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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An image processing method for use in dentistry or orthodontic is provided. Two images of teeth, one being a two-dimensional image and one a three-dimensional image are combined in a manner to allow the use of information obtained from one to the other. In order to combine the two images a set of basic landmarks is defined in one, identified in the other and then the two images are registered.

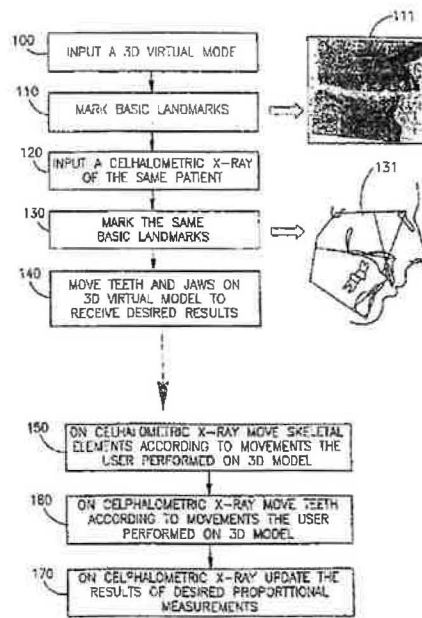
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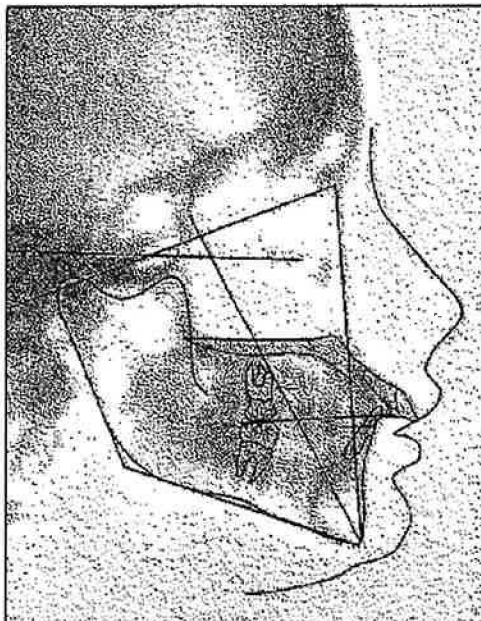
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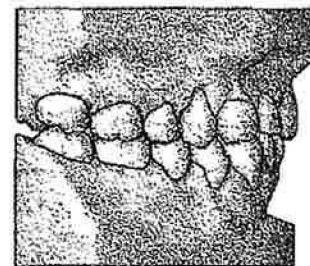
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**FIG. 1A**



