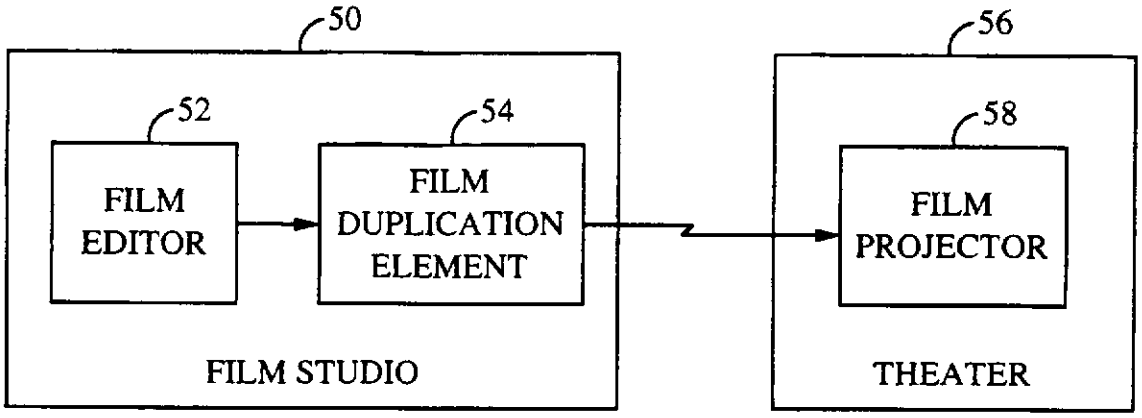


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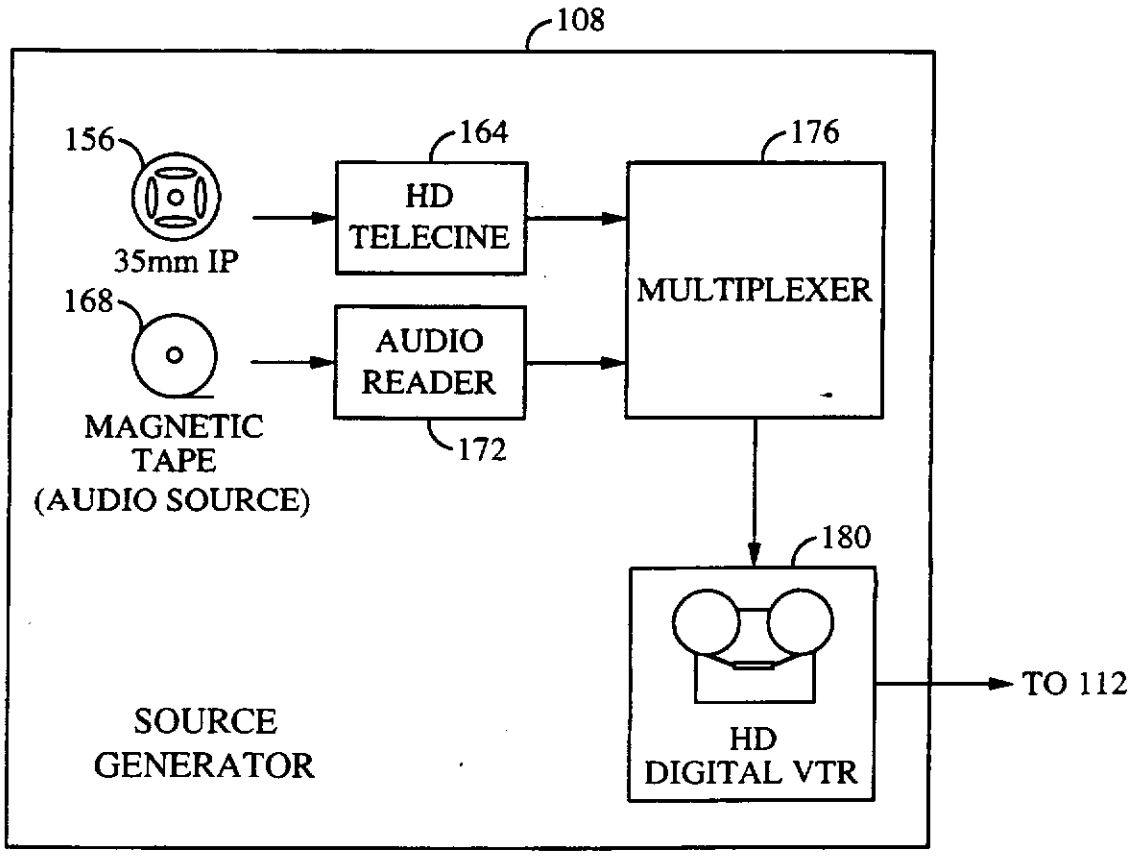


