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[54] **HIGH SPEED DOCUMENT ENCODING SYSTEM**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A mechanism for encoding continuously moving documents. Documents are transported between a plurality of fixed dies and a plurality of electronically controlled hammers. An ink bearing ribbon is interposed between the documents and the fixed dies and is momentarily transported at the same velocity as the documents. As the documents traverse the plurality of fixed dies, the electronically controlled hammers are cycled, in a selected sequence and at selected positions, to provide the desired encoding. In those applications wherein the cycle time of the electronically controlled hammers is too slow to allow identical encoding in adjacent position, a second plurality of fixed dies and electronically controlled hammers may be located adjacent to the first plurality or interspersed among the first plurality of fixed dies.

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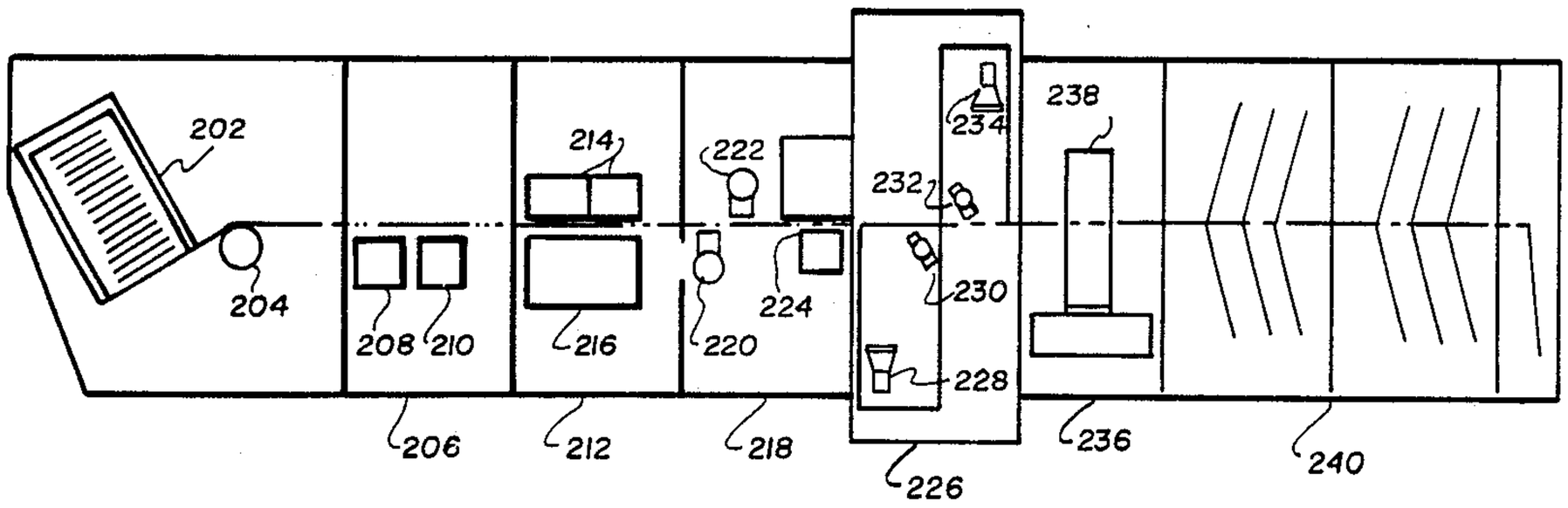

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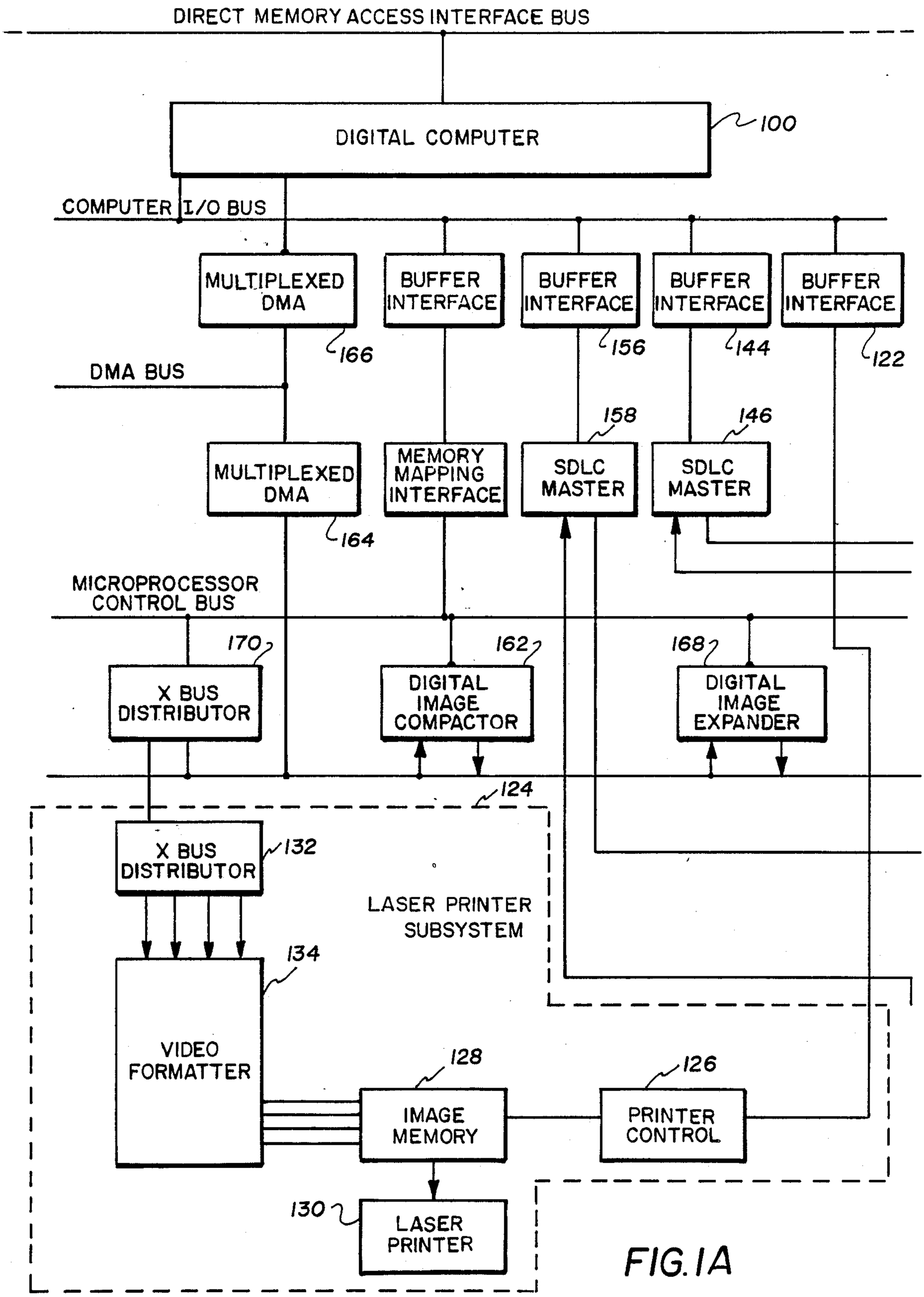
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DIGITAL COMPUTER
100
COMPUTER I/O BUS
MULTIPLEXED DMA
166
BUFFER INTERFACE
BUFFER INTERFACE
156
BUFFER INTERFACE
144
BUFFER INTERFACE
122
DMA BUS
158
146
MULTIPLEXED DMA
164
MEMORY MAPPING INTERFACE
SDLC MASTER
SDLC MASTER
MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL BUS
170
X BUS DISTRIBUTOR
162
DIGITAL IMAGE COMPACTOR
168
DIGITAL IMAGE EXPANDER
124
X BUS DISTRIBUTOR
132
LASER PRINTER SUBSYSTEM
134
VIDEO FORMATTER
128
IMAGE MEMORY
126
PRINTER CONTROL
130
LASER PRINTER

