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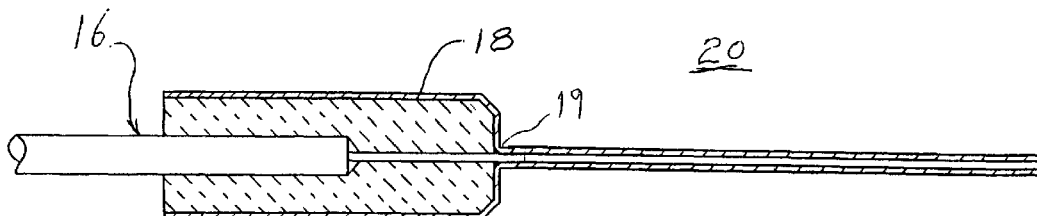
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(57) Abstract: An assembly including a fiber optic cable (1) assembled with a ferrule (8) where a gap exists between the fiber optic cable (1) and the ferrule. A hermetic seal is formed at the gap by depositing a layer of a metallic material (18) on the fiber optic cable and the ferrule. The fiber optic cable includes an optical fiber or core (6) surrounded by an insulative sheath. The ferrule has a large opening (10) and a small opening (12) bored out of its central region. When the fiber optic cable is mounted to the ferrule, the optical fiber is positioned within the small opening and the sheath is positioned within the large opening. The gap exists between the optical fiber and the small opening. The metallic material (18) is then adhered to a portion of the optical fiber and to a portion of the ferrule so as to form the hermetic seal at the gap.