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(54) **DIGITAL CAMERA USING MULTIPLE LENSES AND IMAGE SENSORS TO PROVIDE AN EXTENDED ZOOM RANGE**

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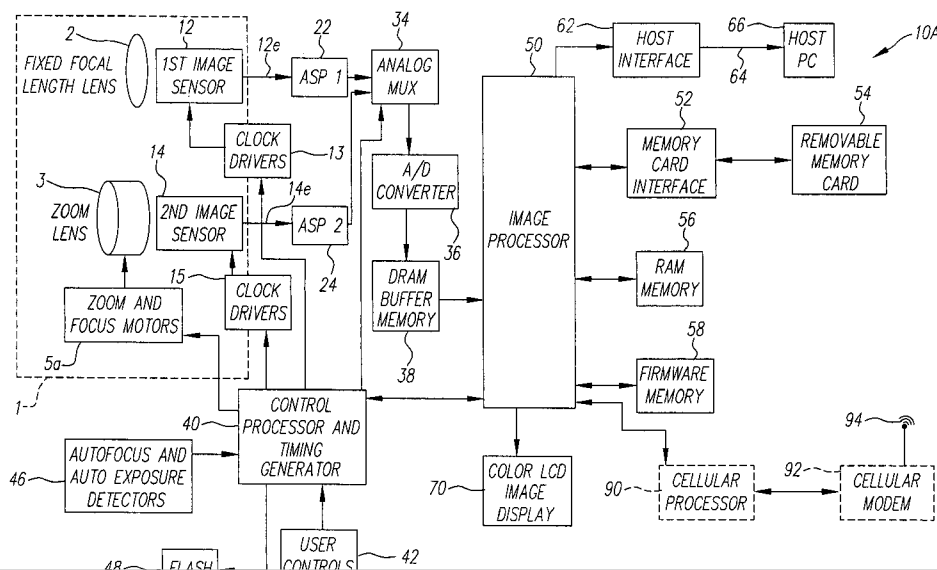
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A digital camera includes a first image sensor, a first wide angle lens for forming a first image of a scene on the first image sensor; a second image sensor, a zoom lens for forming a second image of the same scene on the second image sensor, a control element for selecting either a first sensor output from the first image sensor or a second sensor output from the second image sensor, and a processing section for producing the output image from the selected sensor output. In one variation of this embodiment, the first lens is also a zoom lens, where the maximum focal length of the first lens is less than or equal to the minimum focal length of the second zoom lens.

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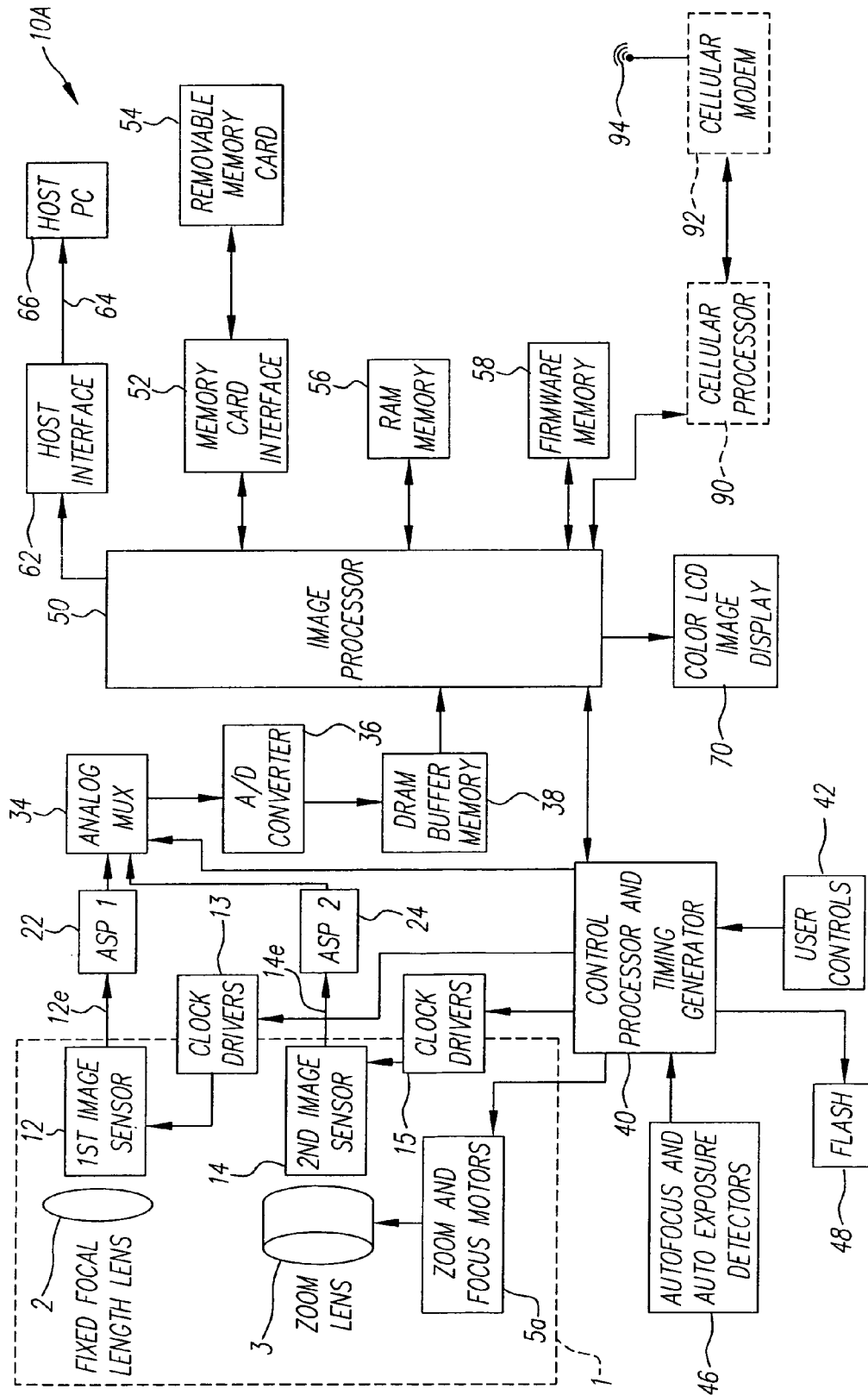


