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(54) **CONFIGURATION METHOD FOR A  
REMOTE CONTROL VIA MODEL NUMBER  
ENTRY FOR A CONTROLLED DEVICE**

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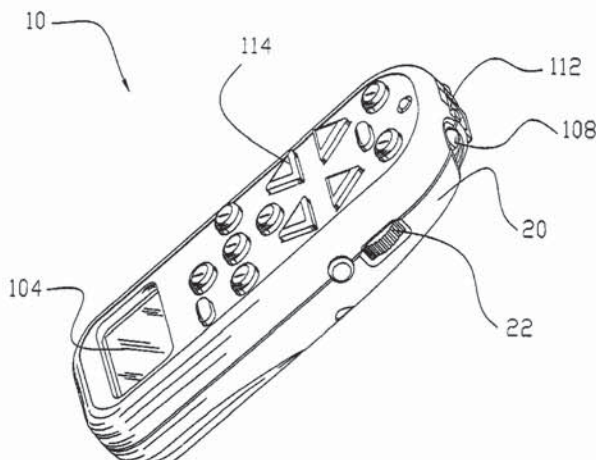
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An online remote control configuration system for efficiently  
programming a remote control to recognize a plurality of  
external electronic devices. The online remote control con-  
figuration system includes a remote control having a housing,  
a keypad, and an electronic system for receiving configura-  
tion data from a control station via a global computer network  
(e.g. Internet). The user preferably "samples" one or more  
signals from a remote control into the electronic system and  
then uploads the samples to the control station. The control  
station analyzes the uploaded samples and transmits the  
appropriate configuration data to properly configure the elec-  
tronic system. The user may also access a web site of the  
control station and manually select each of the external elec-  
tronic devices that the remote control is to operate after which  
the control station sends the appropriate configuration data to  
the electronic system.