FIG. 1A

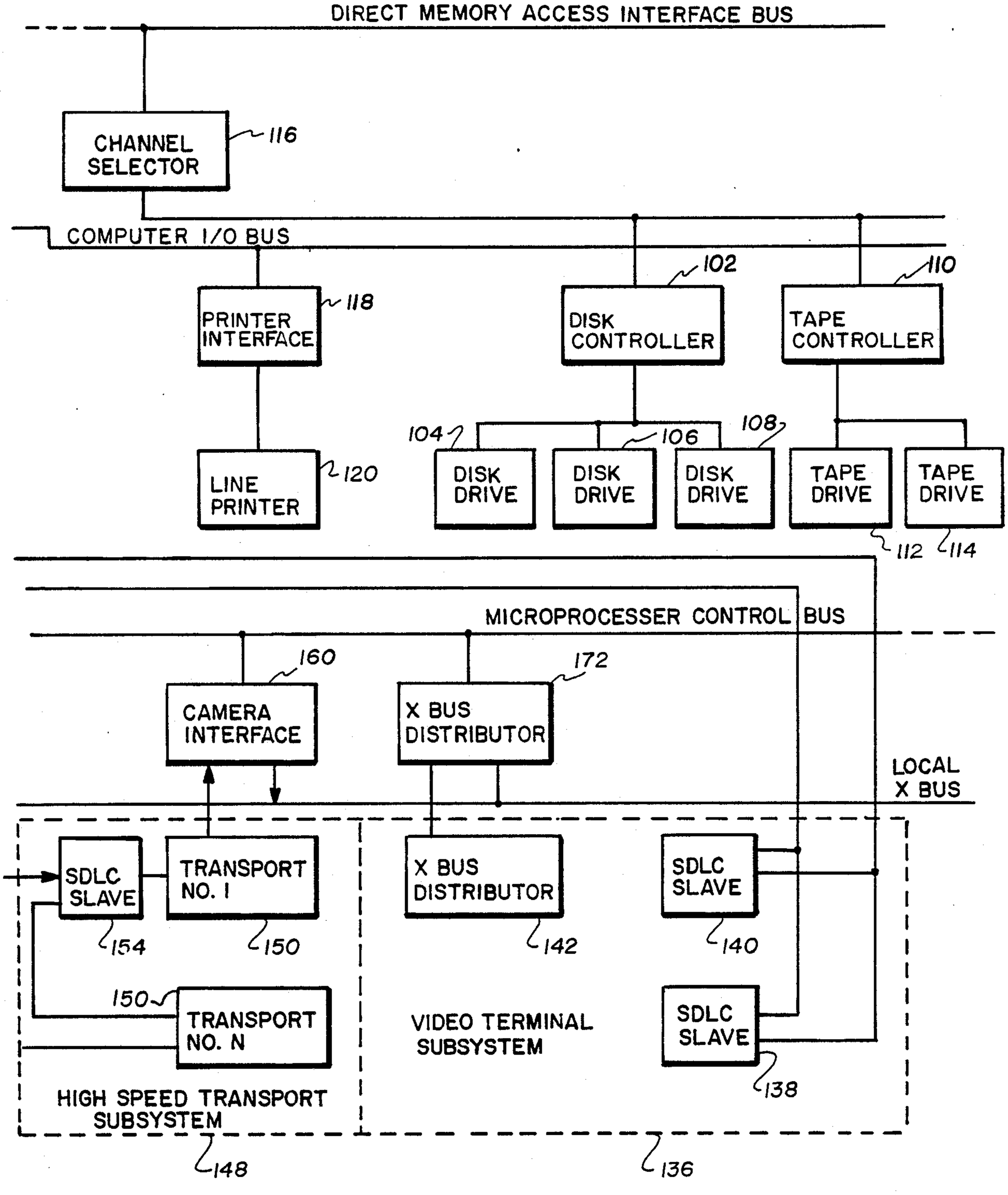
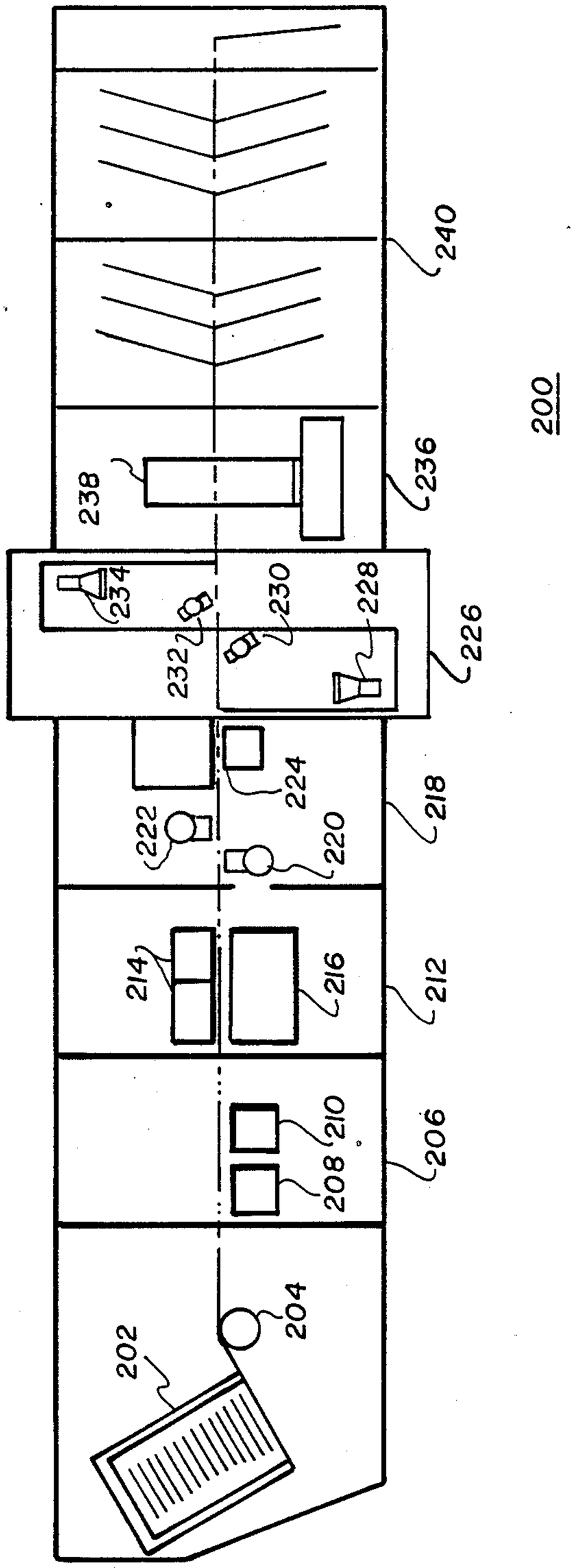

DIRECT MEMORY ACCESS INTERFACE BUS
CHANNEL SELECTOR
116
COMPUTER I/O BUS
PRINTER INTERFACE
118
LINE PRINTER
120
102
DISK CONTROLLER
110
TAPE CONTROLLER
104
106
108
DISK DRIVE
DISK DRIVE
DISK DRIVE
TAPE DRIVE
TAPE DRIVE
112
114
MICROPROCESSER CONTROL BUS
160
CAMERA INTERFACE
172
X BUS DISTRIBUTOR
LOCAL X BUS
SDLC SLAVE
TRANSPORT NO. 1
154
150
150
TRANSPORT NO. N
HIGH SPEED TRANSPORT SUBSYSTEM
148
X BUS DISTRIBUTOR
142
VIDEO TERMINAL SUBSYSTEM
136
SDLC SLAVE
140
SDLC SLAVE
138

FIG. 1B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200
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202
204

FIG. 2

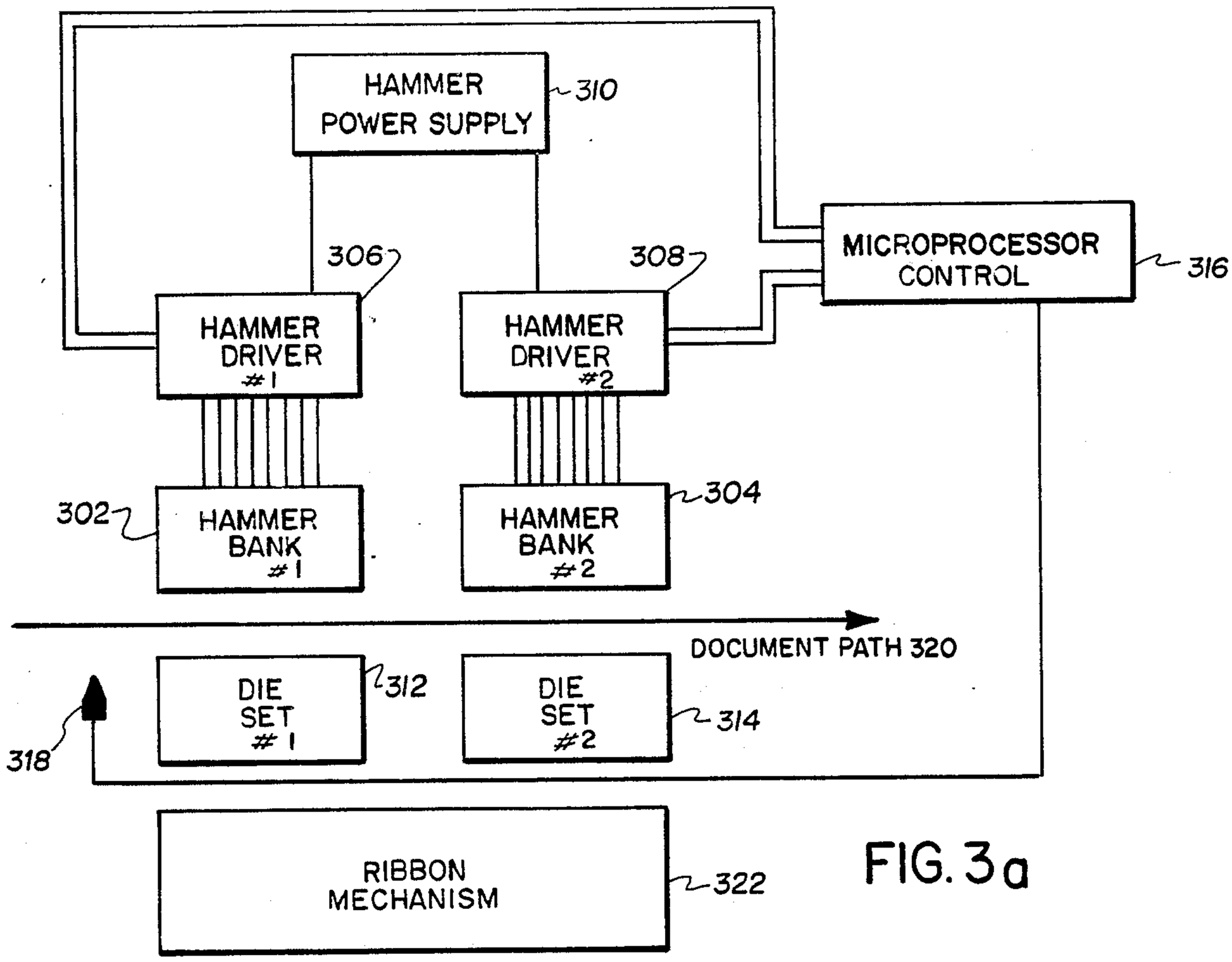
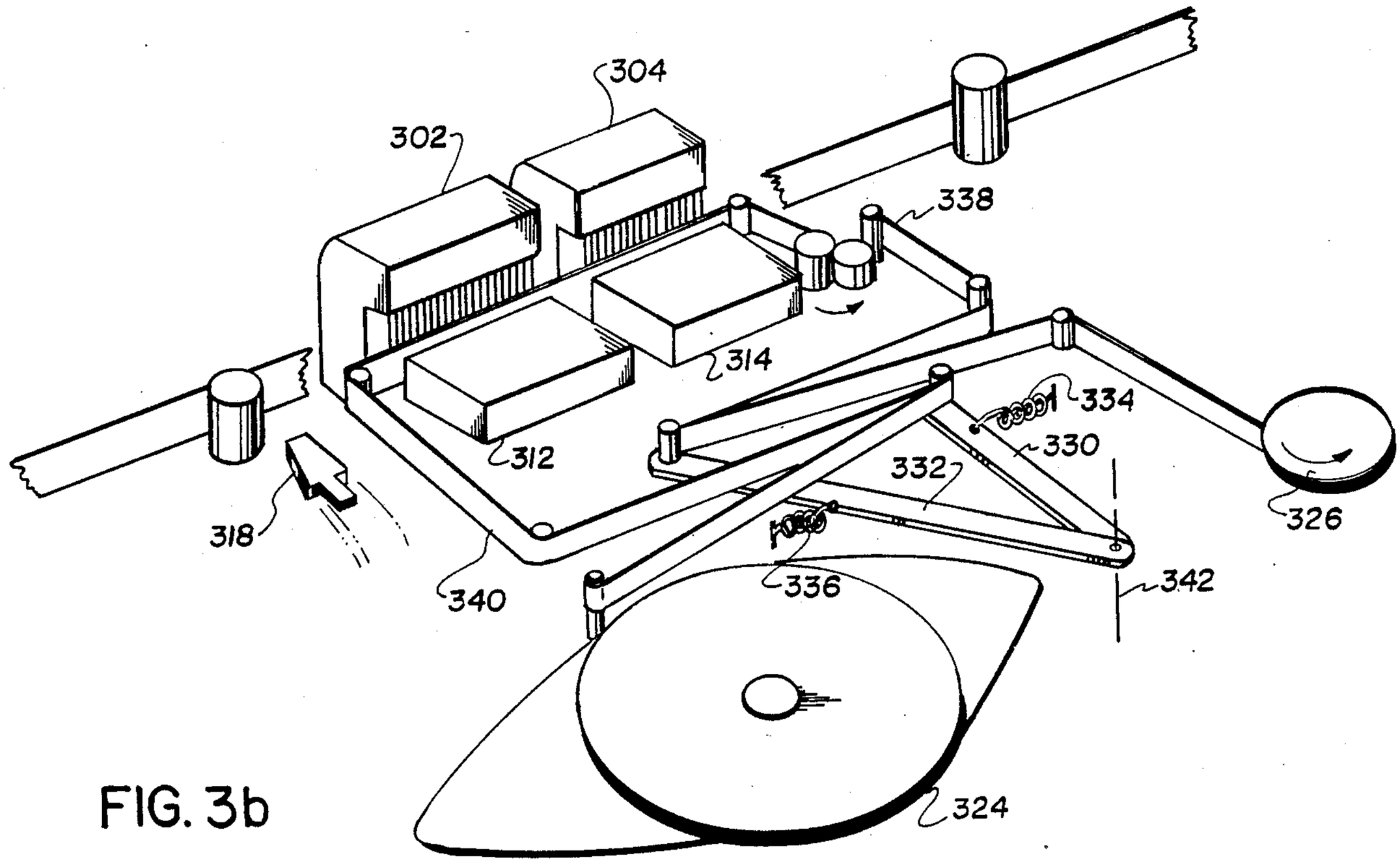