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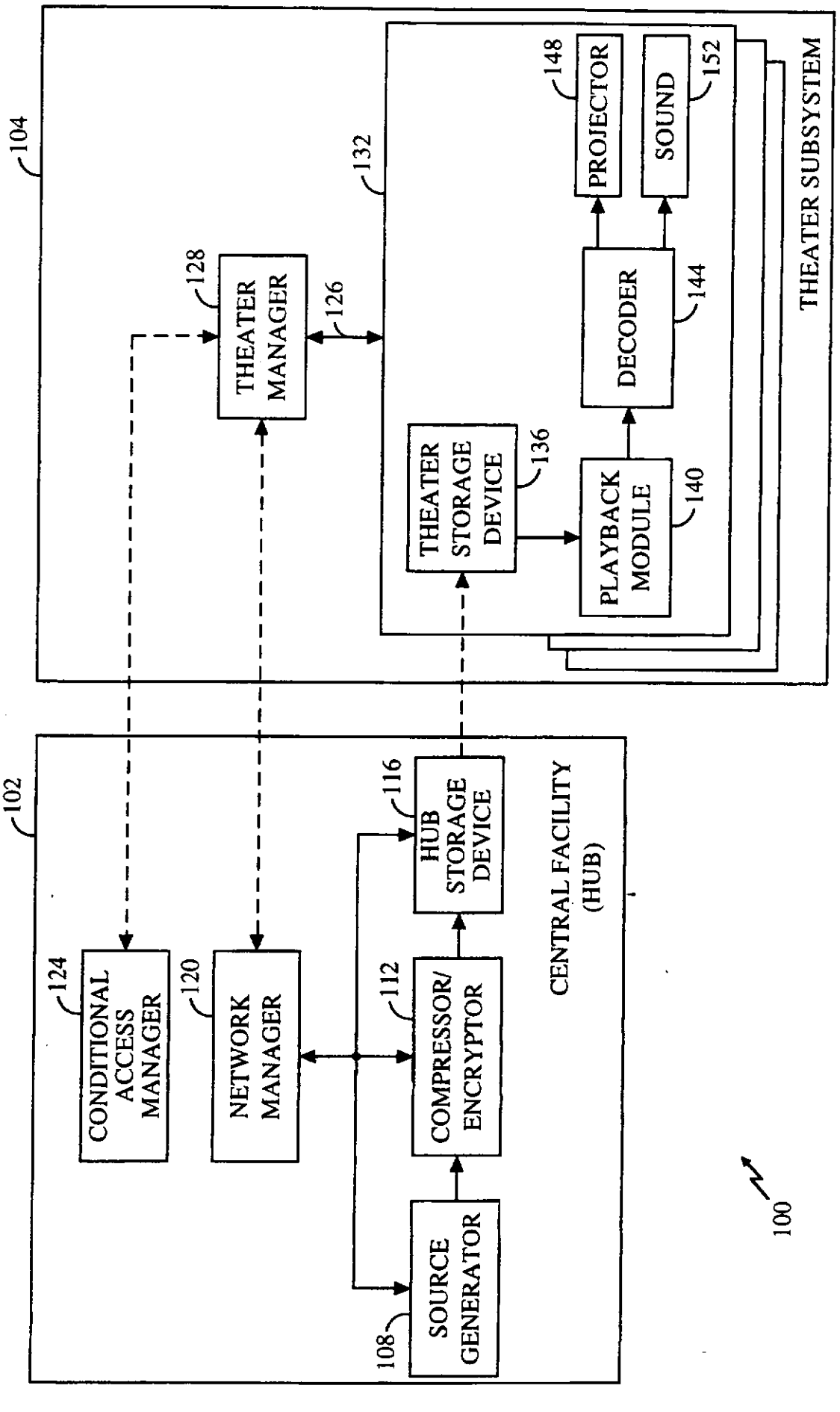

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CENTRAL FACILITY (HUB)
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THEATER SUBSYSTEM
108
SOURCE GENERATOR
112
COMPRESSOR/ ENCRYPTOR
116
HUB STORAGE DEVICE
120
NETWORK MANAGER
124
CONDITIONAL ACCESS MANAGER
126
128
THEATER MANAGER
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THEATER STORAGE DEVICE
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PLAYBACK MODULE
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DECODER
148
PROJECTOR
152
SOUND

