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(54) **USE OF A MEDIA CACHE FOR SUBSEQUENT COPYING ACCELERATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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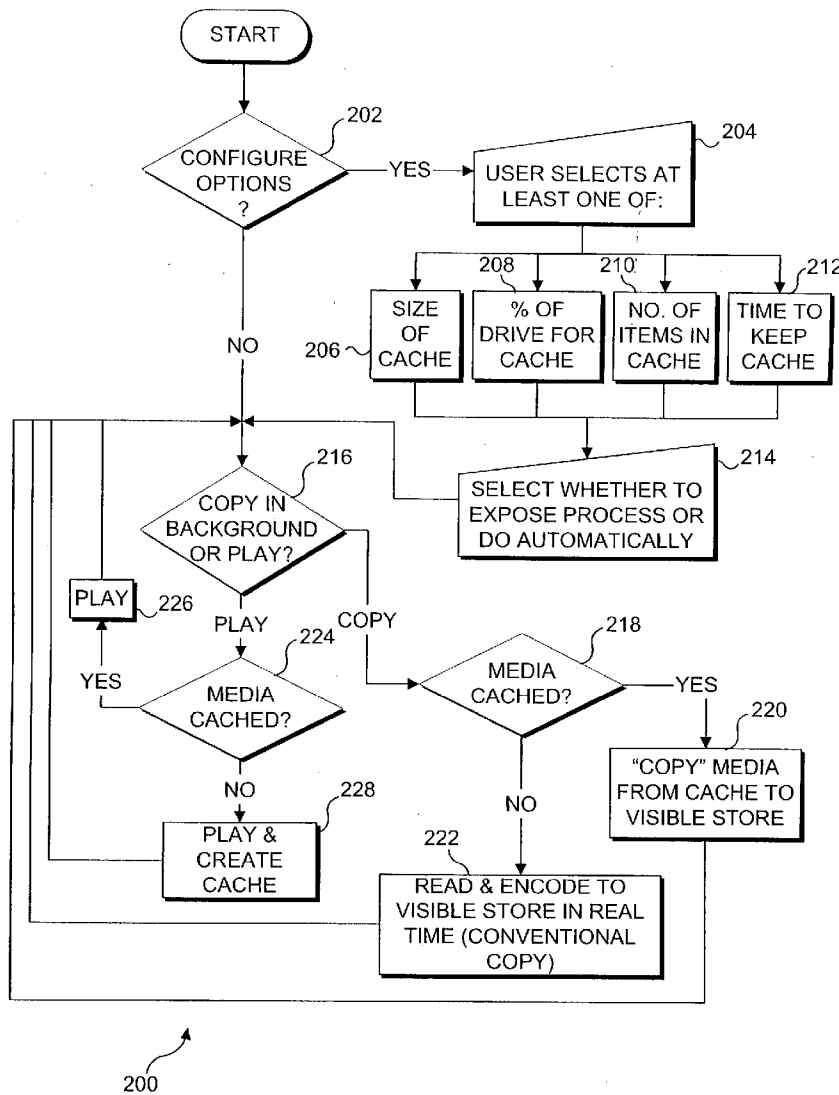
The apparent speed with which a media work is ripped to copy the work into a visible store is substantially reduced. When the media work is played, its content is cached onto a persistent, fast access storage media. If the user subsequently decides to rip the media work, the content of the cache is copied to a visible store in substantially less time than would be required to play the media work and convert it. The user thus perceives that the media work is ripped in a substantially shorter time, compared to that required for ripping the media work in a conventional manner. The ripping process may encode or transform the format of the content to a desired format for use within the visible store. Constraints may be imposed by the user to limit the cache, or the caching process may be hidden from the user.