HAMMER POWER SUPPLY
310
306
308
MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL
316
HAMMER DRIVER #1
HAMMER DRIVER #2
302
HAMMER BANK #1
HAMMER BANK #2
304
DOCUMENT PATH 320
DIE SET #1
312
DIE SET #2
314
318
RIBBON MECHANISM
322

FIG. 3a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302
338
314
312
334
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332
318
340
336
342
326
324

FIG. 3b

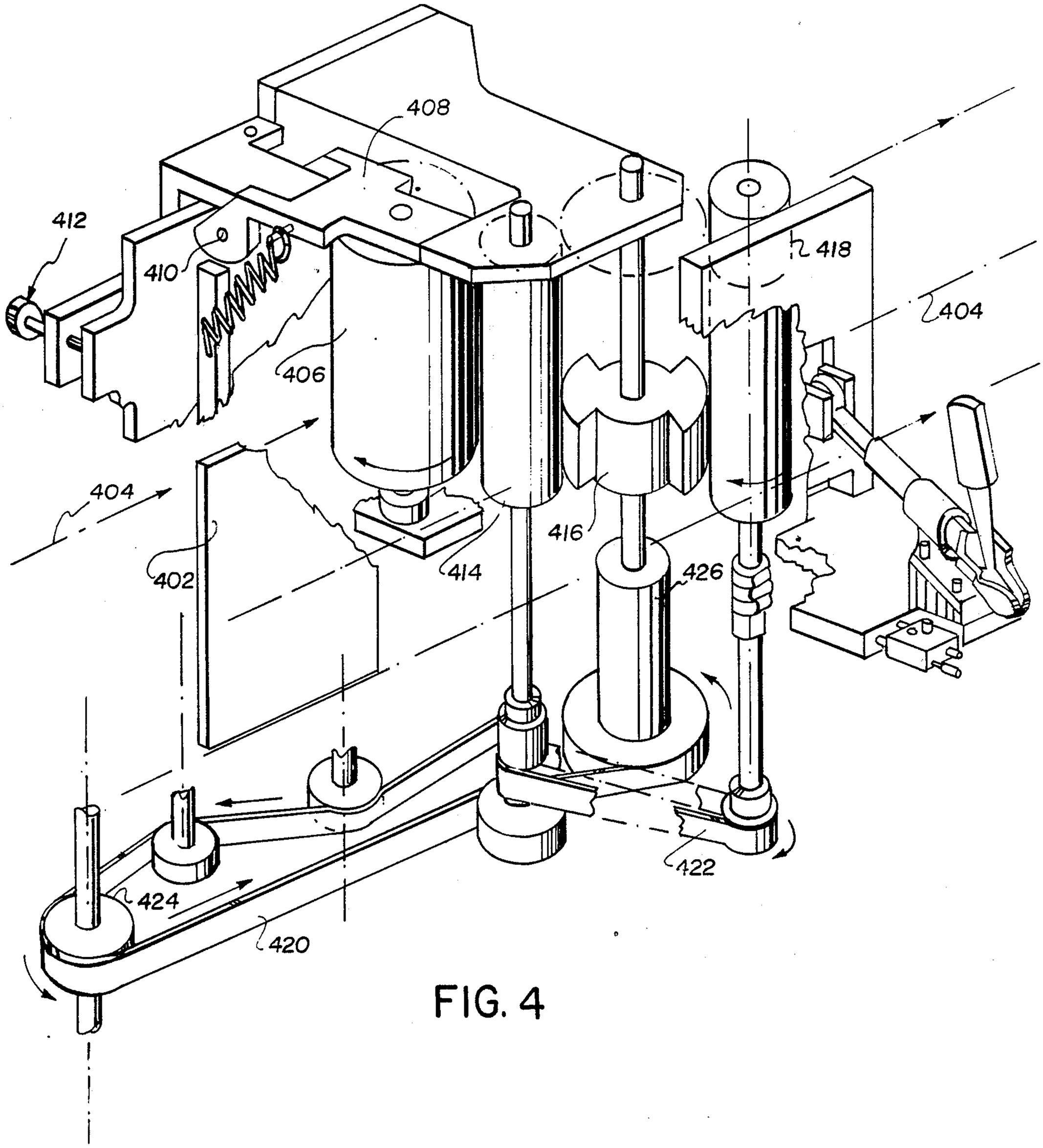


FIG. 4

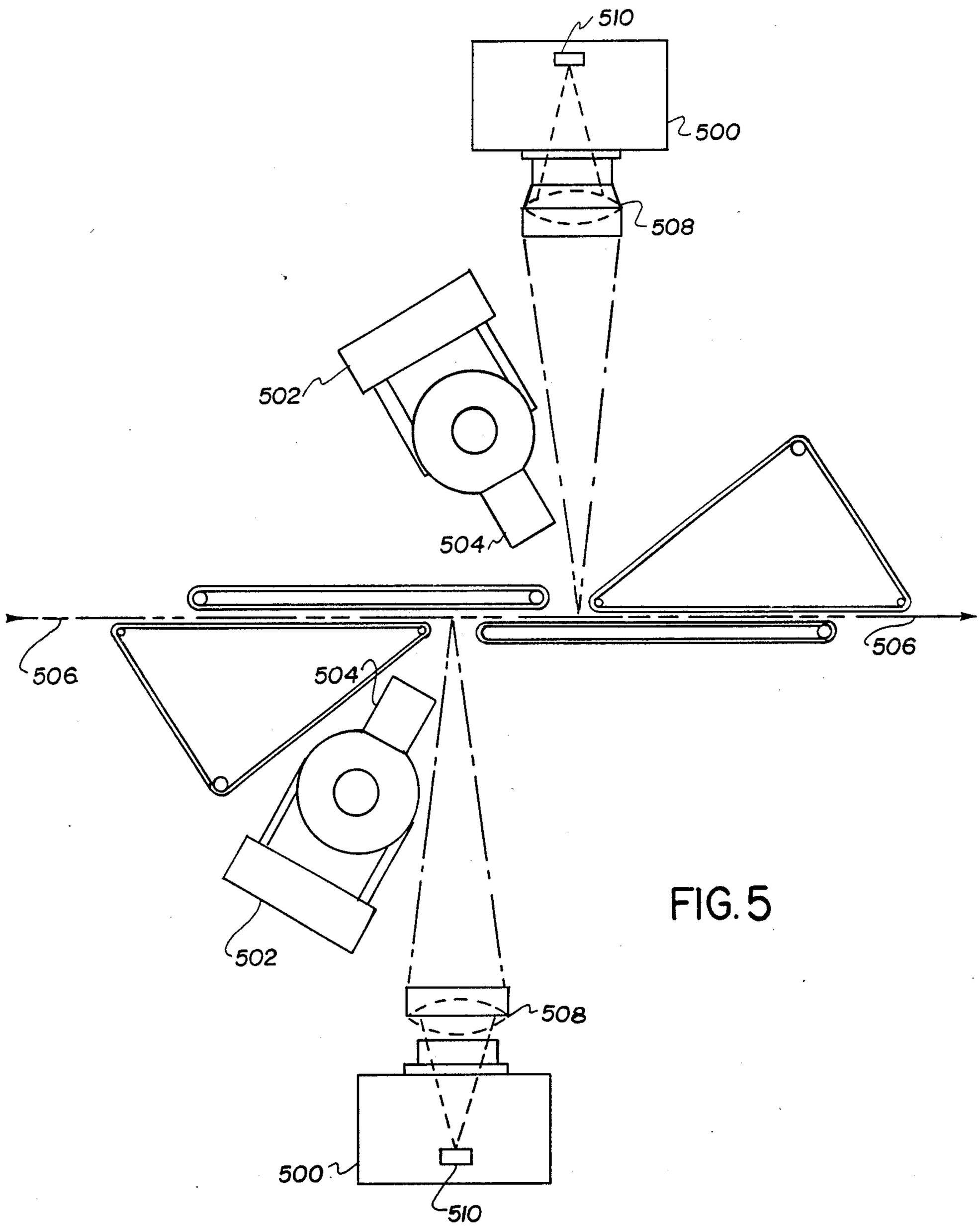


FIG. 5

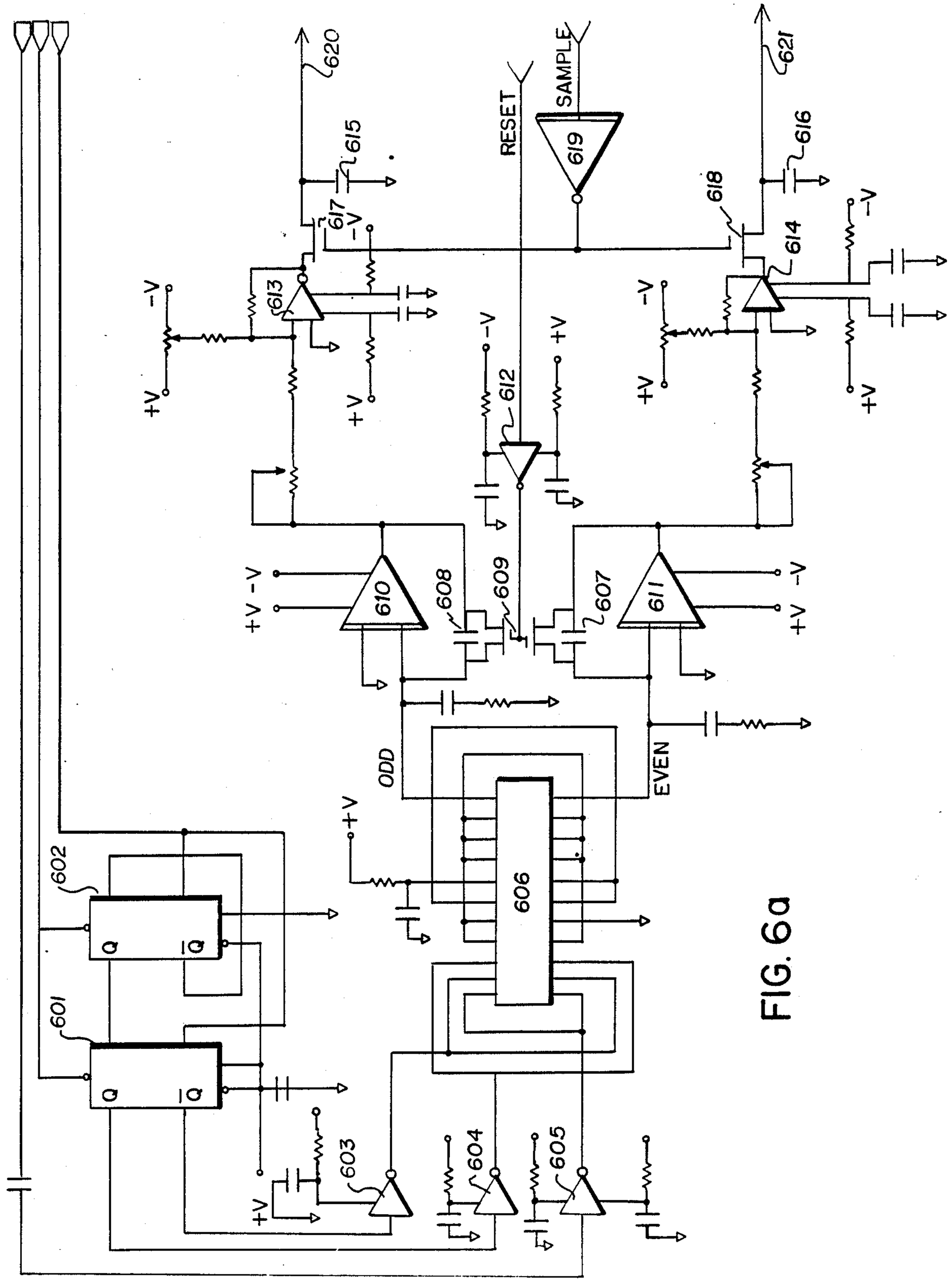
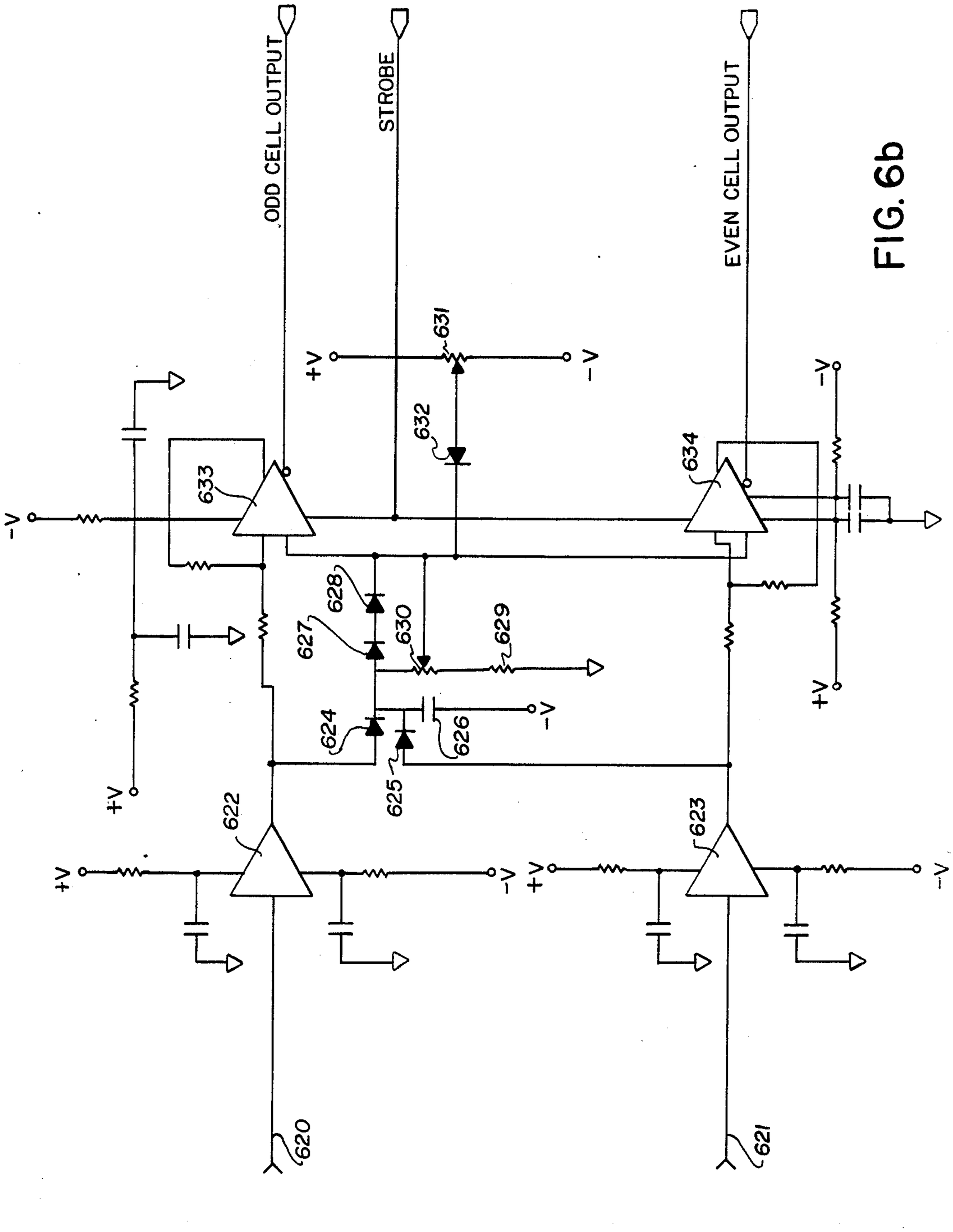