FIG. 2

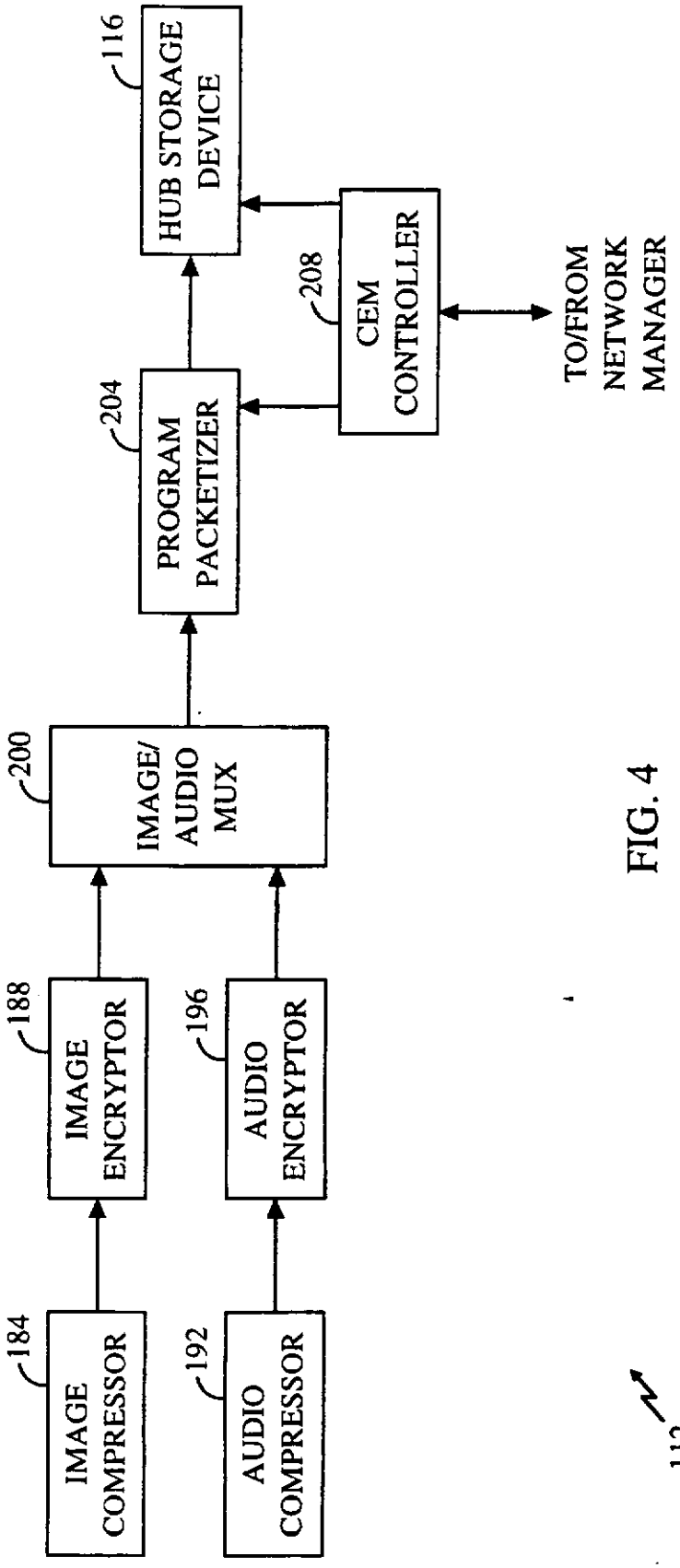

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AUDIO COMPRESSOR
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IMAGE ENCRYPTOR
188
AUDIO ENCRYPTOR
196
IMAGE/ AUDIO MUX
200
PROGRAM PACKETIZER
204
CEM CONTROLLER
208
HUB STORAGE DEVICE
116
TO/FROM NETWORK MANAGER
112

FIG. 4

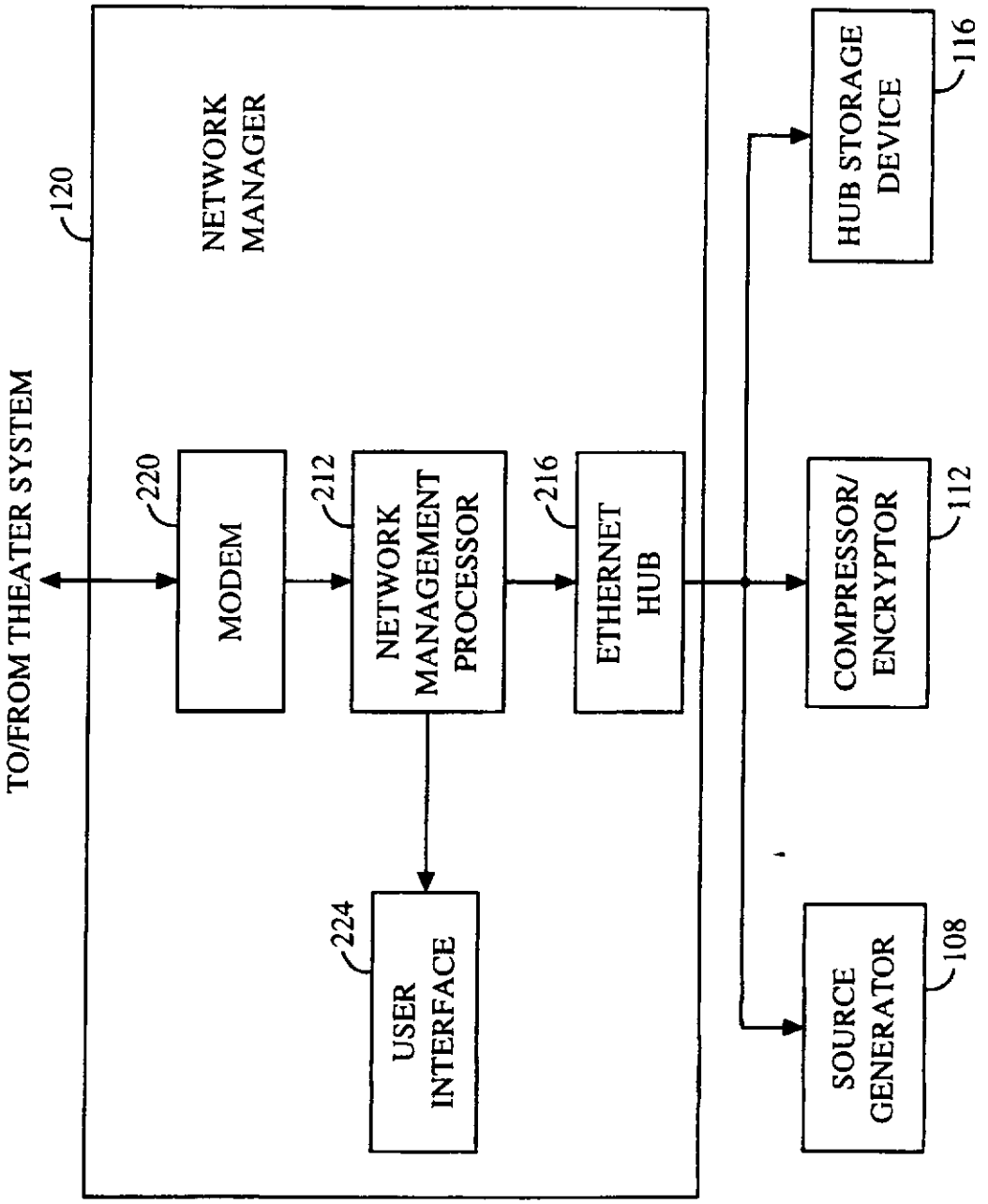

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120
TO/FROM THEATER SYSTEM
MODEM
220
NETWORK MANAGEMENT PROCESSOR
212
ETHERNET HUB
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USER INTERFACE
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HUB STORAGE DEVICE
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COMPRESSOR/ ENCRYPTOR
112
SOURCE GENERATOR
108

