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[54] **SUPERVISORY CONTROL SYSTEM FOR NETWORKED MULTIMEDIA WORKSTATIONS THAT PROVIDES RECONFIGURATION OF WORKSTATIONS BY REMOTELY UPDATING THE OPERATING SYSTEM**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A supervisory control system for a networked multimedia computing system permits a teacher or network administrator to quickly and easily update system software on selected destination workstations with the system software currently residing on the master workstation. In one mode of operation, only basic system software is updated, while user-defined preferences are unchanged. In a second mode of operation, both the system software and all user-controlled settings are replaced, to permit the remote workstations to be configured in a desired manner.

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Update System Folder

This command is used to copy the system software from this workstation to the selected workstation.

☒ Update System Software

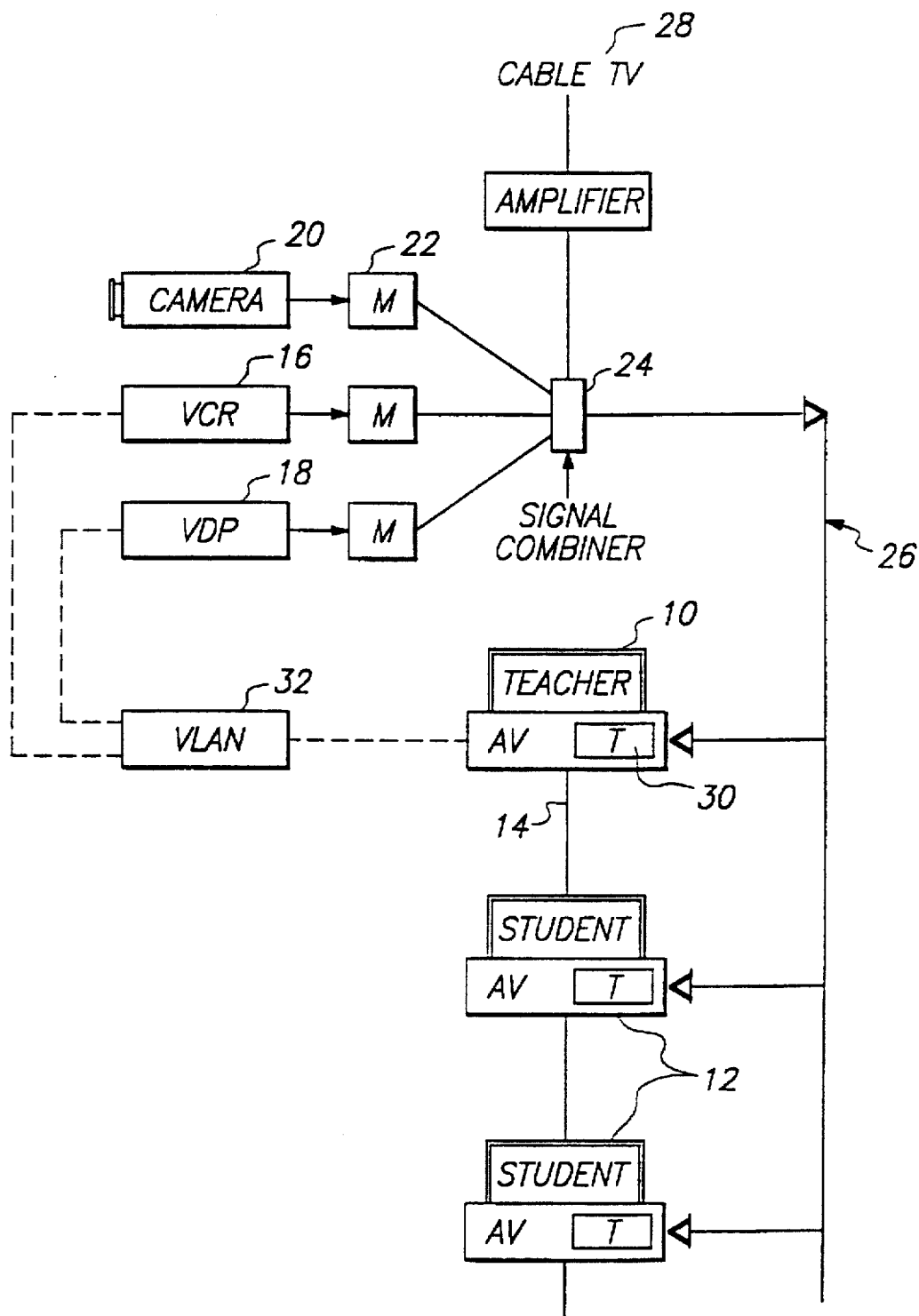
This option will replace the system software on the selected workstations.