620
615
617
-V
613
-V
+V
+V
RESET
SAMPLE
619
621
616
618
614
-V
+V
612
-V
+V
610
608
609
607
611
+V -V
+V -V
ODD
EVEN
+V
606
602
601
Q
Q
Q
Q
+V
603
604
605

FIG. 6a


ODD CELL OUTPUT
STROBE
EVEN CELL OUTPUT
+V
-V
631
632
633
634
628
627
630
629
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625
626
622
623
620
621

FIG. 6b

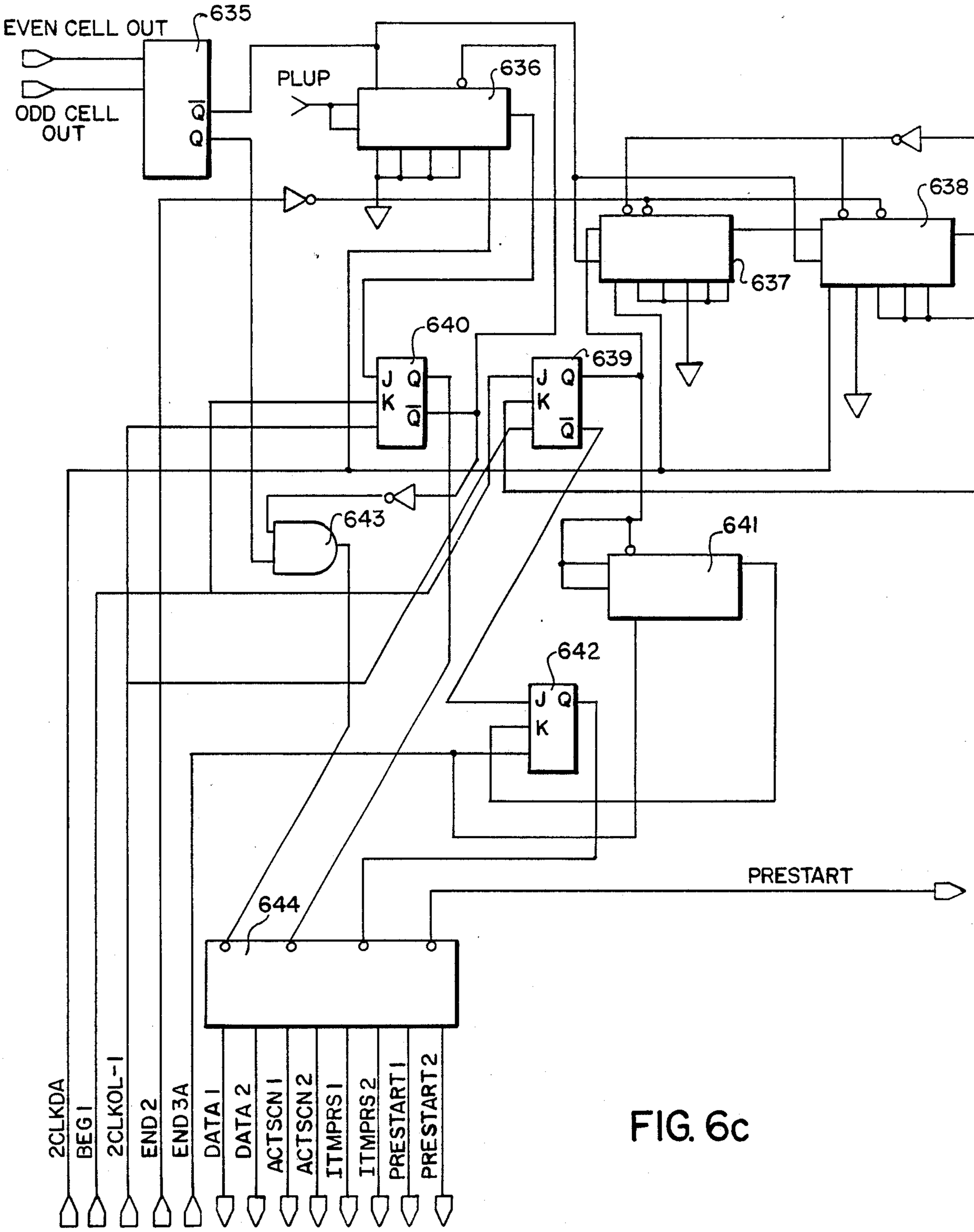

EVEN CELL OUT
635
ODD CELL OUT
Q̄
Q
PLUP
636
638
637
640
J Q
K
Q̄
639
643
641
642
J Q
K
644
PRESTART
2CLKDA
BEG 1
2CLKOL-1
END 2
END 3A
DATA 1
DATA 2
ACTSCN 1
ACTSCN 2
ITMPRS 1
ITMPRS 2
PRESTART 1
PRESTART 2