FIG. 5

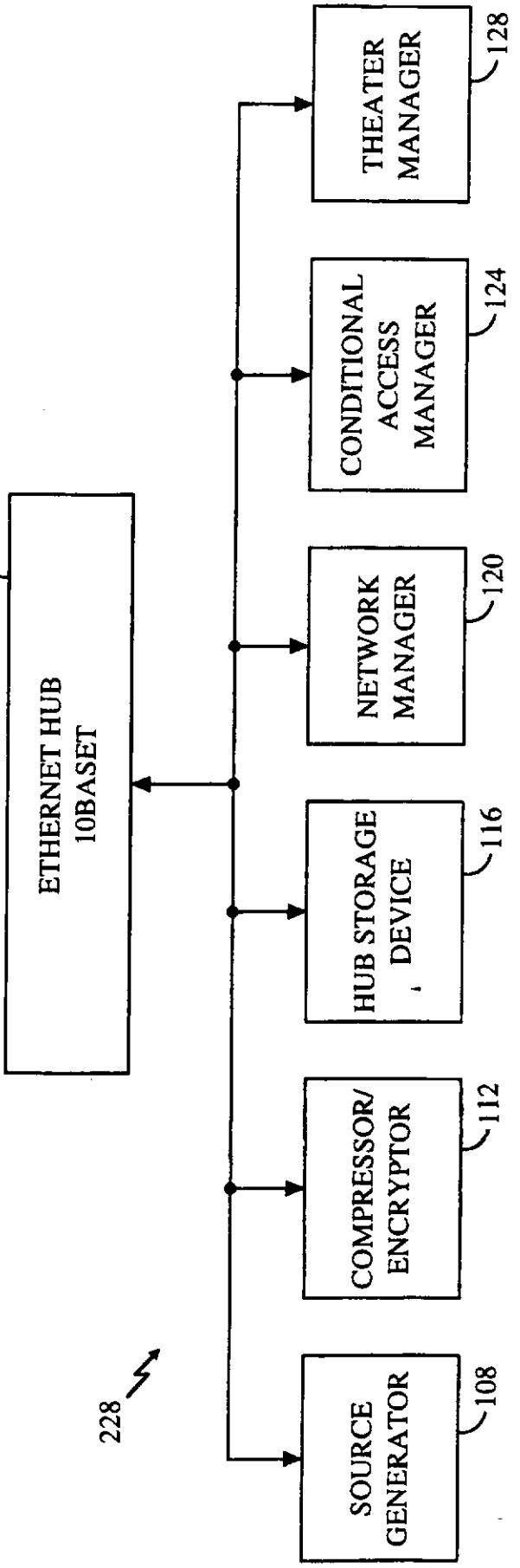

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DEVICE
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MANAGER
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FIG. 6