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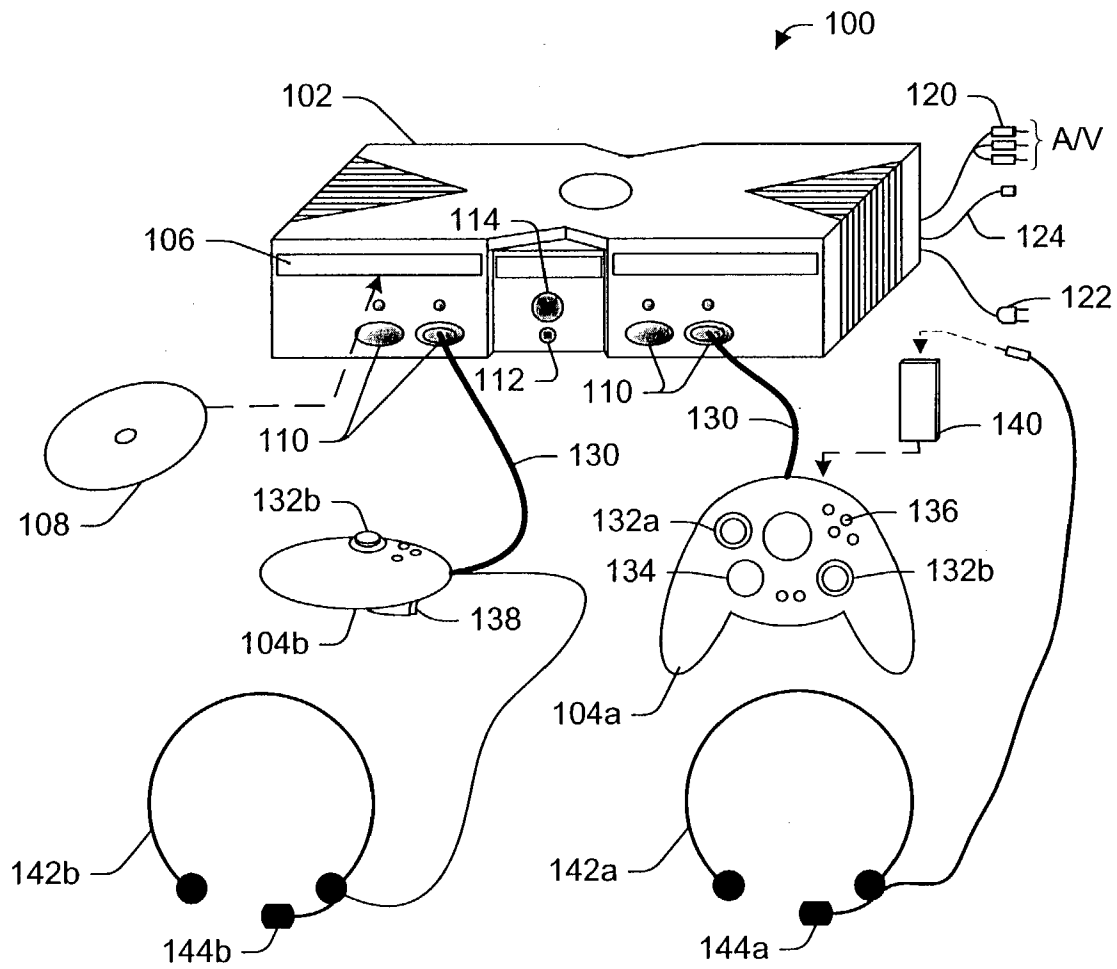
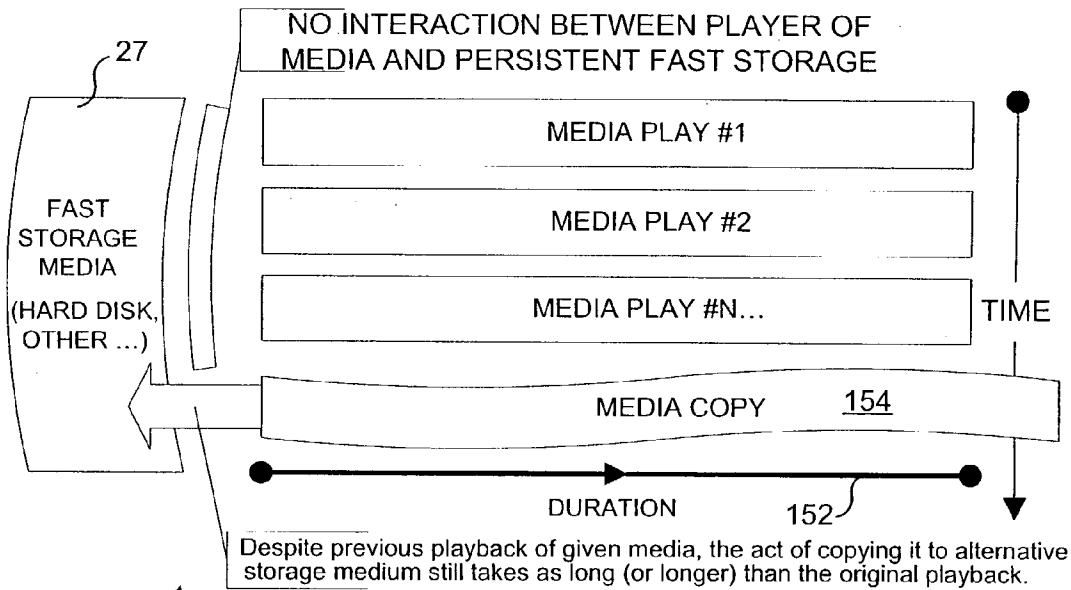
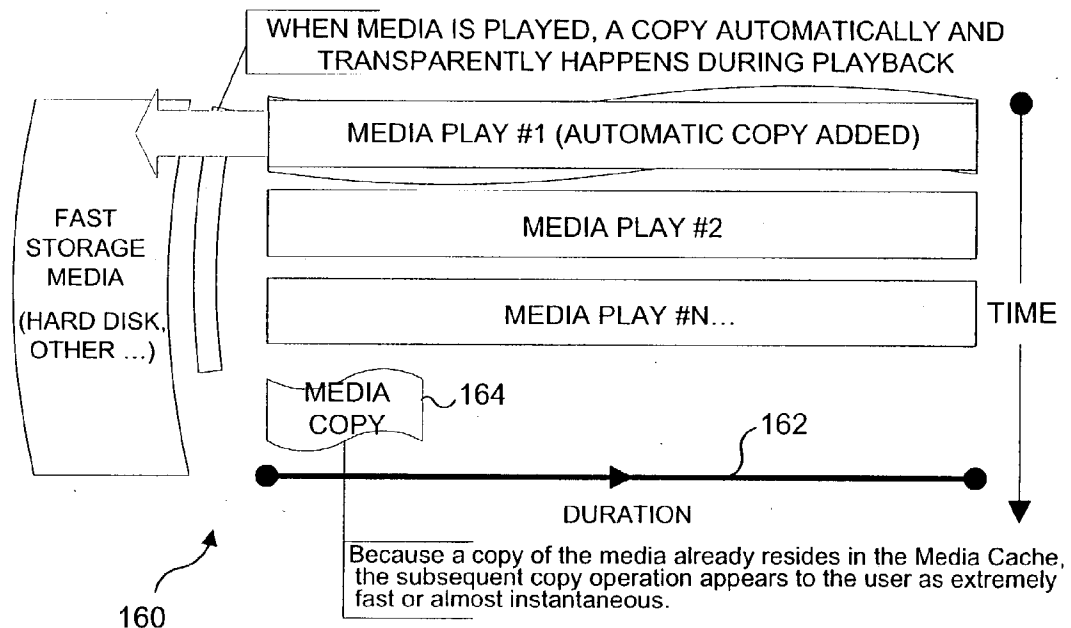


