### United States Patent [19] Janney et al. [54] DATA LOGGING APPARATUS [75] Inventors: Mark A. Janney, Temple; Roger Newey, Scottsdale; Irwin J. Robinson, III, Mesa, all of Ariz. [73] Assignee: Marconi Instruments, Inc., Scottsdale, Ariz. [21] Appl. No.: 297,690 [22] Filed: Jan. 17, 1989 [51] Int. Cl.<sup>5</sup> ...... G04F 10/00 [52] U.S. Cl. ...... 377/20; 364/569; 368/118 [58] Field of Search ...... 377/20; 364/569; 368/118 [56]

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#### [57] ABSTRACT

In data logging applications an apparatus for real-time stamping data includes a reference time base, a short stopwatch circuit operative for generating a short-time stamp, and a long stopwatch circuit operative for generating at intervals a long-time stamp. Data to be logged with the short-time stamp is combined therewith and stored. A controller circuit controls the storage of the data and of the long-time and the short-time stamps. The controller circuit stores the long-time stamp at predetermined intervals.

5 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets

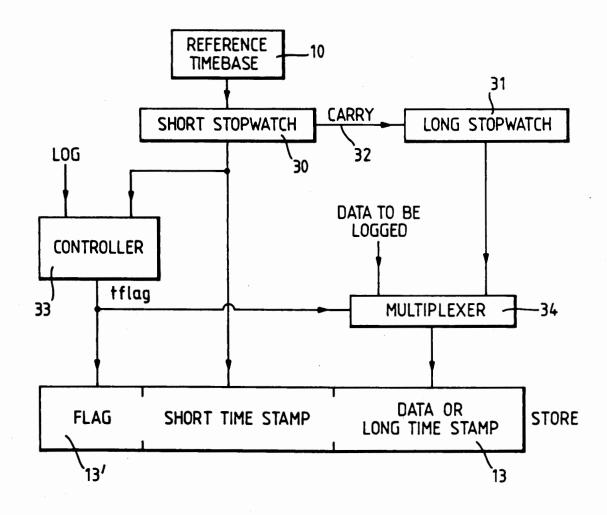
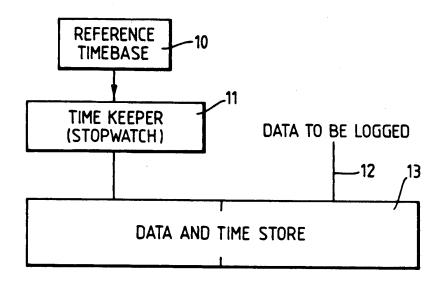


Fig. 1. PRIOR ART



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Fig.2.

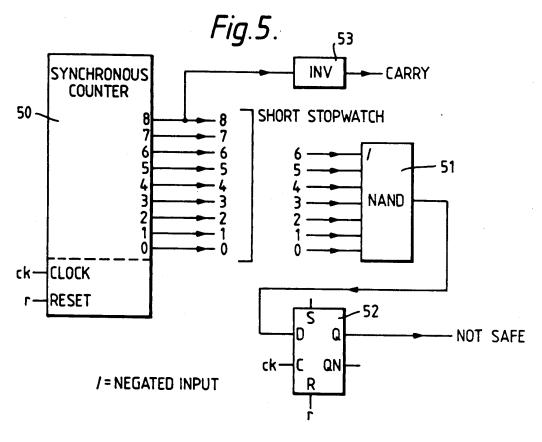
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Fig.3.

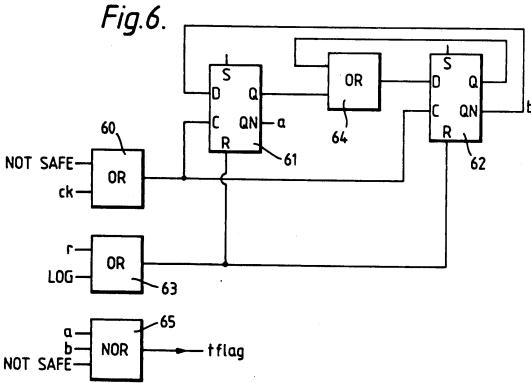
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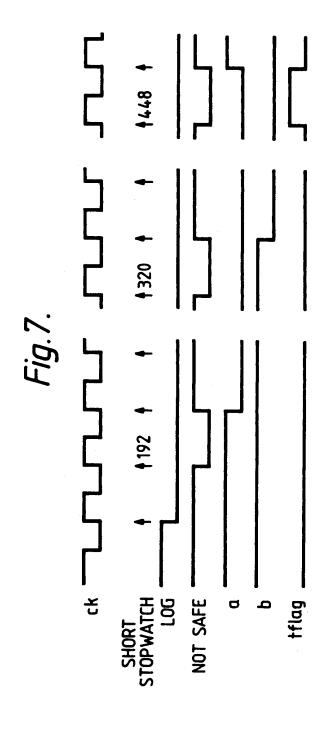
Fig.4. **REFERENCE** TIMEBASE 31 CARRY SHORT STOPWATCH LONG STOPWATCH LOG **3**2 DATA TO BE LOGGED CONTROLLER tflag 33 **MULTIPLEXER** -34 DATA OR LONG TIME STAMP **FLAG** SHORT TIME STAMP **STORE** 13



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