FIG. 7A

FIG. 7B

FIG. 7C

FIG. 7D

FIG. 7E

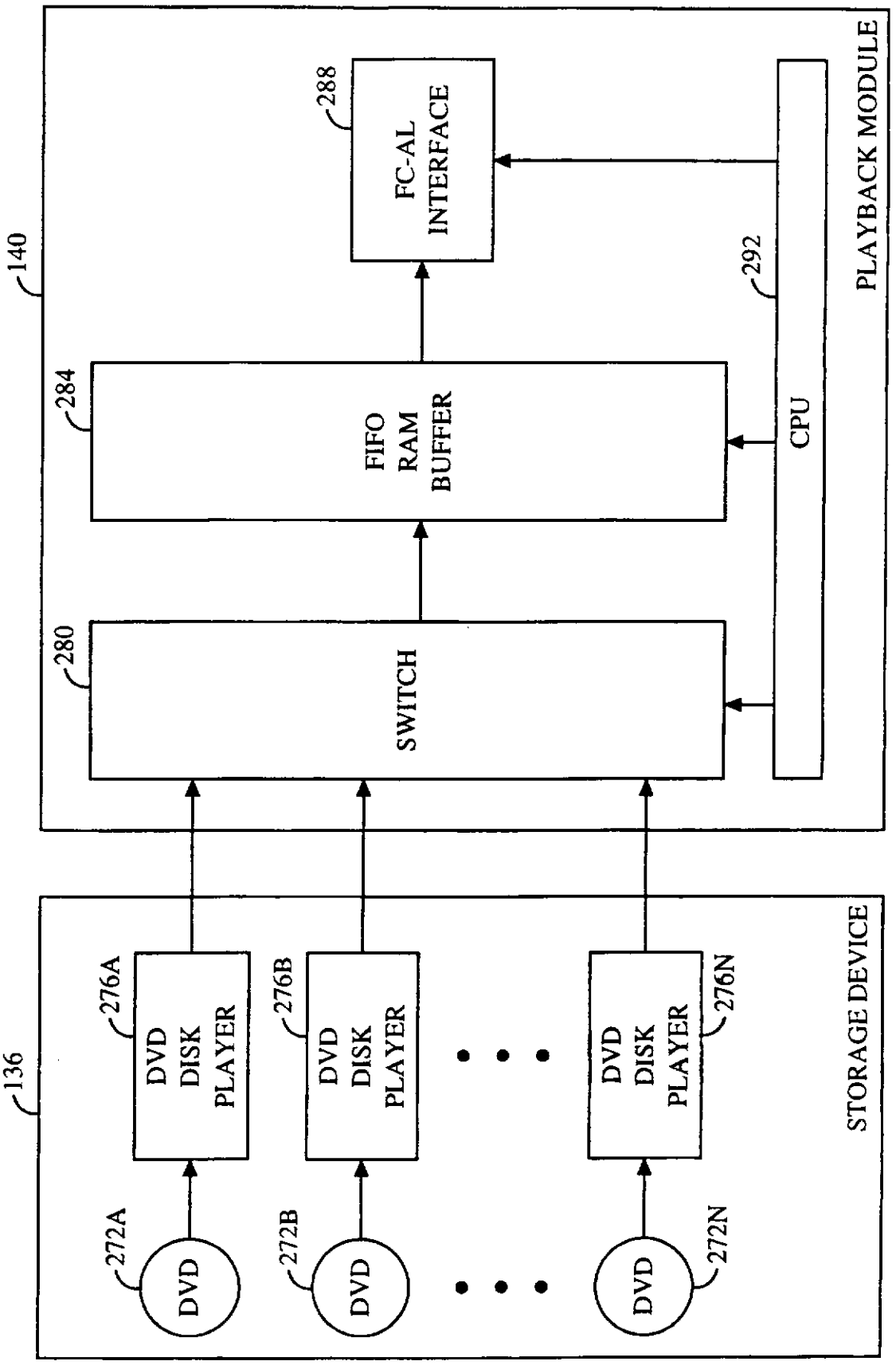

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PLAYBACK MODULE
288
FC-AL INTERFACE
292
CPU
284
FIFO RAM BUFFER
280
SWITCH
136
STORAGE DEVICE
276A
DVD DISK PLAYER
276B
DVD DISK PLAYER
276N
DVD DISK PLAYER
272A
DVD
272B
DVD
272N
DVD