FIG. 6c

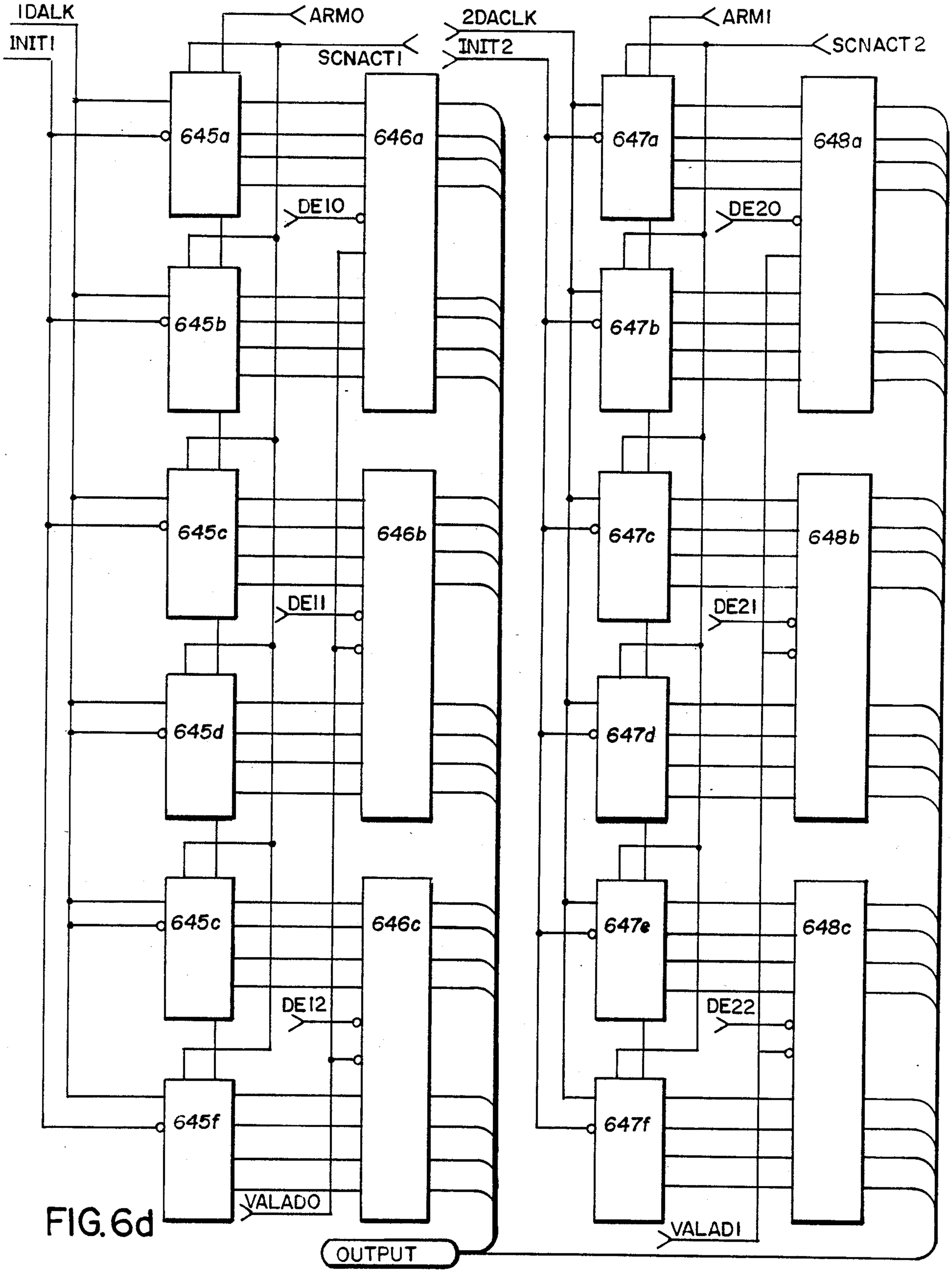

IDALK
INIT1
ARMO
SCNACT1
2DACLK
INIT2
ARM1
SCNACT2
645a
646a
647a
648a
DE10
DE20
645b
647b
645c
646b
647c
648b
DE11
DE21
645d
647d
645c
646c
647e
648c
DE12
DE22
645f
647f
VALADO
VALADI
OUTPUT

FIG. 6d

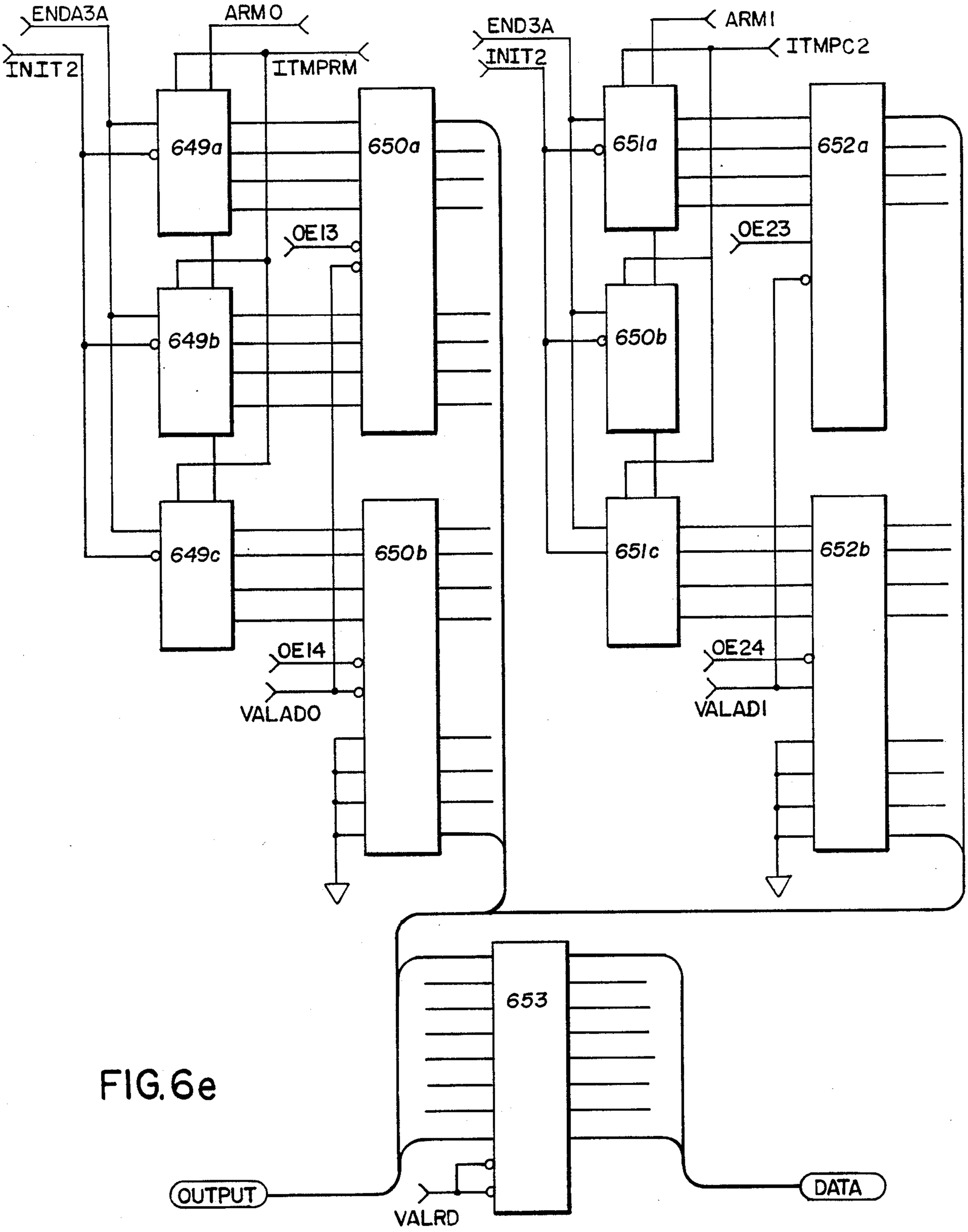

ENDA3A
INIT2
ARM0
ITMPRM
649a
650a
OE13
649b
649c
650b
OE14
VALADO
END3A
INIT2
ARM1
ITMPC2
651a
652a
OE23
650b
651c
652b
OE24
VALAD1
653
OUTPUT
VALRD
DATA

FIG. 6e

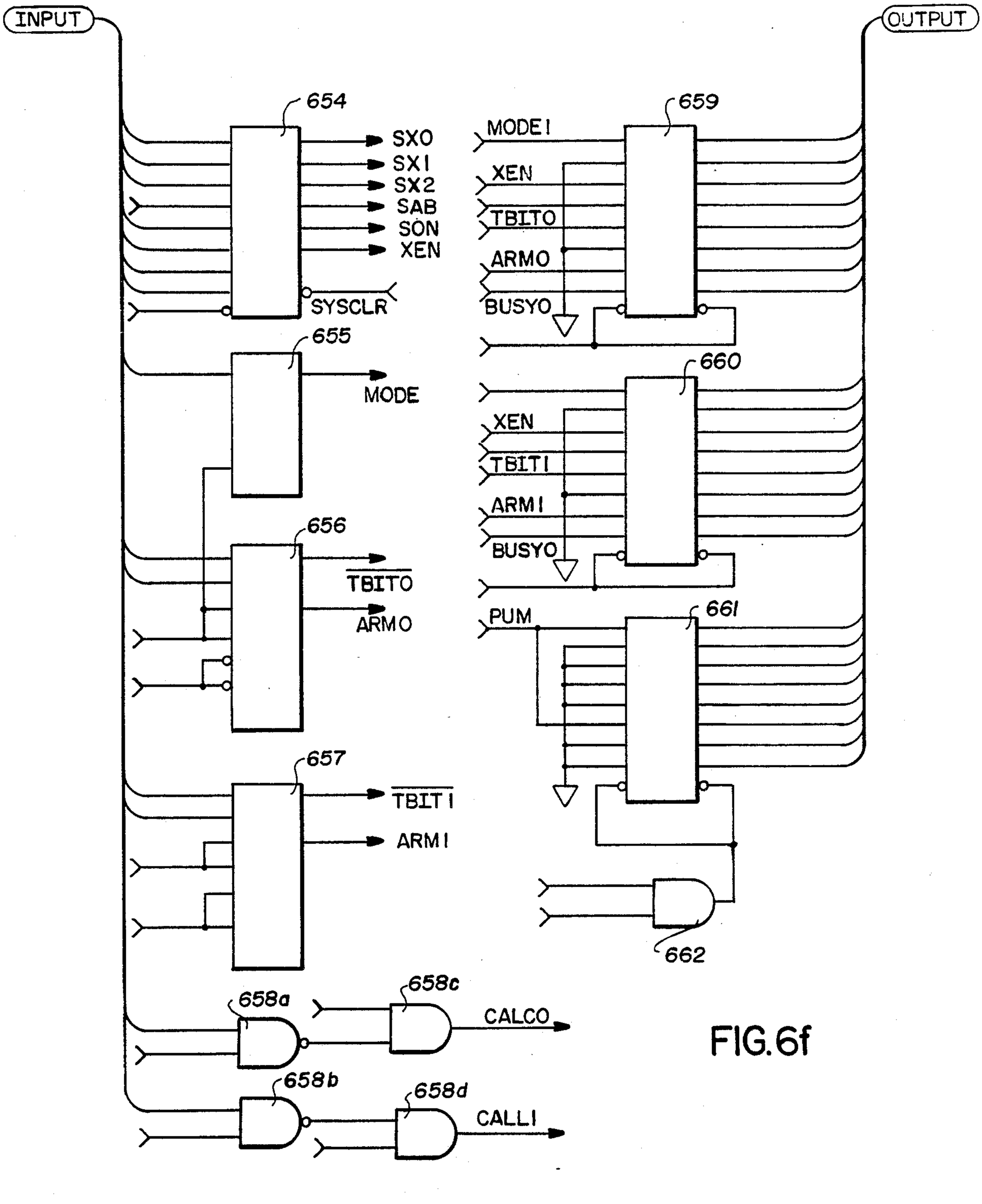

INPUT
OUTPUT
654
SX0
SX1
SX2
SAB
SON
XEN
SYSCLR
655
MODE
656
TBITO
ARMO
657
TBITI
ARMI
658a
658b
658c
658d
CALCO
CALLI
659
MODEI
XEN
TBITO
ARMO
BUSYO
660
XEN
TBITI
ARMI
BUSYO
661
PUM
662

