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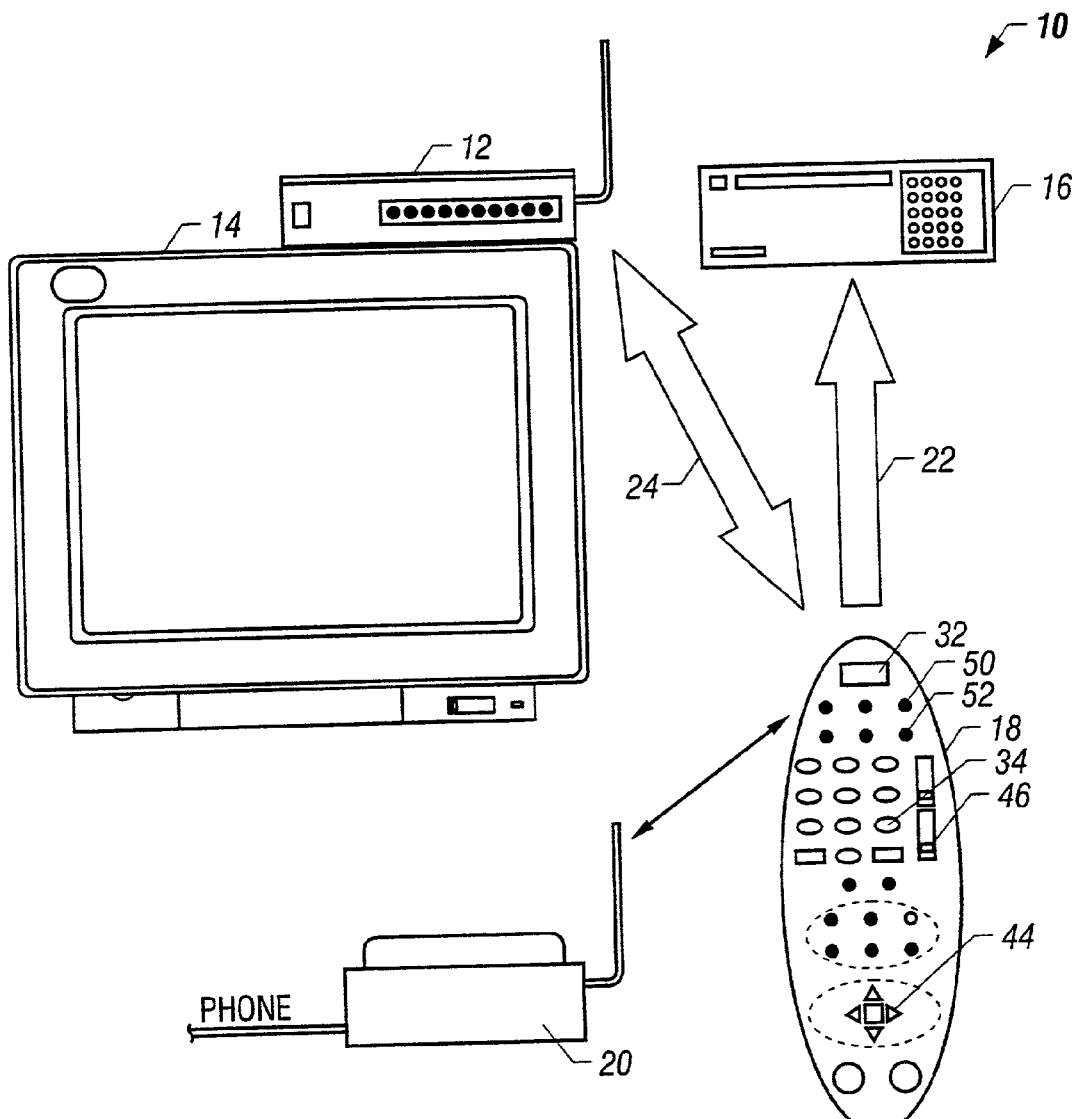
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A control system enables telephone calls to be answered remotely using a remote control unit also adapted to remotely control an electronic device such as VCR. A processor based station may communicate with a remote control unit using both infrared and radio frequency protocols to enable remote telephone communications and remote control of electronic devices.