FIG. 8

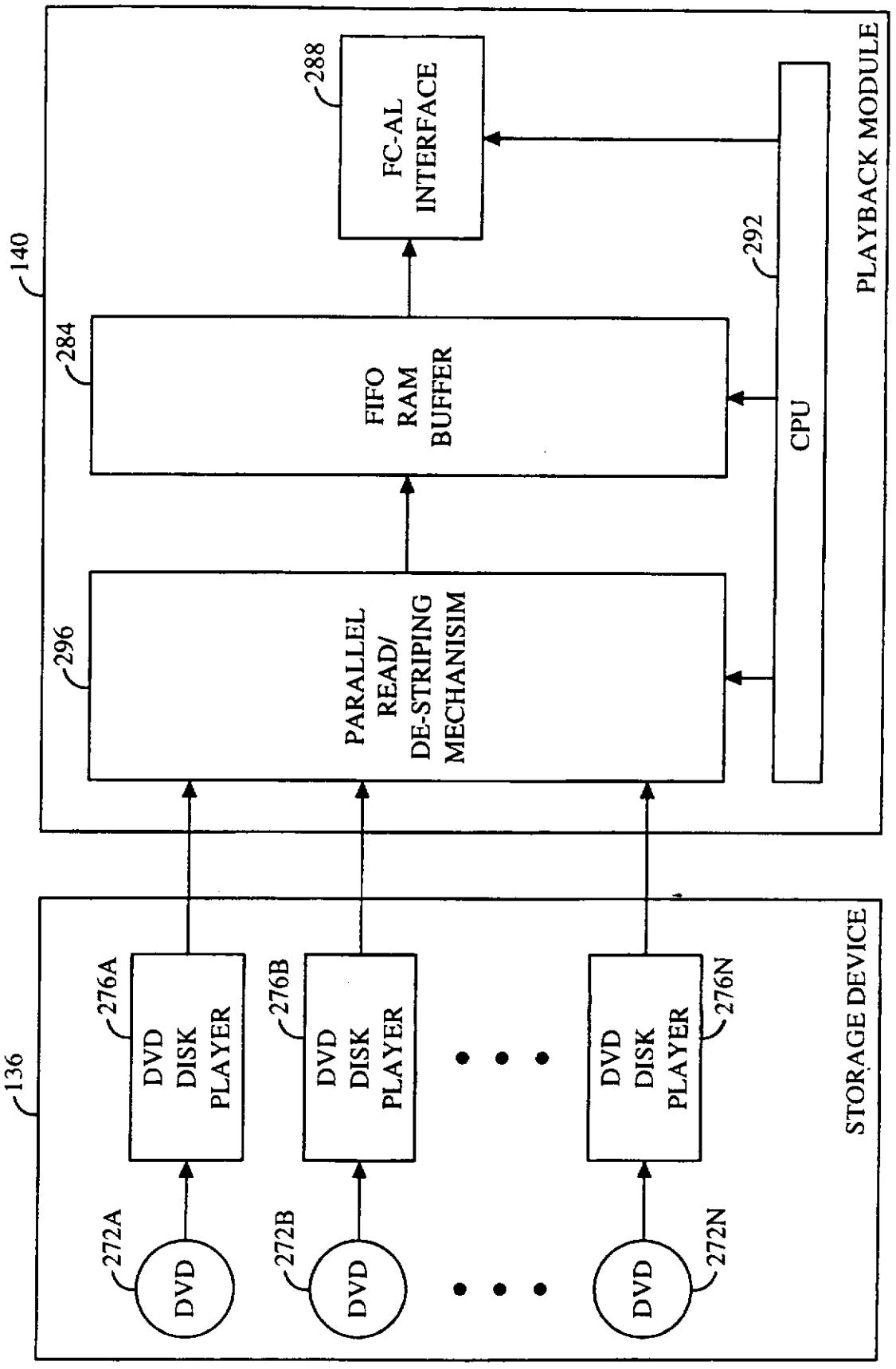

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272A
DVD
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DVD DISK PLAYER
272B
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272N
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DVD DISK PLAYER
140
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296
PARALLEL READ/ DE-STRIPING MECHANISIM
284
FIFO RAM BUFFER
288
FC-AL INTERFACE
292
CPU

FIG. 9

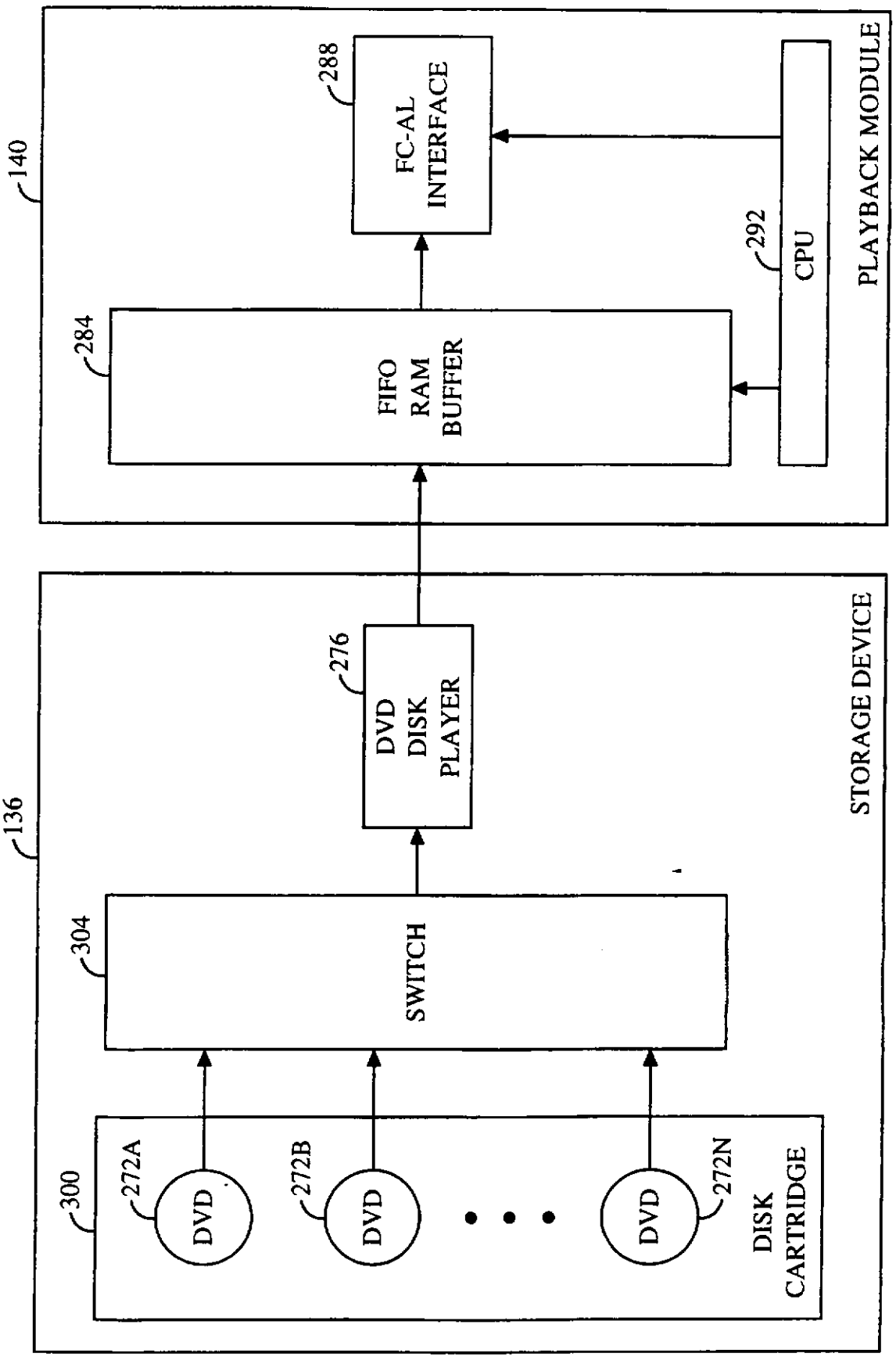

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SWITCH
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DVD
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DVD
DVD
272N
DISK CARTRIDGE