FIG. 1

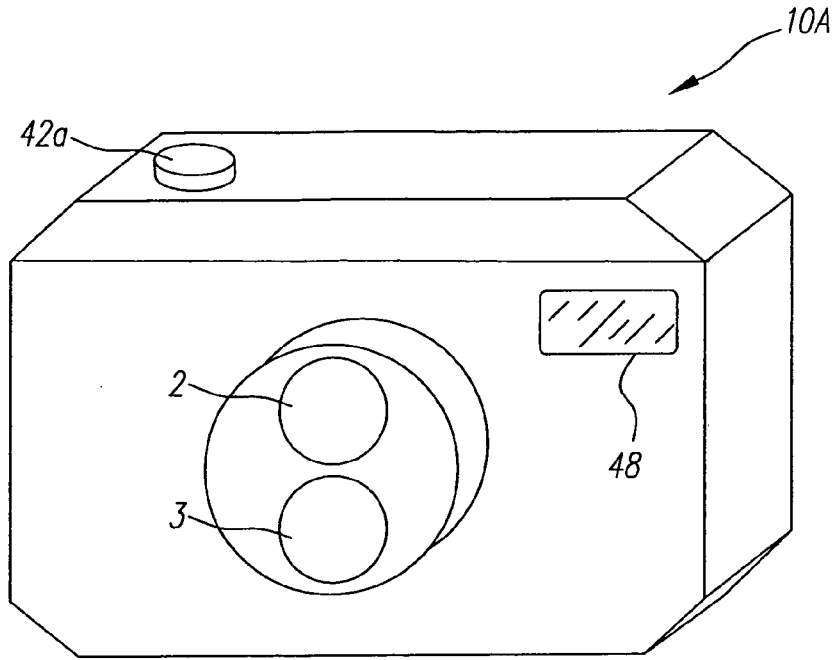


FIG. 2A

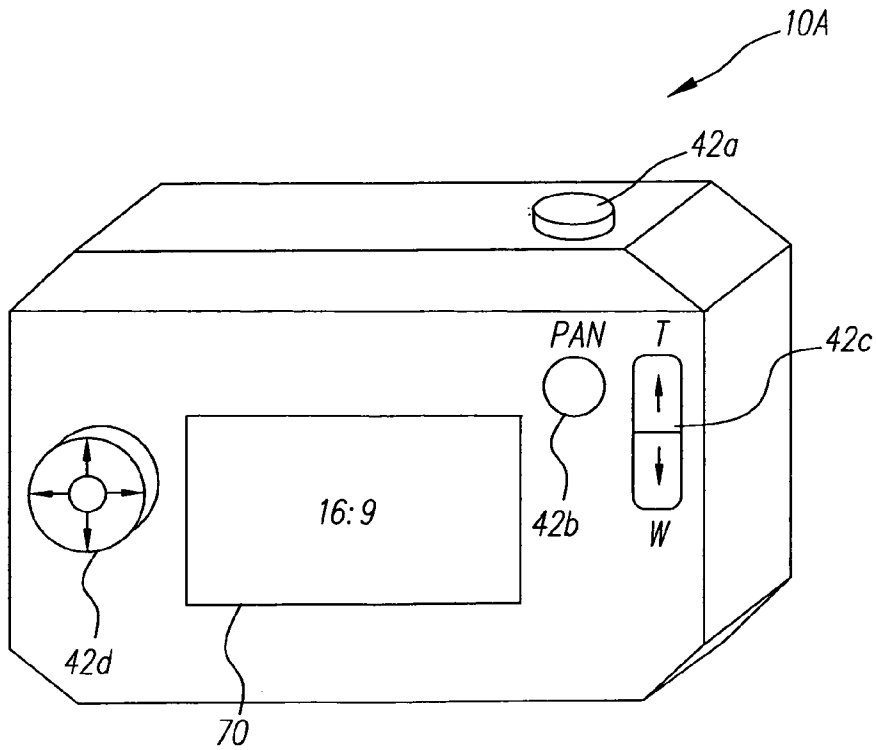