☐ Update System Software and All Settings

This option will replace the system software and also replace the system and application preferences on the selected workstations.

Cancel

Update

**FIG. 1**

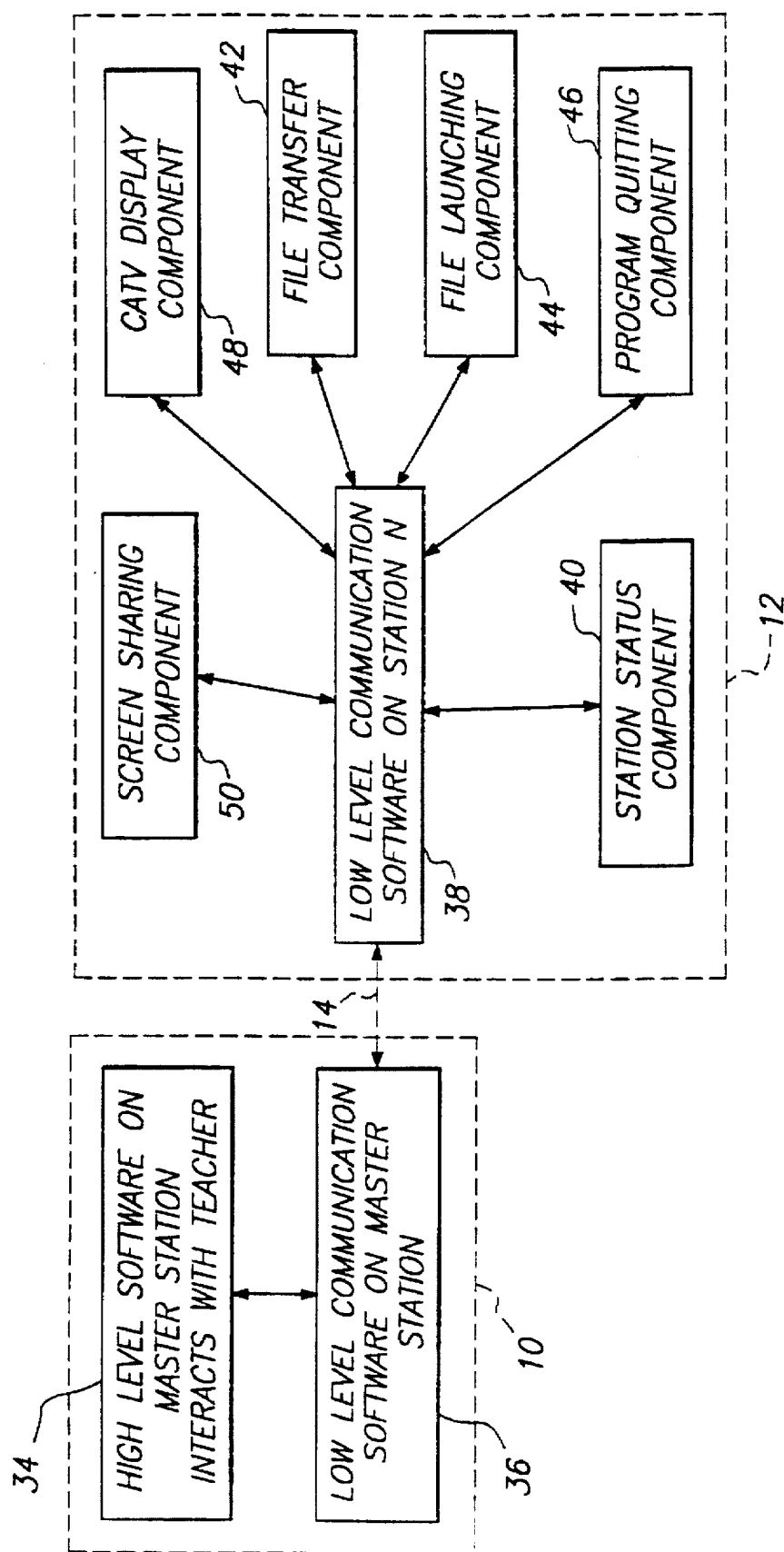


FIG. 2