FIG.6f

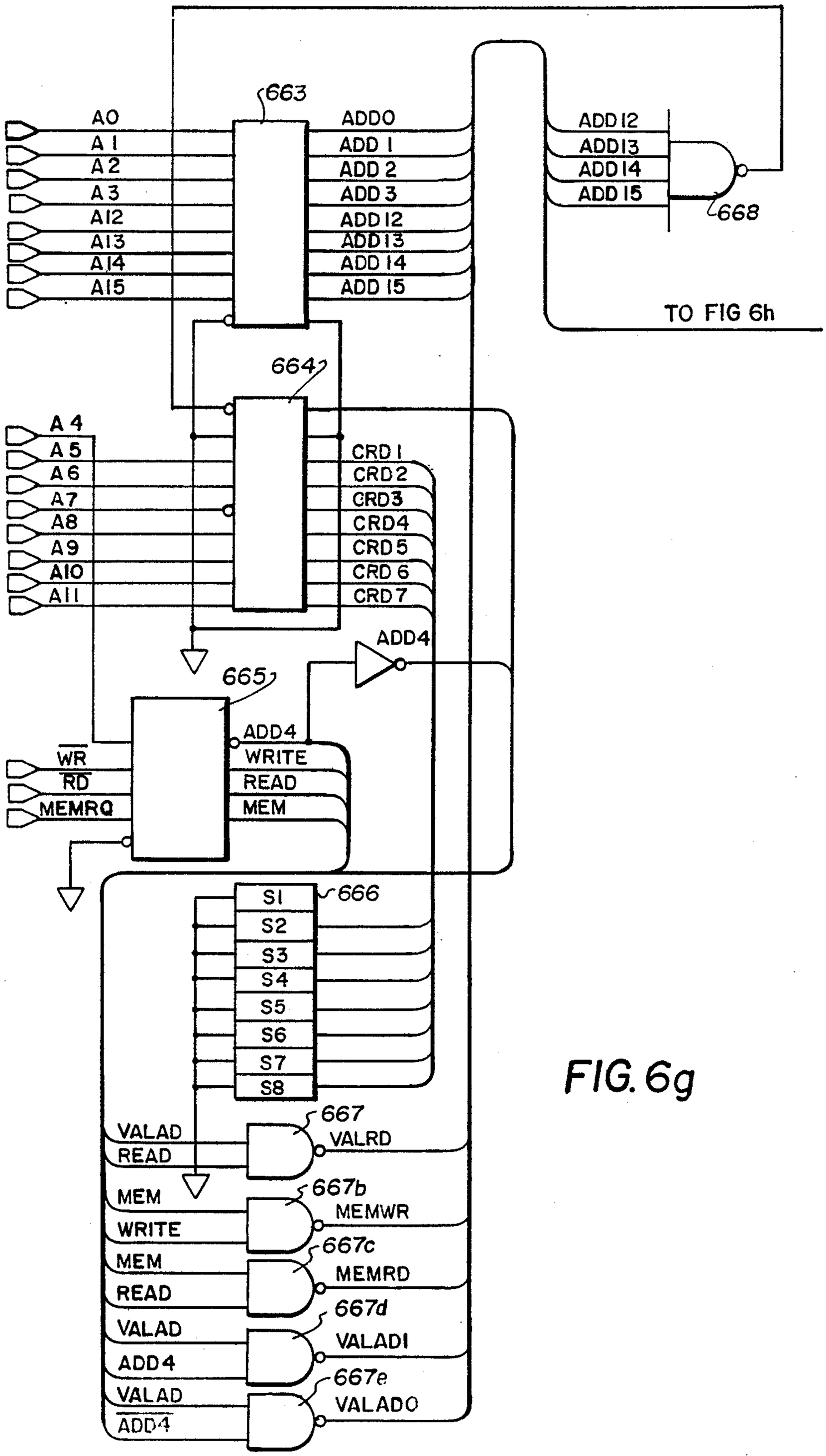

663
A0
A1
A2
A3
A12
A13
A14
A15
ADD0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
ADD 12
ADD 13
ADD 14
ADD 15
ADD 12
ADD13
ADD14
ADD 15
668
TO FIG 6h
664
A 4
A 5
A6
A7
A8
A9
A10
A11
CRD 1
CRD2
CRD3
CRD4
CRD5
CRD 6
CRD 7
ADD4
665
WR
RD
MEMRQ
ADD4
WRITE
READ
MEM
666
S1
S2
S3
S4
S5
S6
S7
S8
667
VALAD
READ
VALRD
667b
MEM
WRITE
MEMWR
667c
MEM
READ
MEMRD
667d
VALAD
ADD4
VALADI
667e
VALAD
ADD4
VALADO

FIG. 6g

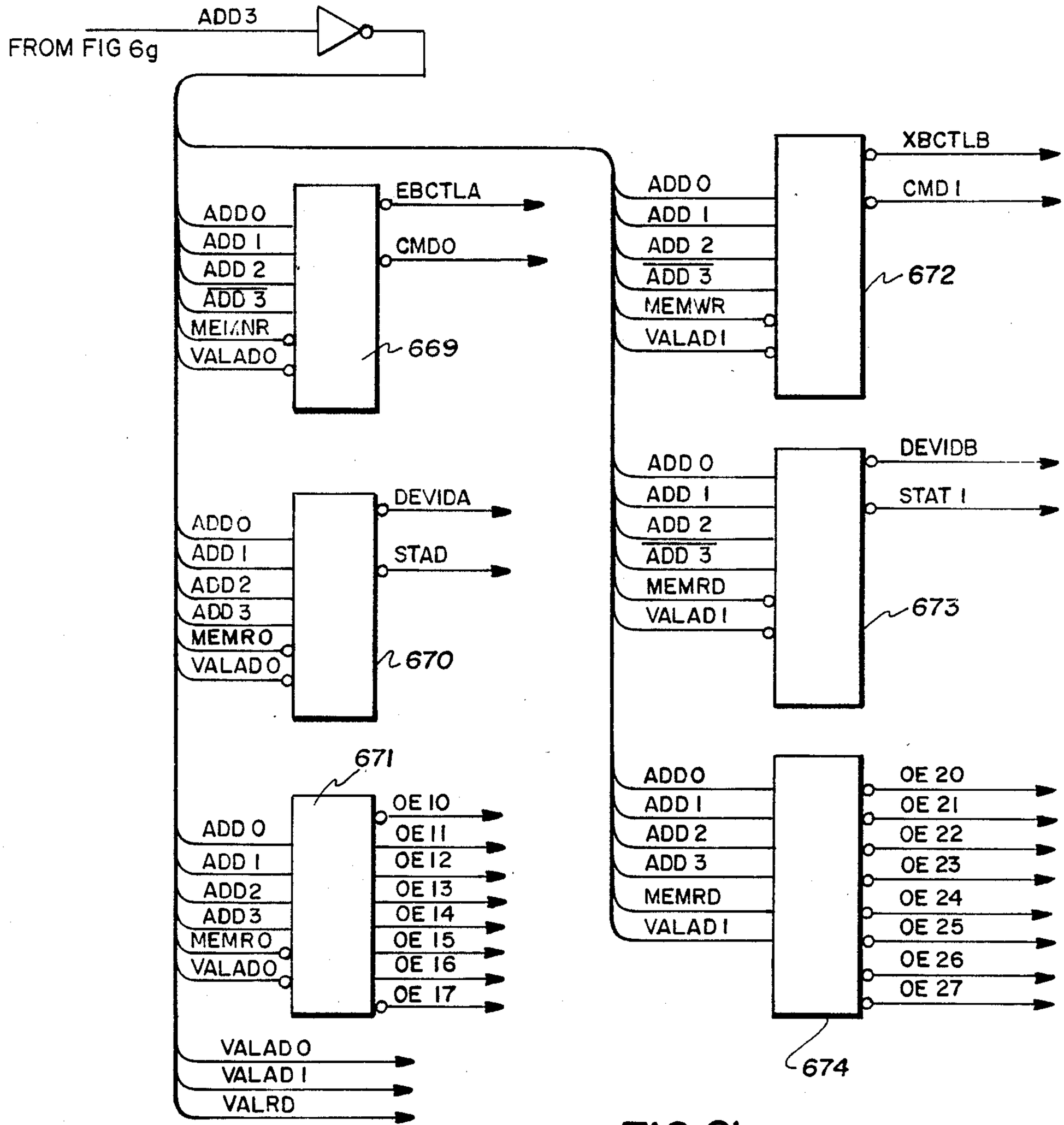

FROM FIG 6g
ADD 3
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
MEMWR
VALADO
EBCTLA
CMDO
669
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
MEMWR
VALAD1
XBCTLB
CMD1
672
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
MEMRO
VALADO
DEVIDA
STAD
670
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
MEMRD
VALAD1
DEVIDB
STAT 1
673
671
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD2
ADD3
MEMRO
VALADO
OE 10
OE 11
OE 12
OE 13
OE 14
OE 15
OE 16
OE 17
VALAD 0
VALAD 1
VALRD
ADD 0
ADD 1
ADD 2
ADD 3
MEMRD
VALAD 1
OE 20
OE 21
OE 22
OE 23
OE 24
OE 25
OE 26
OE 27
674

