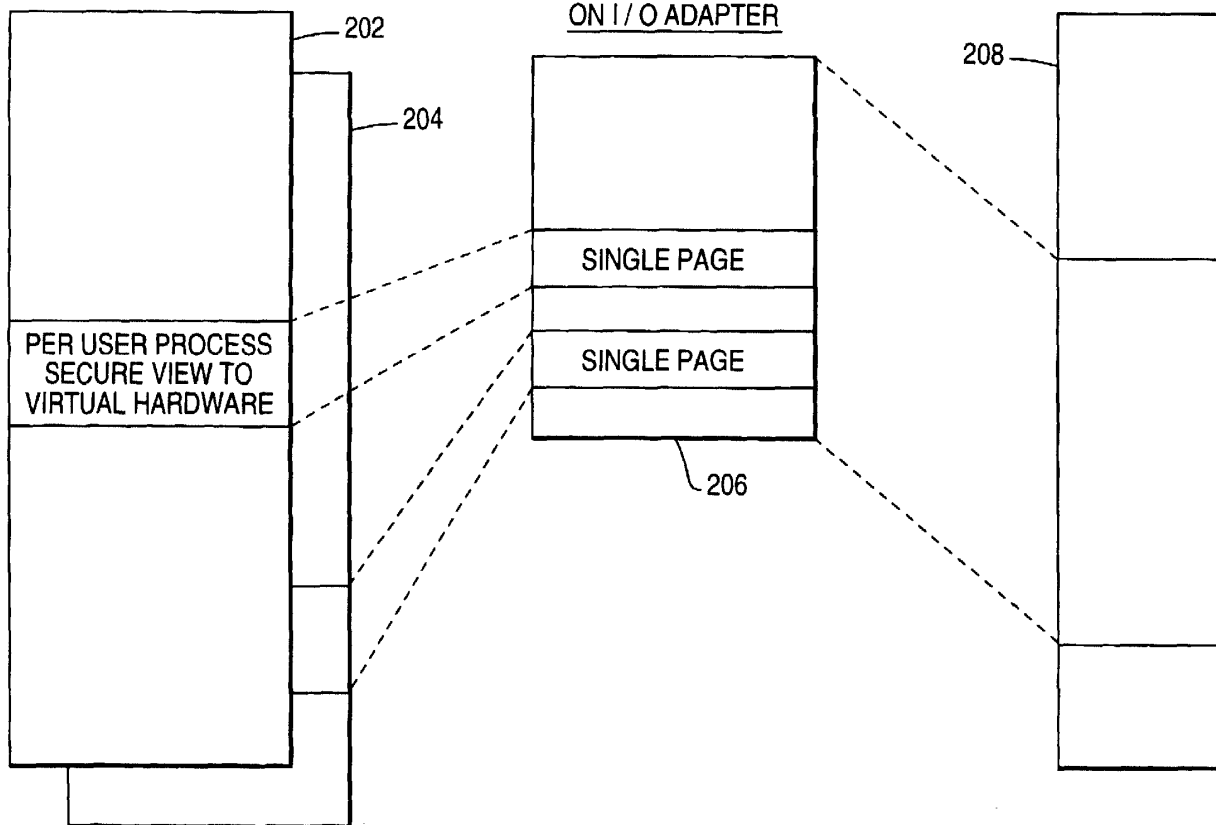


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