**FIG. 1B**

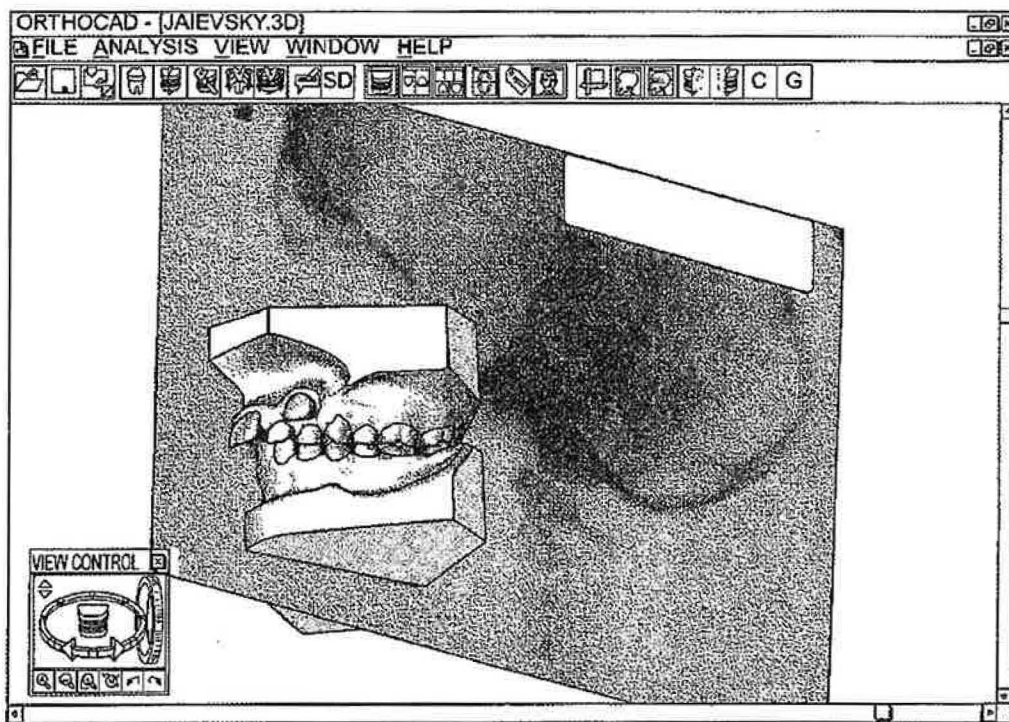


FIG. 2

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**FIG. 3**

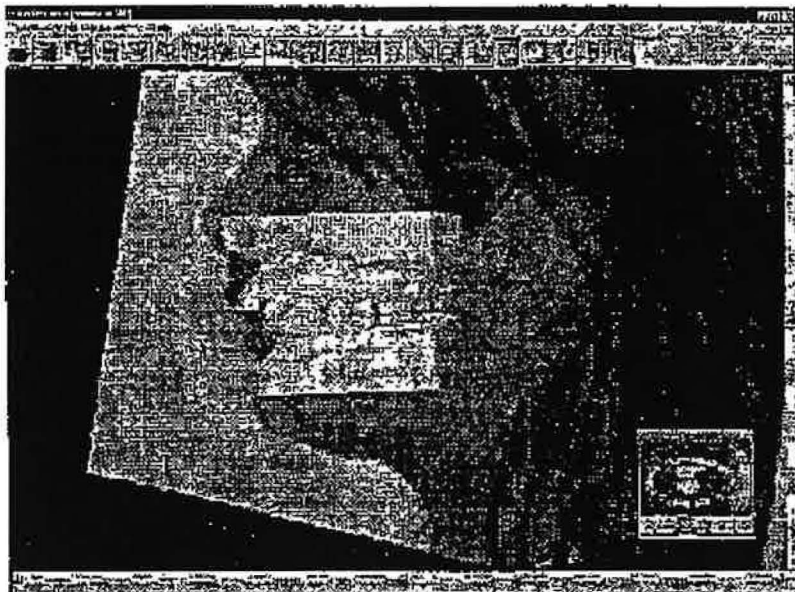


FIG. 3A

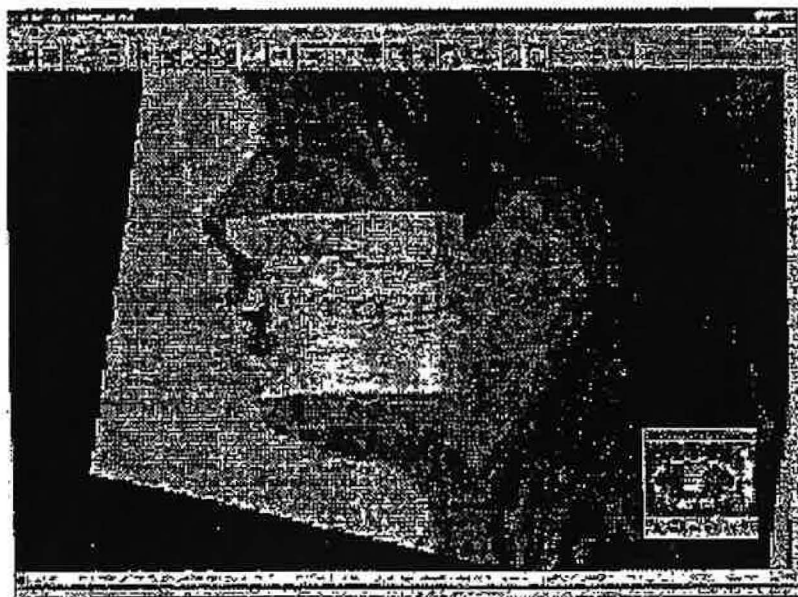


FIG. 3B

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