FIG. 2



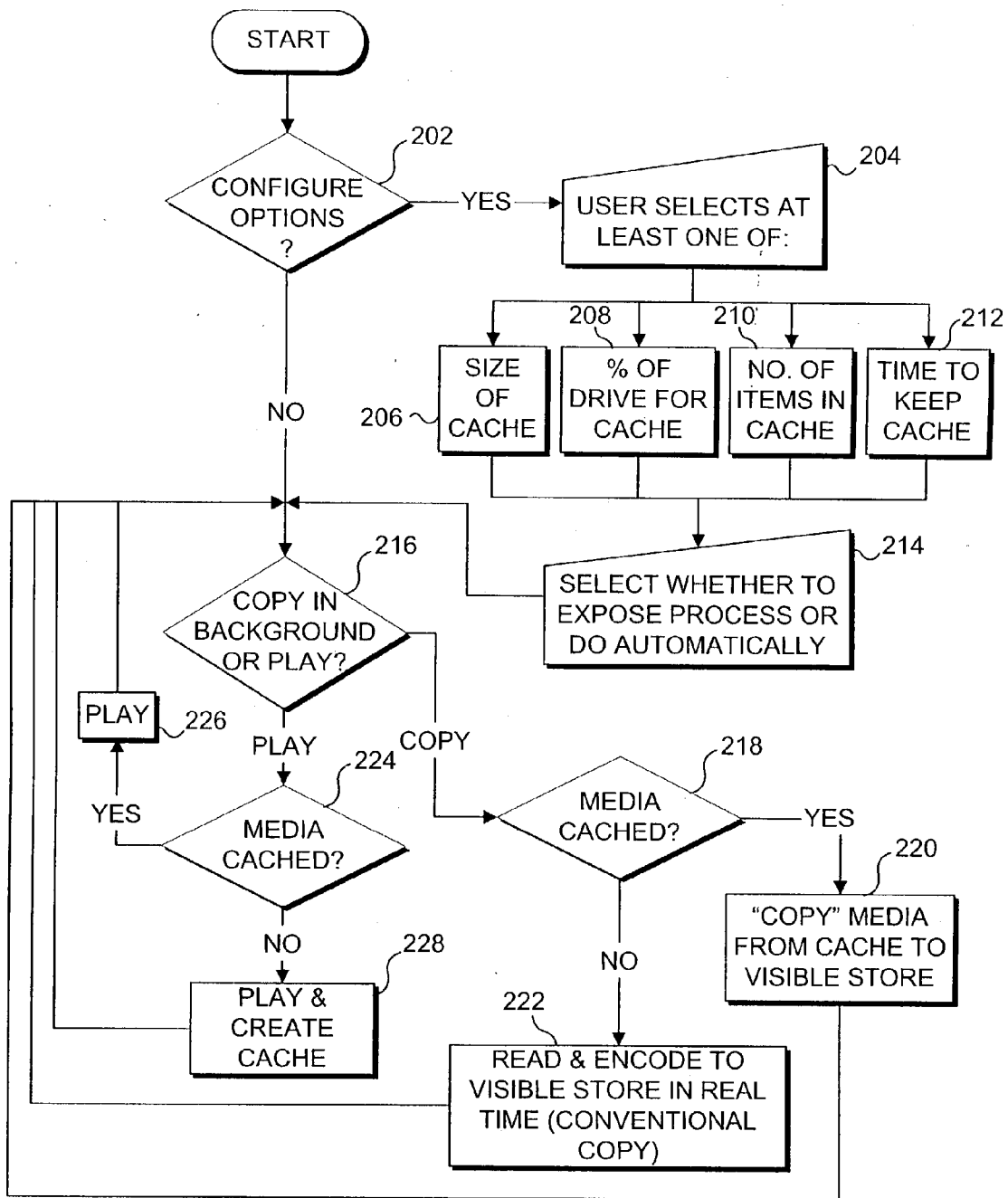
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FIG. 3A
(PRIOR ART)



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FIG. 3B



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FIG. 4

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