FIG. 2B

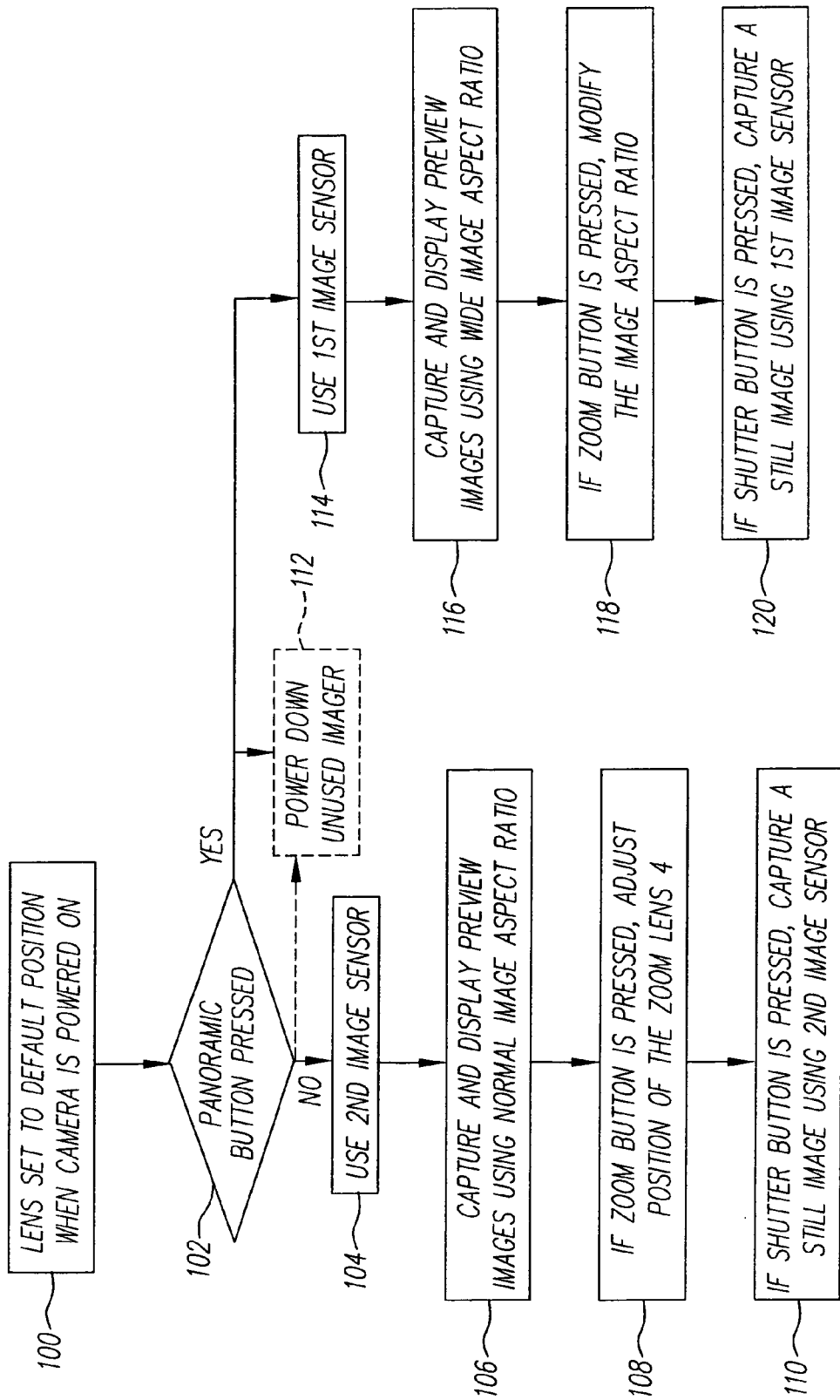


FIG. 3