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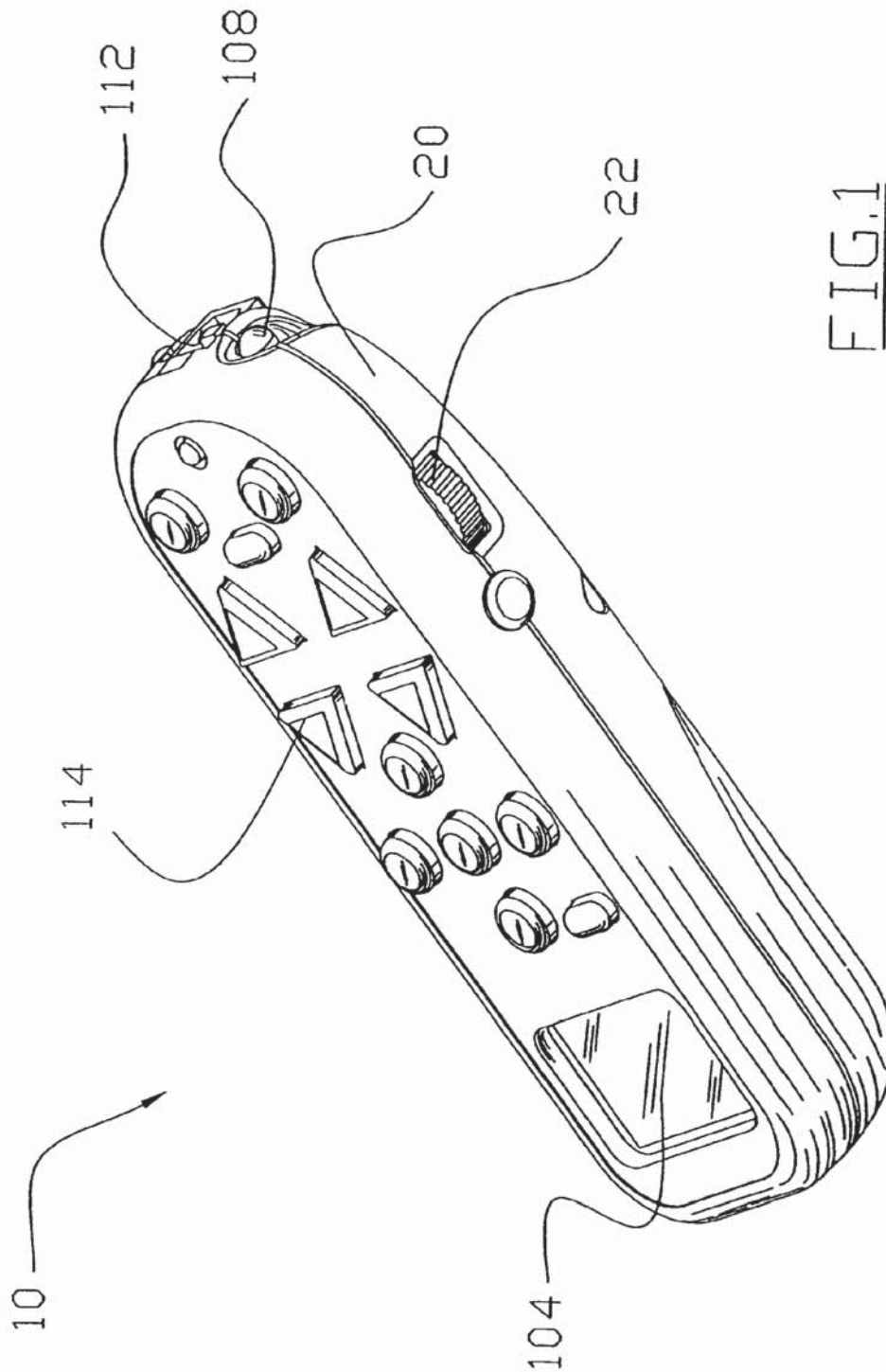
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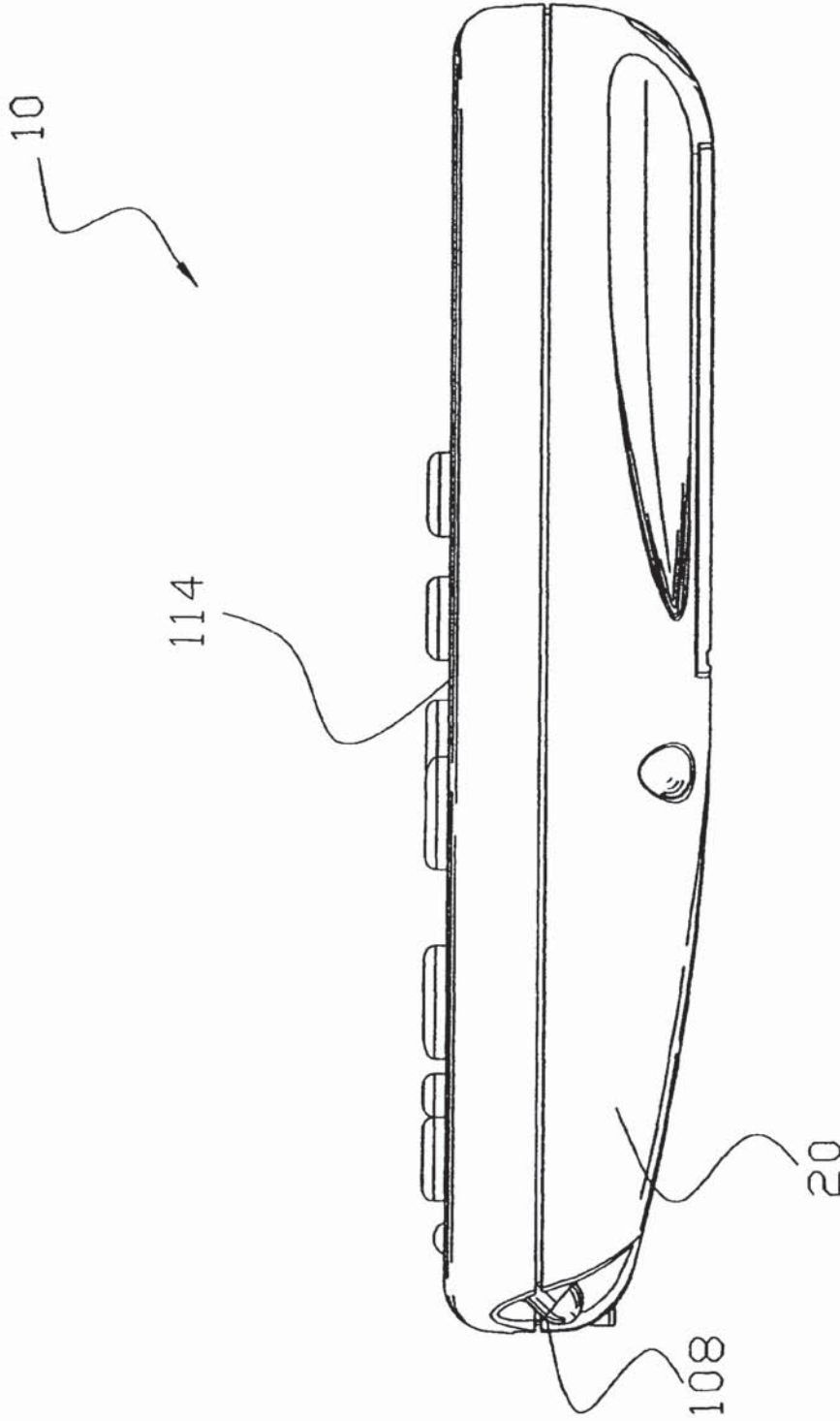


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