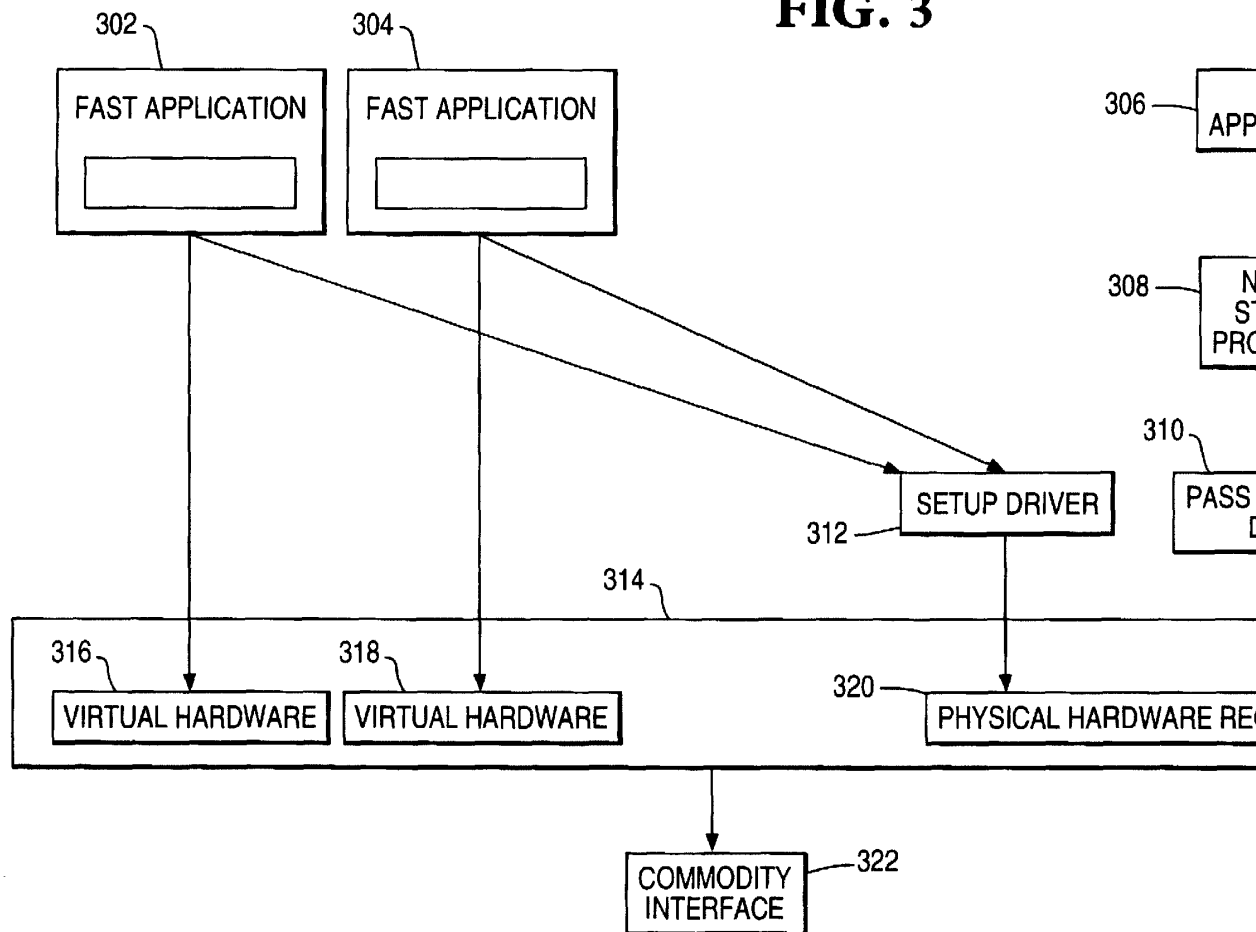
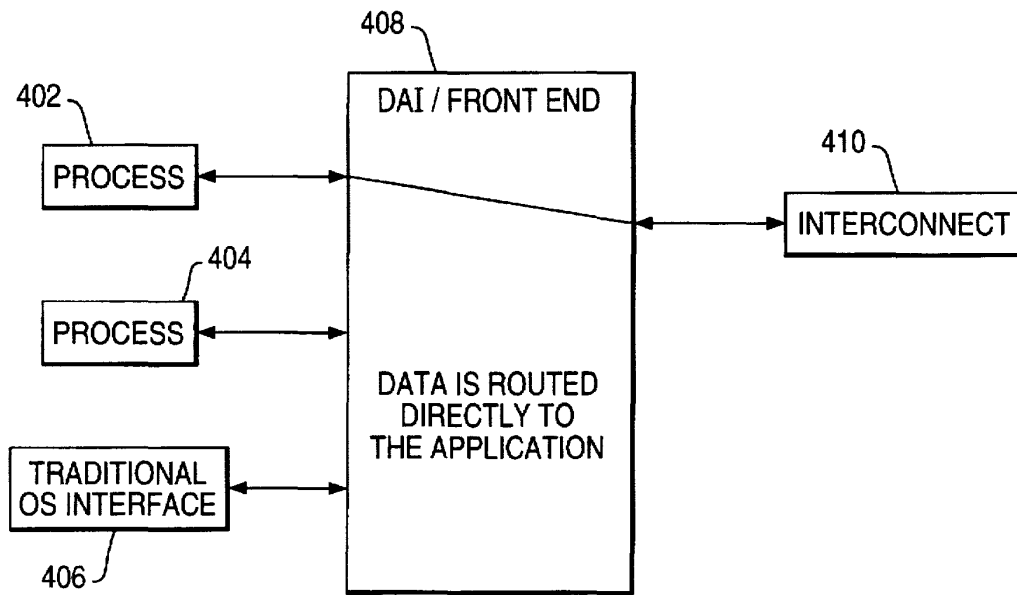


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