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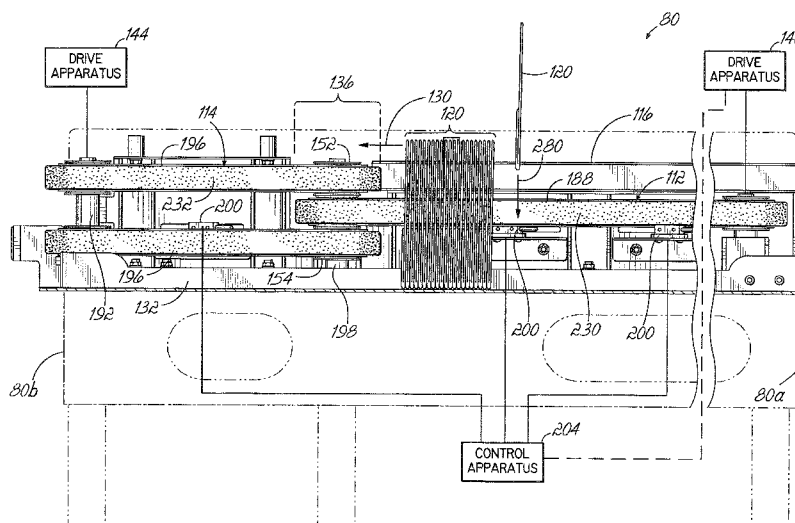


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: An apparatus (80) for conveying envelopes (120) traveling in a travel direction (130) in a generally upright orientation. The apparatus (80) includes a first pair of conveyor assemblies (112) disposed opposite one another and configured to engage lateral edges (120a) of the envelopes (120), and configured to move the envelopes (120) in the travel direction (130). The apparatus (80) includes a second pair of conveyor assemblies (114) disposed opposite one another and positioned downstream of the first pair of conveyor assemblies (112) in the travel direction (130), with the second pair of conveyor assemblies (114) being configured to move the envelopes (120) in the travel direction (130) independently of the first pair of conveyor assemblies (112).