FIG. 10

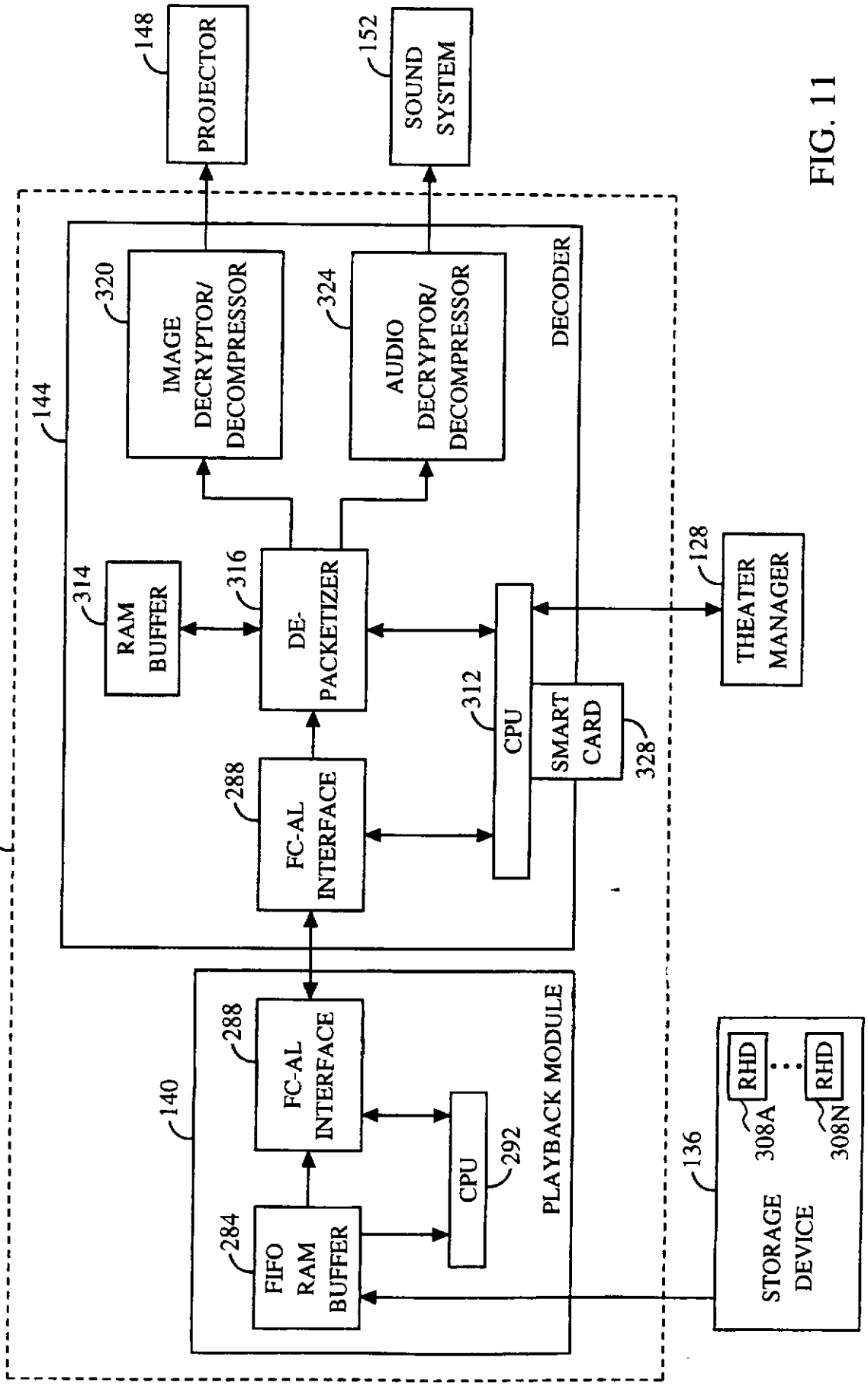

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AUDIO DECRYPTOR/ DECOMPRESSOR
DECODER
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RAM BUFFER
316
DE-PACKETIZER
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THEATER MANAGER
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CPU
SMART CARD
328
332
288
FC-AL INTERFACE
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PLAYBACK MODULE
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STORAGE DEVICE
308A
RHD
308N
RHD

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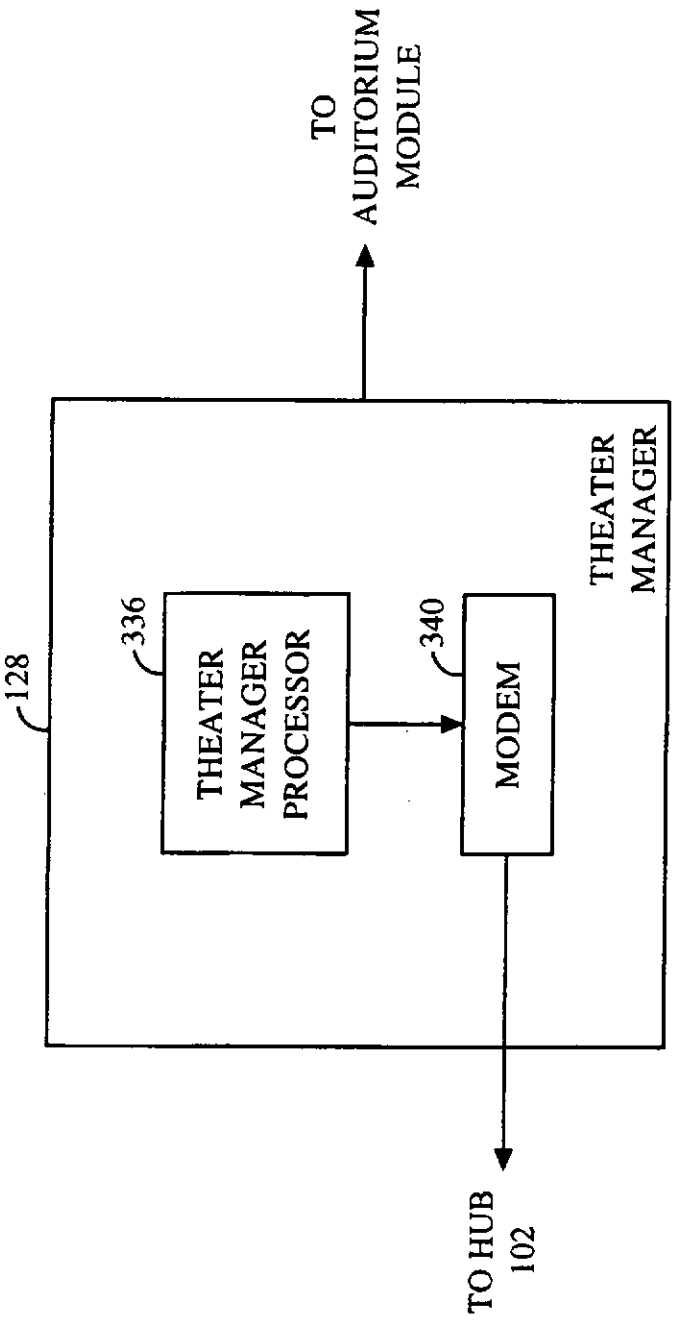

