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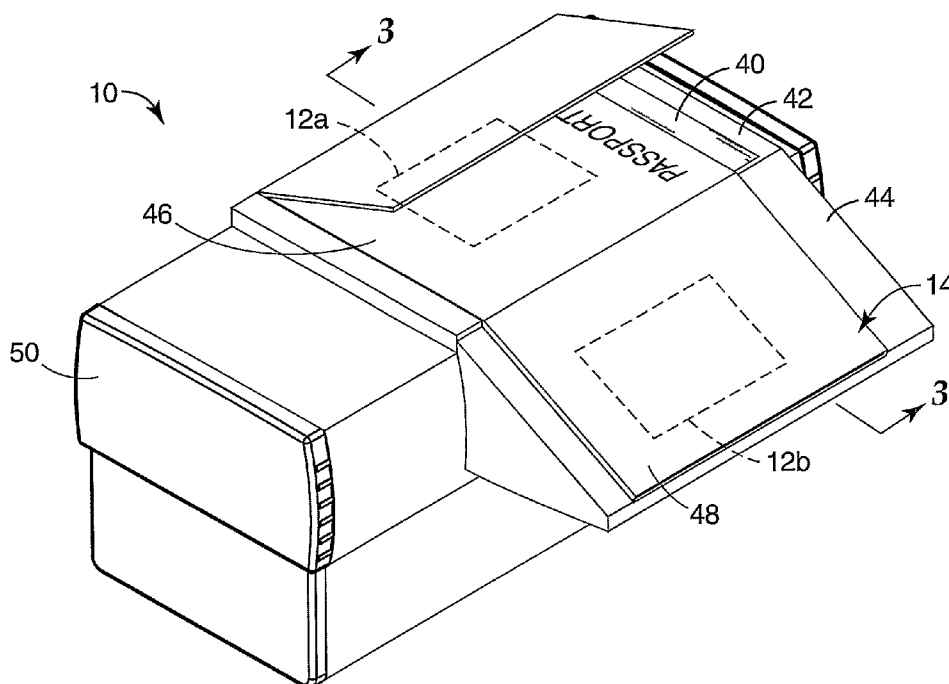
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(57) Abstract: A passport reader for processing a passport having an RFID element associated therewith. A exemplary embodiment of the invention provides a passport reader for processing a passport having an RFID element associated therewith including an RFID interrogation source for interrogating and obtaining information from the RFID element associated with a passport; and an antenna to transmit signals between an RFID element and the RFID interrogation source.

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