FIG 6h

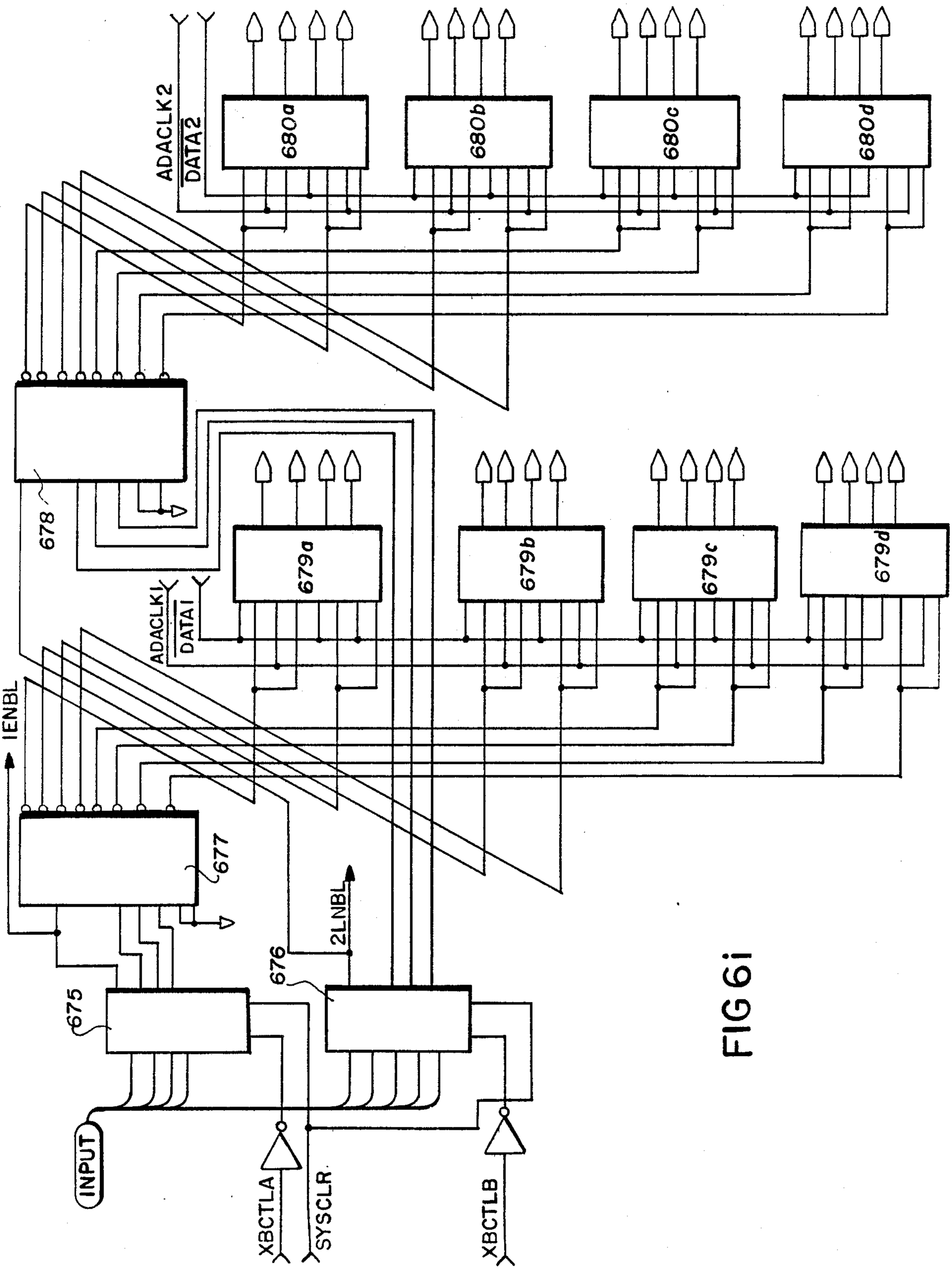

ADACLK2
DATA2
680a
680b
680c
680d
678
679a
679b
679c
679d
ADACLK1
DATA1
IENBL
677
2LNBL
676
675
INPUT
XBCTLA
SYSCLR
XBCTLB

FIG 6i

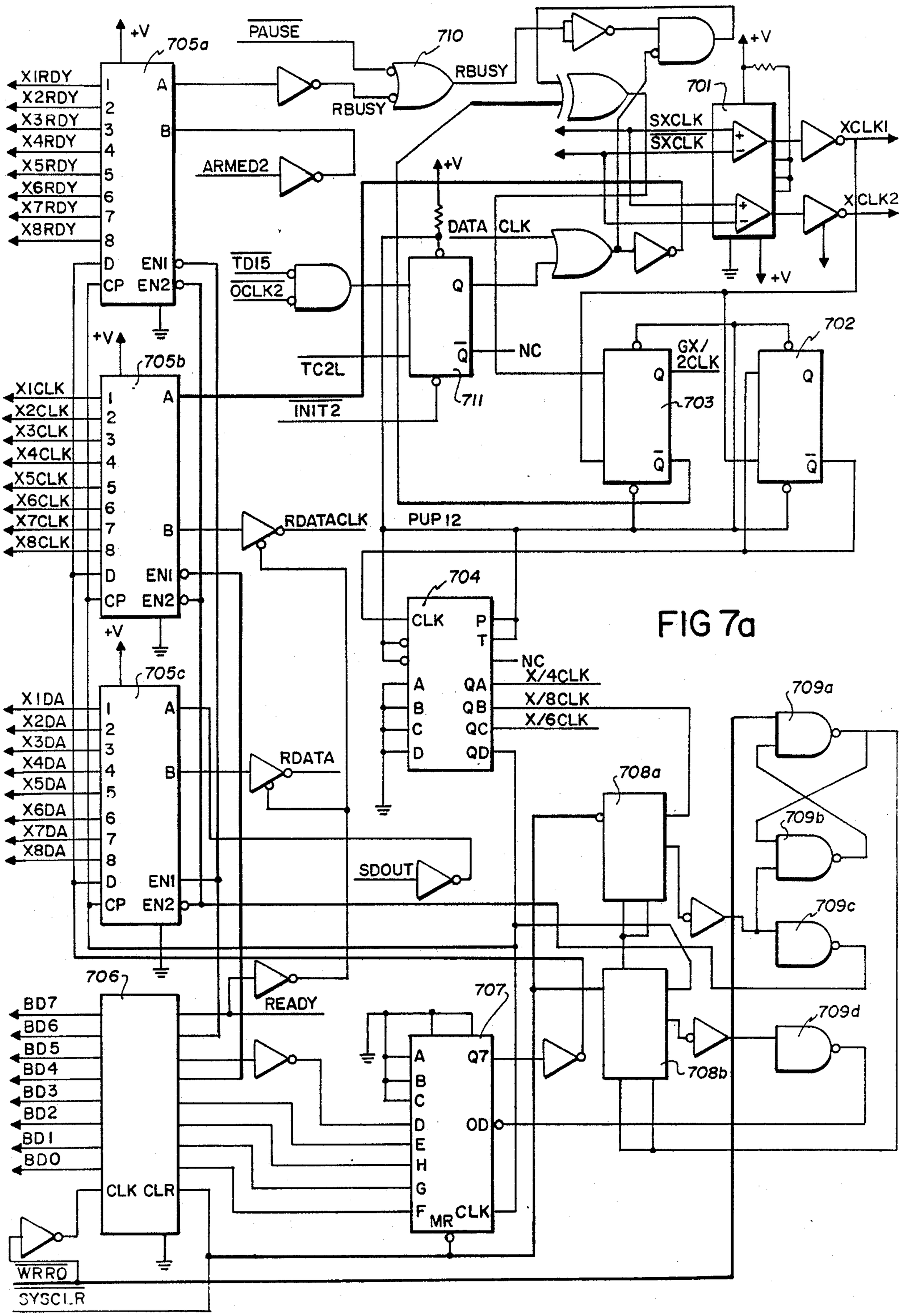

+V
705a
PAUSE
710
RBUSY
X1RDY
X2RDY
X3RDY
X4RDY
X5RDY
X6RDY
X7RDY
X8RDY
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
A
B
ENI
EN2
D
CP
ARMED2
701
SXCLK
SXCLK
XCLK1
XCLK2
DATA CLK
TD15
OCLK2
Q
NC
TC2L
INIT2
711
705b
X1CLK
X2CLK
X3CLK
X4CLK
X5CLK
X6CLK
X7CLK
X8CLK
RDATACLK
PUP12
704
CLK
P
T
QA
QB
QC
QD
X/4CLK
X/8CLK
X/6CLK
702
GX/
2CLK
703
705c
X1DA
X2DA
X3DA
X4DA
X5DA
X6DA
X7DA
X8DA
RDATA
SDOUT
709a
709b
709c
709d
708a
708b
706
707
READY
BD7
BD6
BD5
BD4
BD3
BD2
BD1
BD0
Q7
OD
MR
CLK
CLR
WRRO
SYSCLR

