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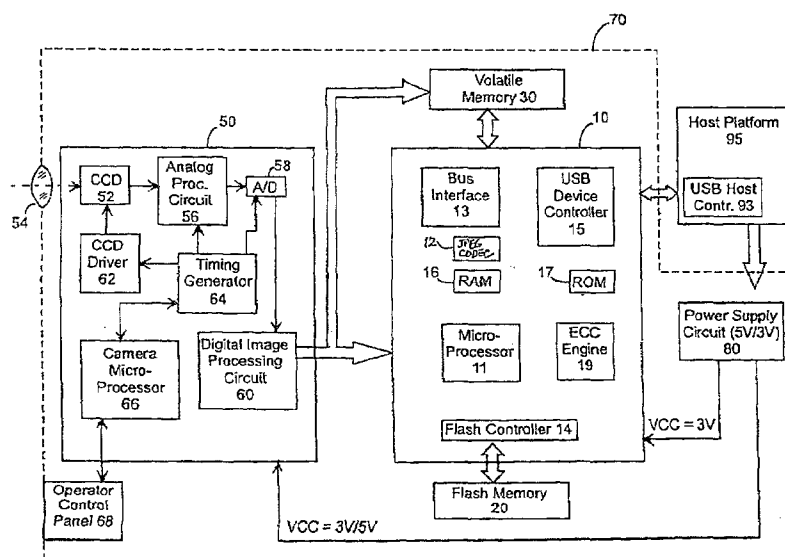
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(57) Abstract: A system and method are disclosed for capturing image and/or audio data, processing the image and/or audio data, and storing the processed image and/or audio data. The system includes a portable device having a digital camera for capturing the image and/or audio data, an integrated circuit having a microprocessor for processing the image and/or audio data and a non-volatile memory for storing the processed image and/or audio data. As part of the processing operation in a preferred embodiment, the data is converted into a standard file format that is compatible and recognizable by the host platform to which the portable device may be coupled. After conversion into a standard file format, the data may either be stored in the non-volatile memory, or uploaded directly to the host platform.



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