TO AUDITORIUM MODULE
THEATER MANAGER
128
336
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TO HUB 102

FIG. 12

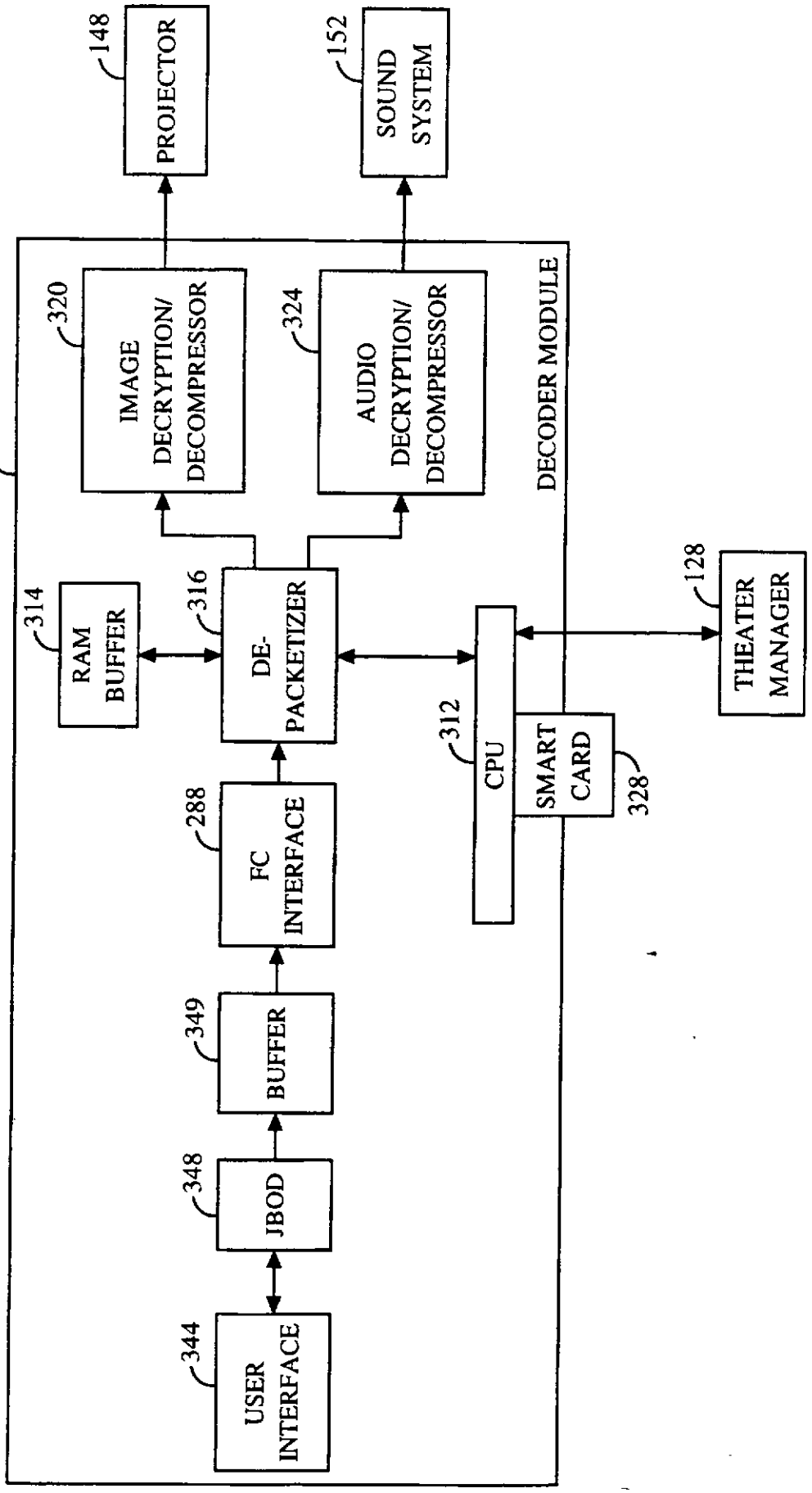

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FIG. 13