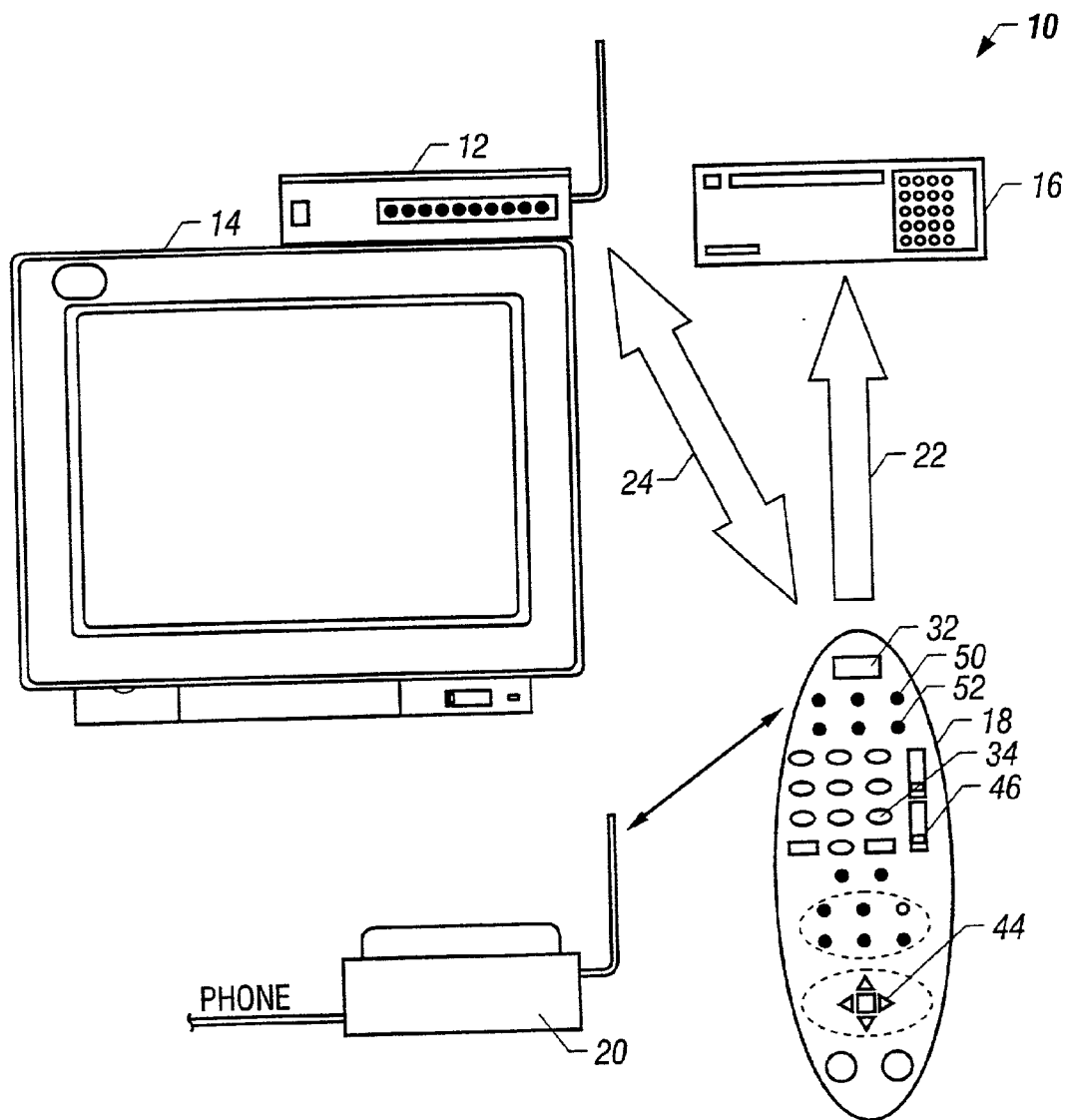


FIG. 1

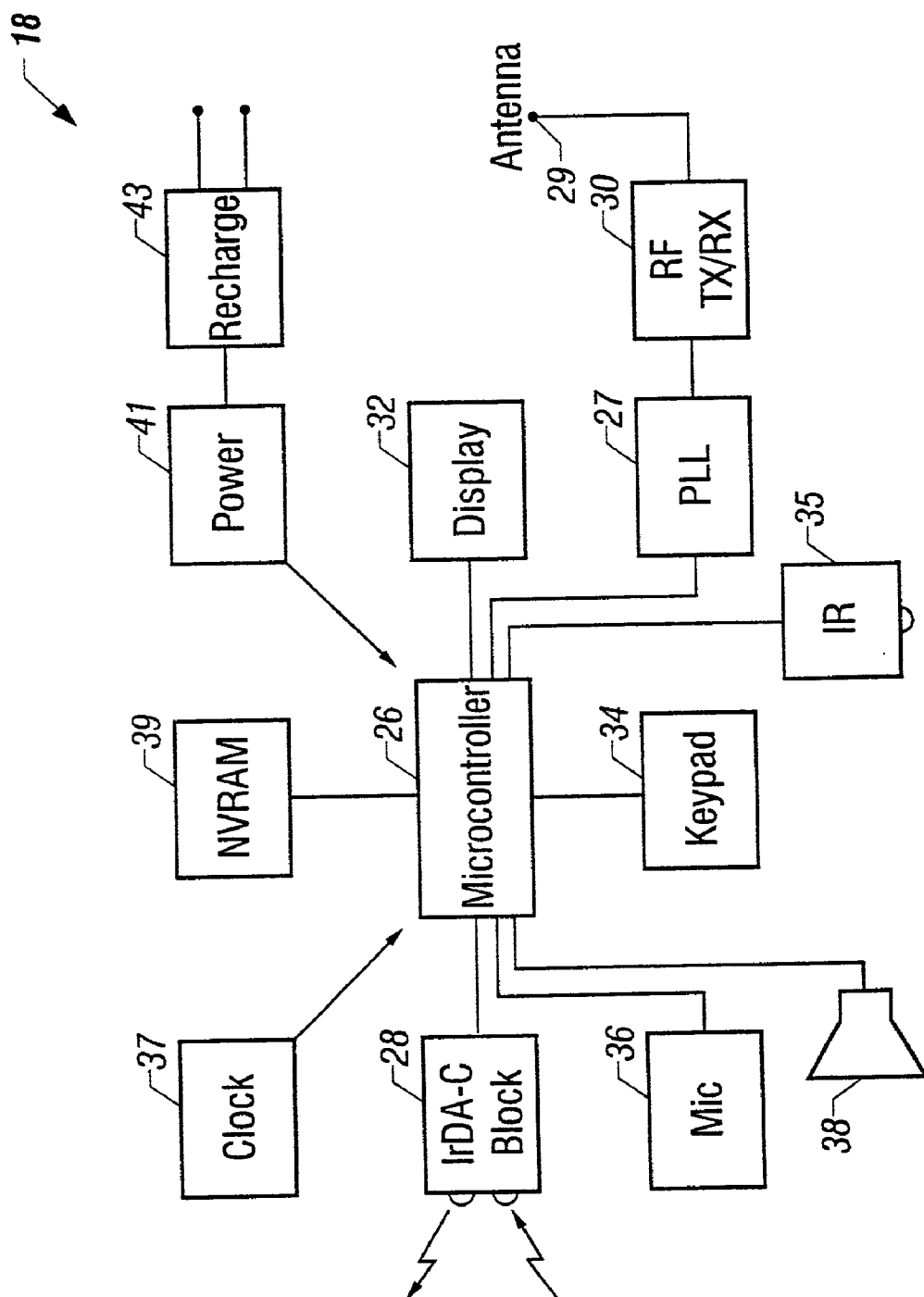


FIG. 2