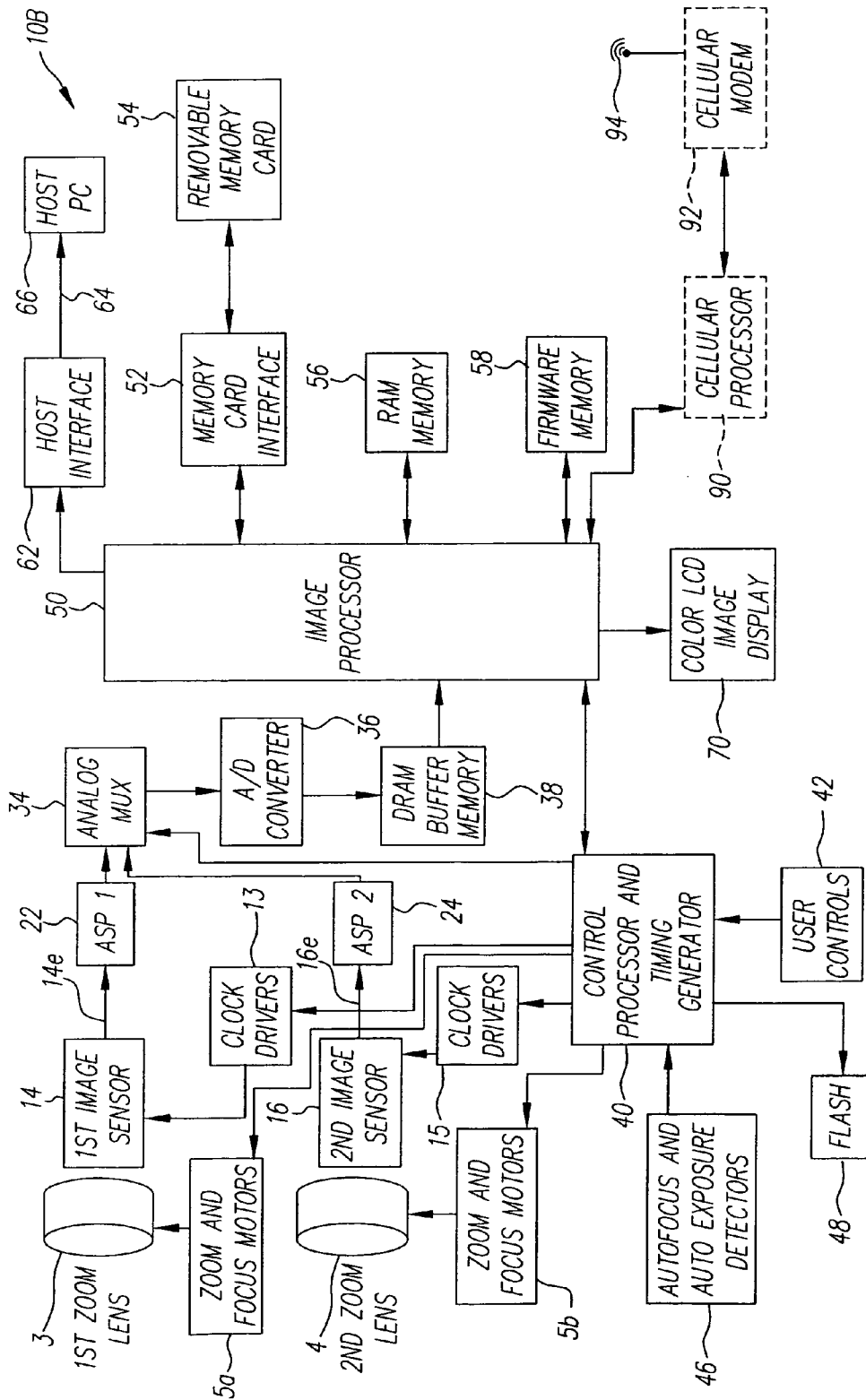


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