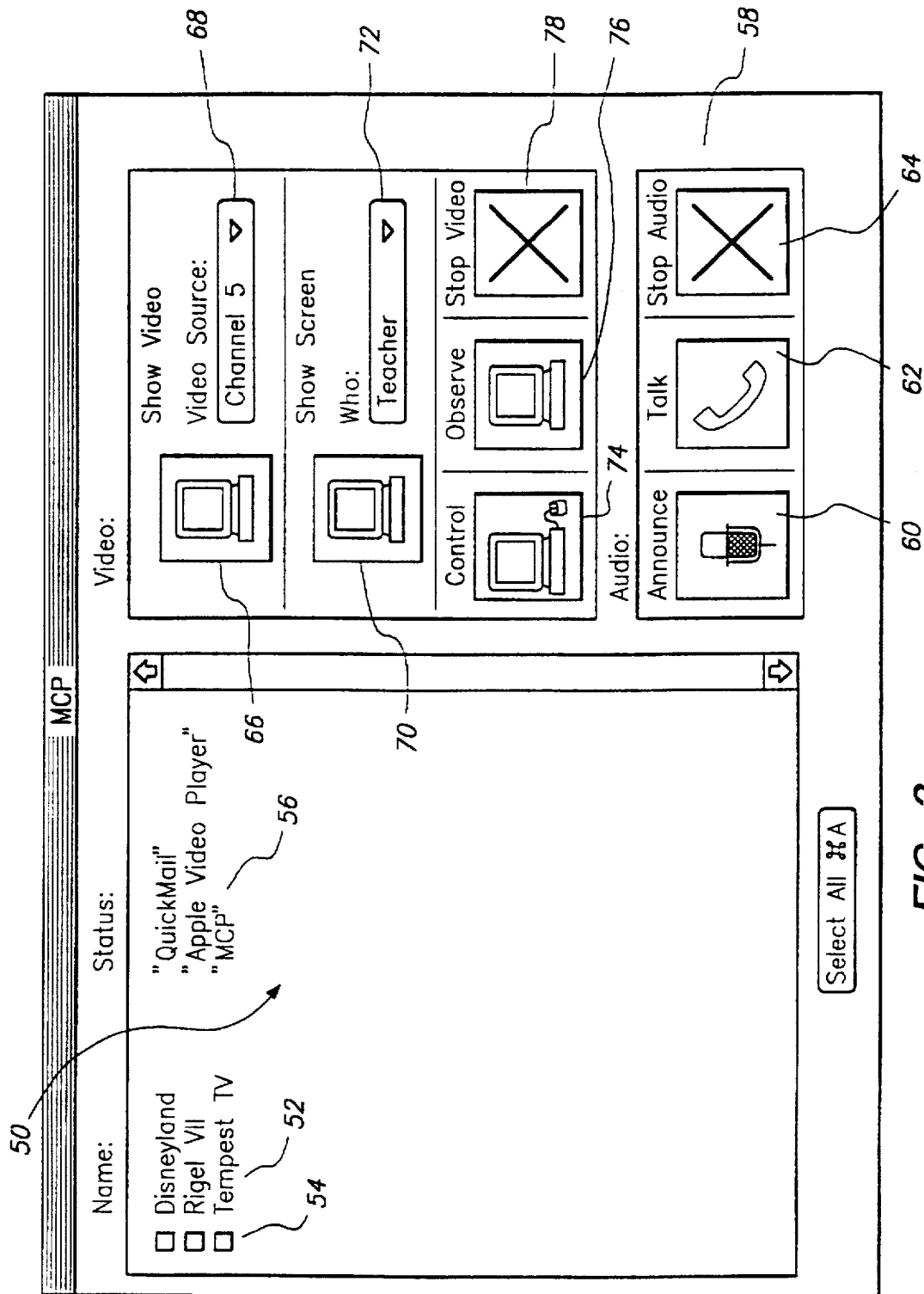
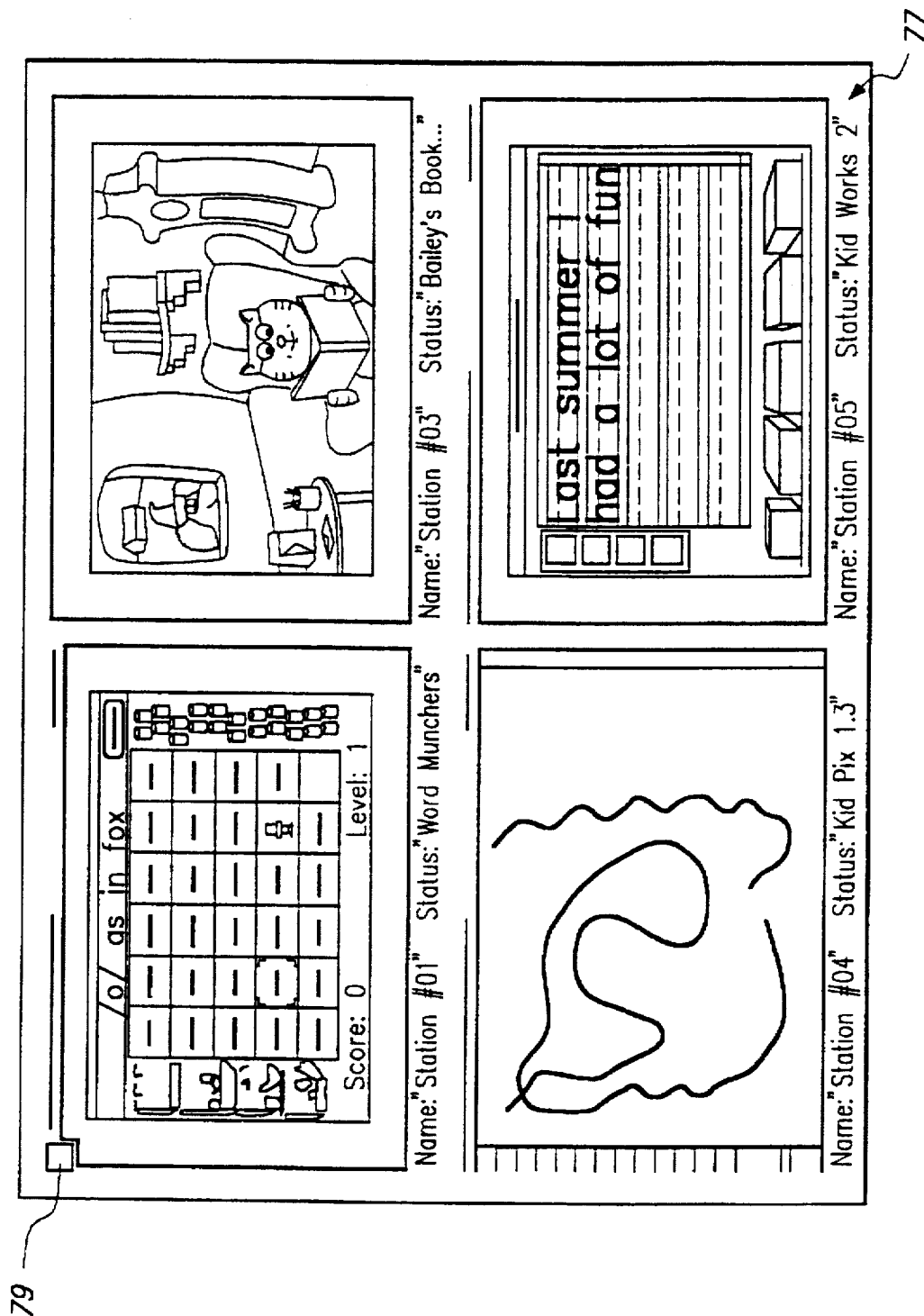


FIG. 3



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