(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

CORRECTED VERSION

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization
International Bureau

(43) International Publication Date
27 September 2001 (27.09.2001)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 01/071500 A1

(51) International Patent Classification[7]: G06F 11/30

(21) International Application Number: PCT/US01/08347

(22) International Filing Date: 15 March 2001 (15.03.2001)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:
60/191,350 22 March 2000 (22.03.2000) US
09/681,217 27 February 2001 (27.02.2001) US

(71) Applicant: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY [US/US]; 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 (US).

(72) Inventors: CORBY, Nelson, Raymond, Jr.; 813 Charles Street, Scotia, New York 12302 (US). HEDENGREN, Kristina, Helena, Val; 2120 Baker Avenue East, Schenectady, NY 12309 (US).

(74) Agents: MITCHELL, James, W. et al.; General Electric Company, 3135 Easton Turnpike W3C, Fairfield, CT 06431 (US).

(81) Designated States *(national)*: BR, SG.

(84) Designated States *(regional)*: European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, TR).

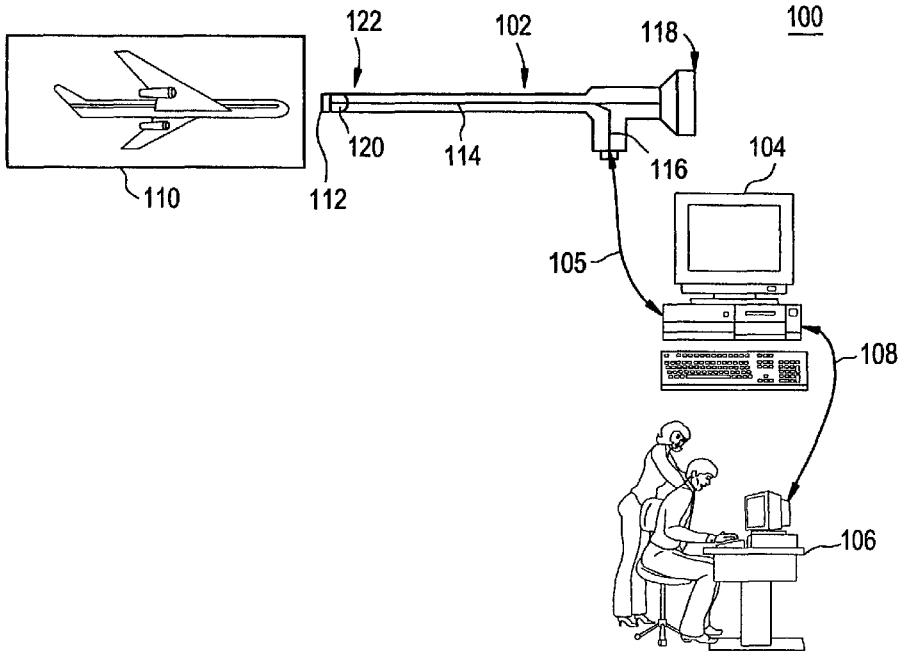
Published:
— *with international search report*

(48) Date of publication of this corrected version:
9 January 2003

(15) Information about Correction:
see PCT Gazette No. 02/2003 of 9 January 2003, Section II

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: REDUCED ACCESS FIELD INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS



(57) Abstract: A reduced access field inspection system (100) includes a multimodality endoscopic assembly (102). Circuitry (104) is coupled to the multimodality endoscopic assembly (102) for generating signals (105) associated with the multimodality endoscopic assembly (102). A communications link (108) links the circuitry (104) to a remote center of excellence (106) for providing maintenance.

WO 01/071500 A1

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.