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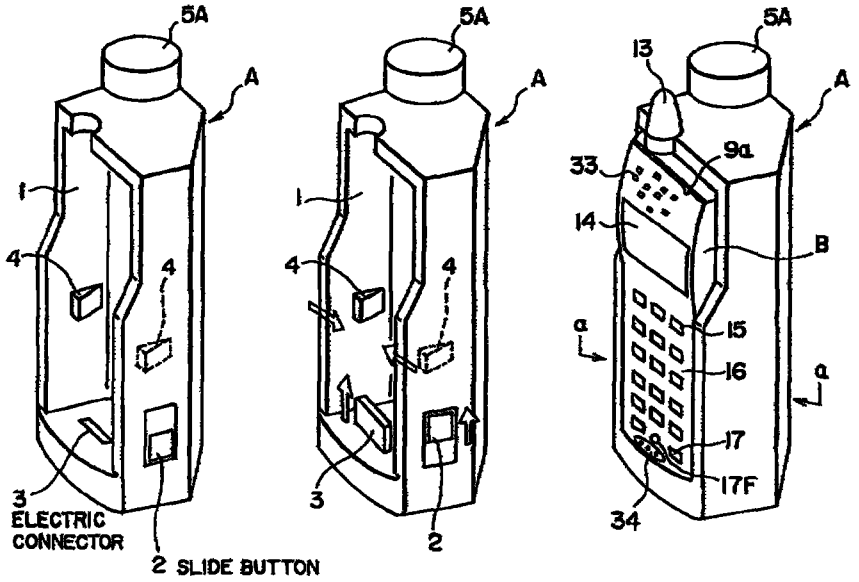

(57) Abstract

The present invention seeks to provide a dual mode mobile satellite communication unit, which requires low communication cost and very little battery power, does not require always carrying a large unit frame and does not always provide great weight burden on the user. A terrestrial communication portable unit (B) is detachably mounted in the mobile satellite communication unit (A). The mobile satellite communication unit (A) as base unit does not include a key operating section, a display section and a speech transducer section having a microphone and a loudspeaker, and utilizes those mechanically assembled on the portable unit (B) side for keying and other operations. In an interlocked relation to the removal of the portable unit, the stand–by state of the base unit is turned off. It is thus possible to avoid wasteful battery power consumption on the base unit side.