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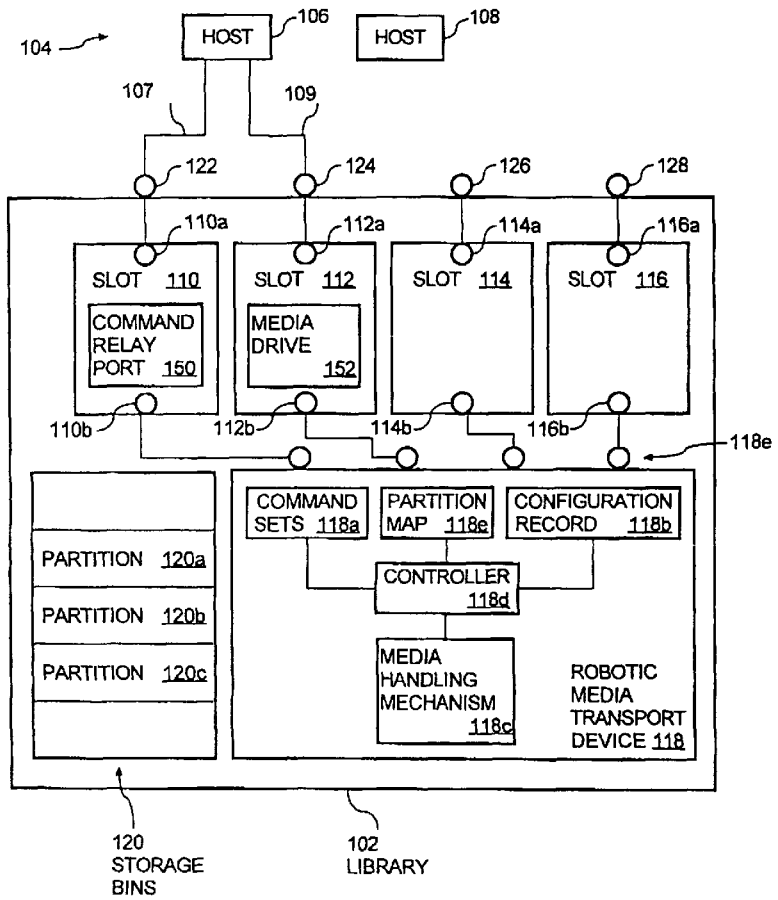
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(54) Title: AUTOMATED DATA LIBRARY WITH MULTIPURPOSE SLOTS



(57) Abstract: A data storage library (102) features multipurpose slots (110, 112, 114, 116) each configures to receive a media drive (152) (operable to read/write data from/to media removably loaded into the media drive) a command relay port (operable to convey media transport signals from a host to a shared robotic media transport device (118)), or various other modules. The robotic device (118) is programmed to recognize whether each slot (110-116) is empty or whether it is filled with a component such as a media drive (152) or a command relay port (150), and to thereafter communicate with the occupant appropriately.

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