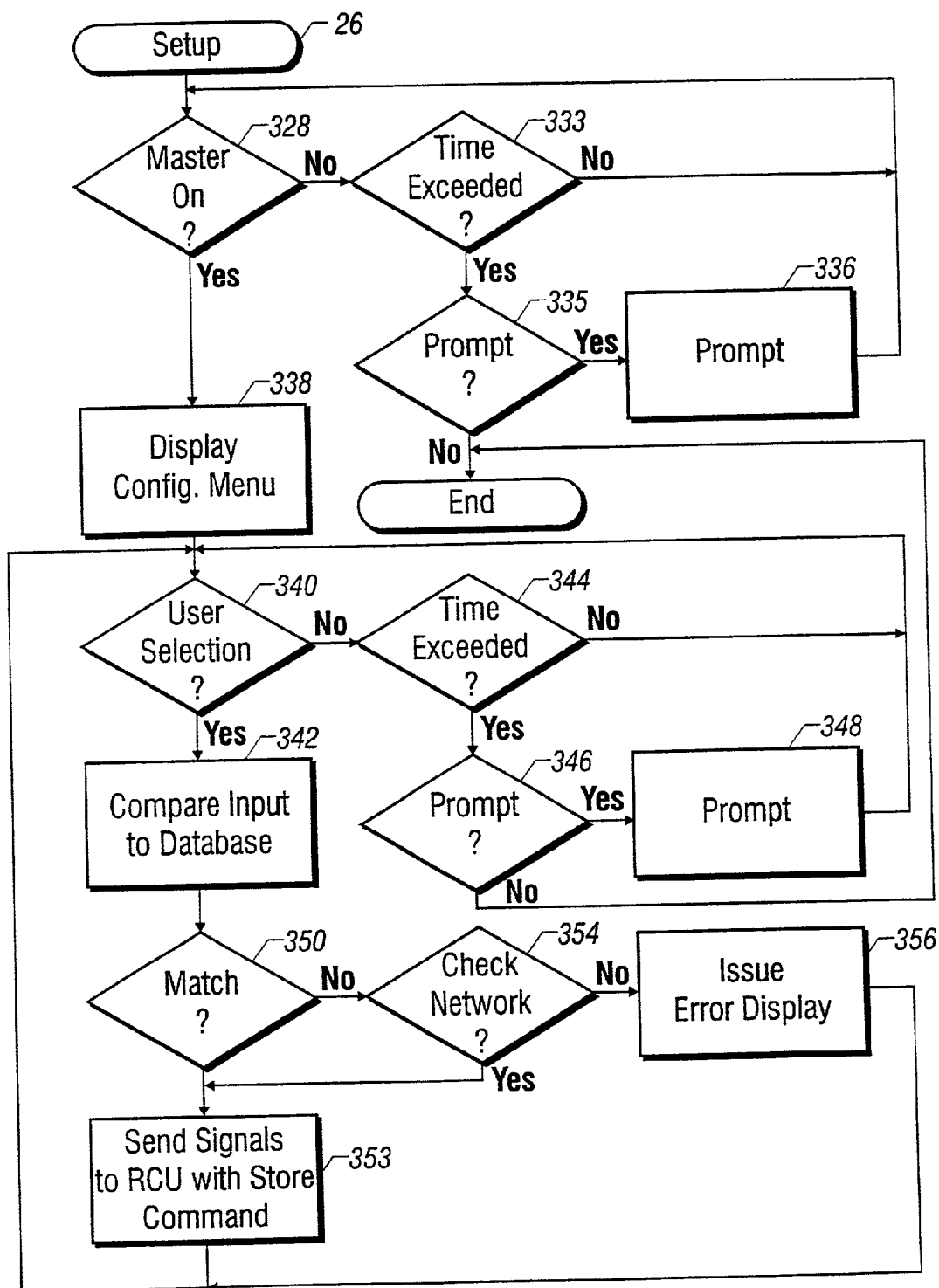


FIG. 3

TYPE - Select One:

TV VCR DVD CD STEREO

Other

FIG. 4A

BRAND - Select One:

X Y Z A B C

Other

FIG. 4B

MODEL - Select One:

M N O P Q R

Other

FIG. 4C

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