FIG 7a

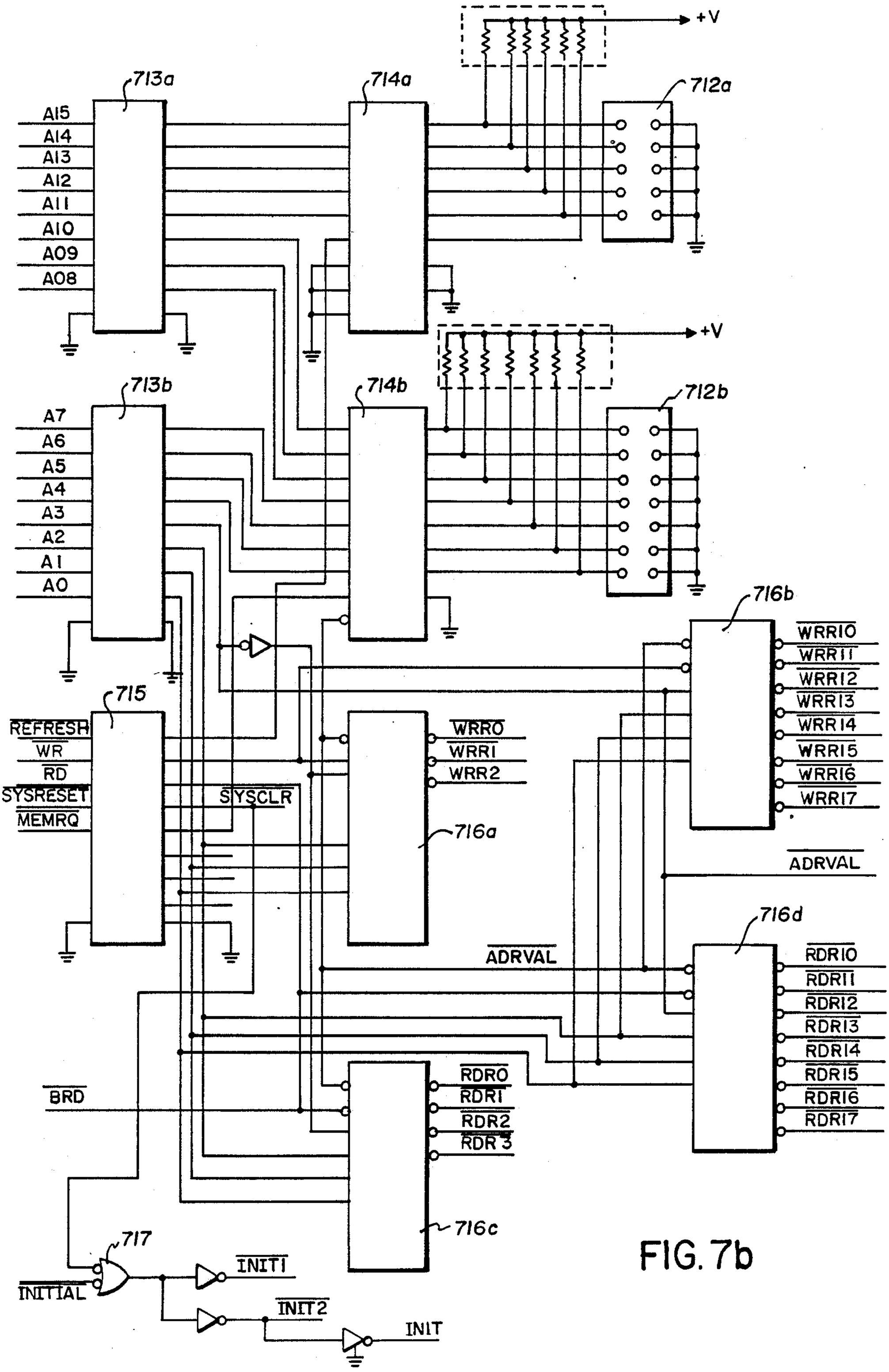

713a
714a
712a
+V
A15
A14
A13
A12
A11
A10
A09
A08
713b
714b
712b
+V
A7
A6
A5
A4
A3
A2
A1
A0
716b
WRR10
WRR11
WRR12
WRR13
WRR14
WRR15
WRR16
WRR17
715
REFRESH
WR
RD
SYSRESET
MEMRQ
SYSCLR
WRR0
WRR1
WRR2
716a
ADRVAL
ADRVAL
716d
RDR10
RDR11
RDR12
RDR13
RDR14
RDR15
RDR16
RDR17
BRD
RDR0
RDR1
RDR2
RDR3
716c
717
INITIAL
INIT1
INIT2
INIT

FIG. 7b

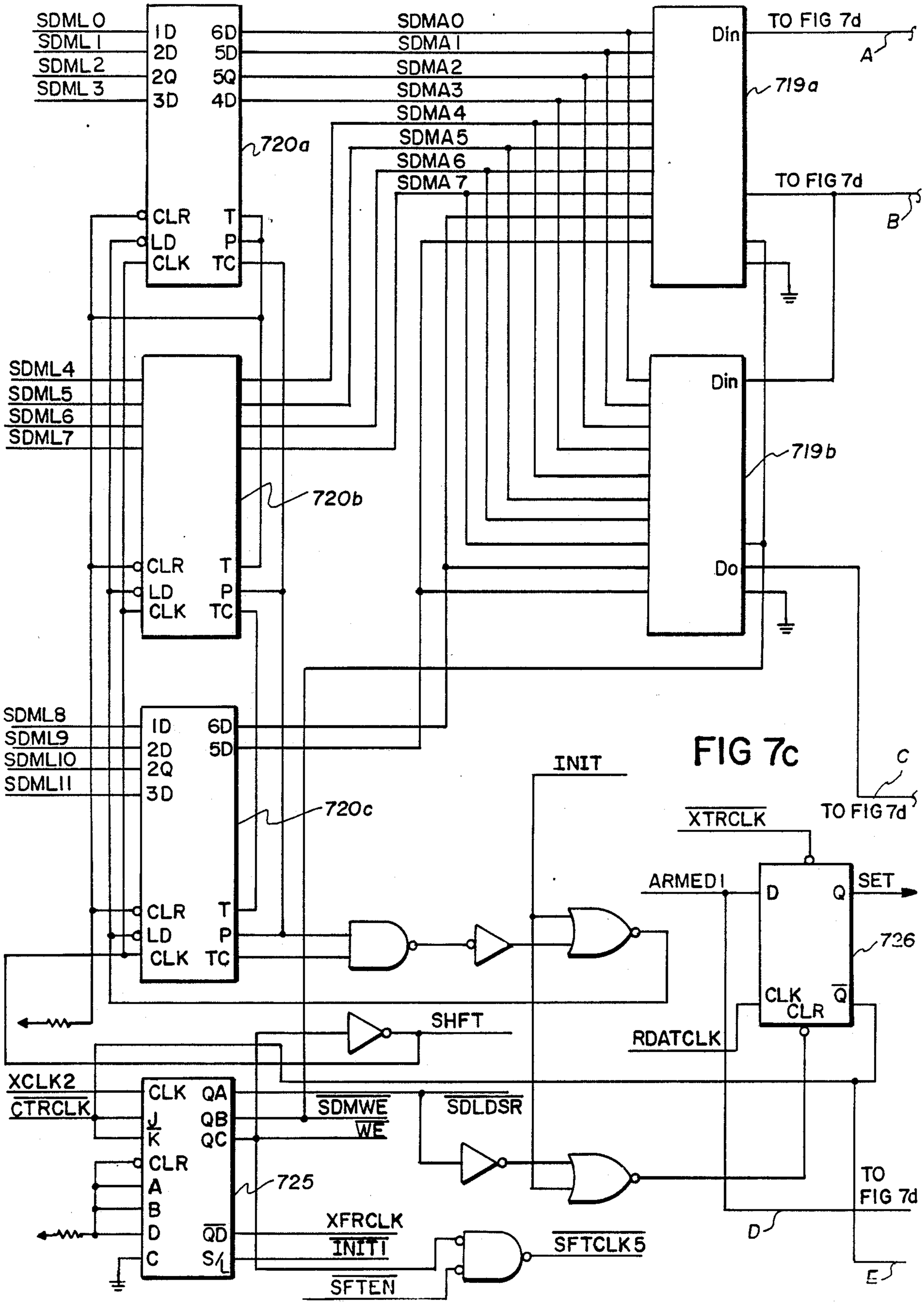

SDML0
SDML1
SDML2
SDML3
1D
2D
2Q
3D
6D
5D
5Q
4D
CLR
LD
CLK
T
P
TC
720a
SDMA0
SDMA1
SDMA2
SDMA3
SDMA4
SDMA5
SDMA6
SDMA7
Din
TO FIG 7d
A
719a
B
SDML4
SDML5
SDML6
SDML7
720b
Do
719b
SDML8
SDML9
SDML10
SDML11
2D
2Q
3D
5D
720c
INIT
XTRCLK
ARMED1
D
Q
SET
726
CLK
CLR
RDATCLK
SHFT
C
TO FIG 7d
XCLK2
CTRCLK
J
K
QA
QB
QC
SDMWE
WE
SDLDSR
725
XFRCLK
INIT1
SFTEN
SFTCLK5
TO FIG 7d
D
E

FIG 7c

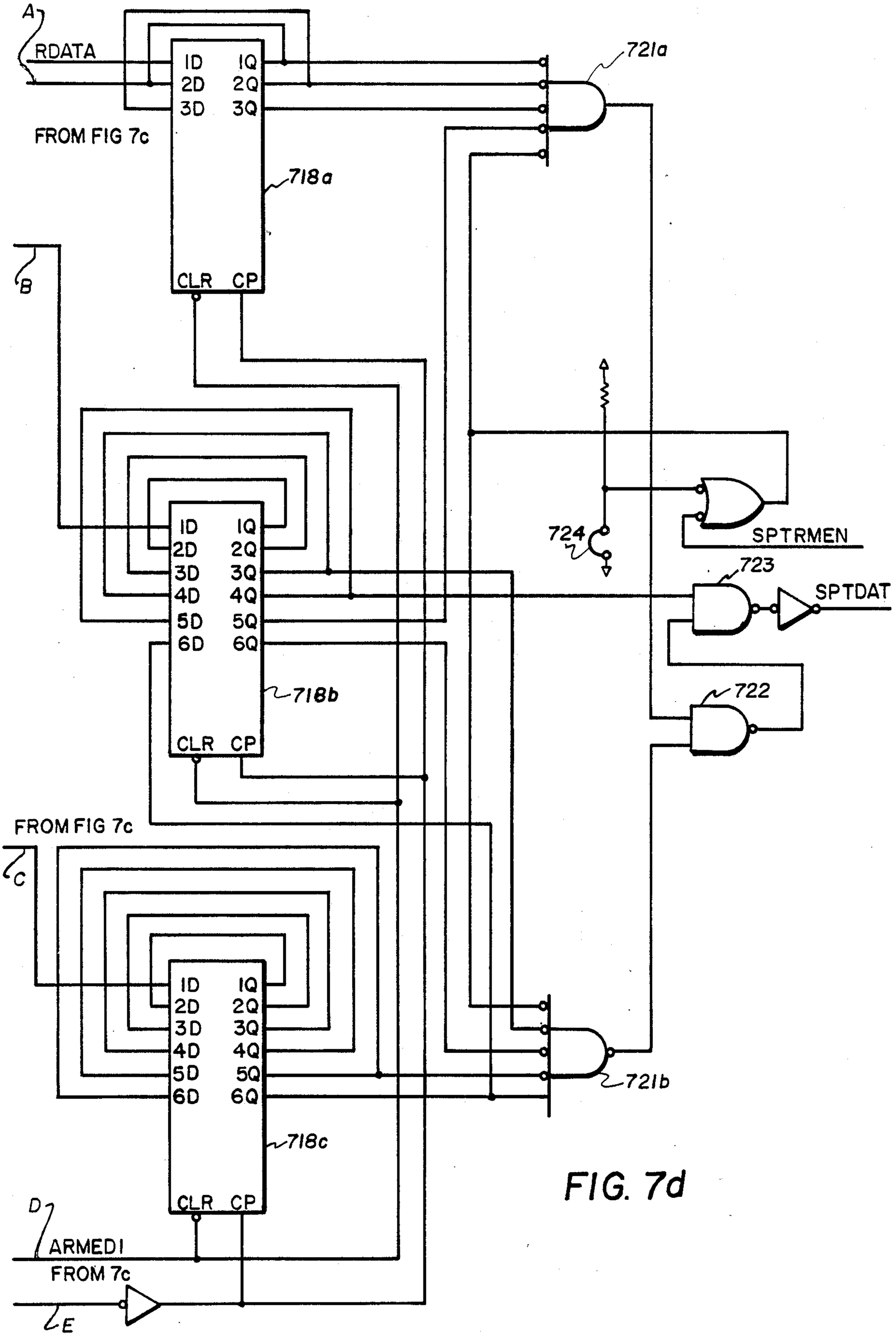

A
RDATA
1D 1Q
2D 2Q
3D 3Q
FROM FIG 7c
718a
CLR CP
721a
B
1D 1Q
2D 2Q
3D 3Q
4D 4Q
5D 5Q
6D 6Q
718b
CLR CP
724
SPTRMEN
723
SPTDAT
722
FROM FIG 7c
C
1D 1Q
2D 2Q
3D 3Q
4D 4Q
5D 5Q
6D 6Q
718c
CLR CP
721b
D
ARMEDI
FROM 7c
E

FIG. 7d

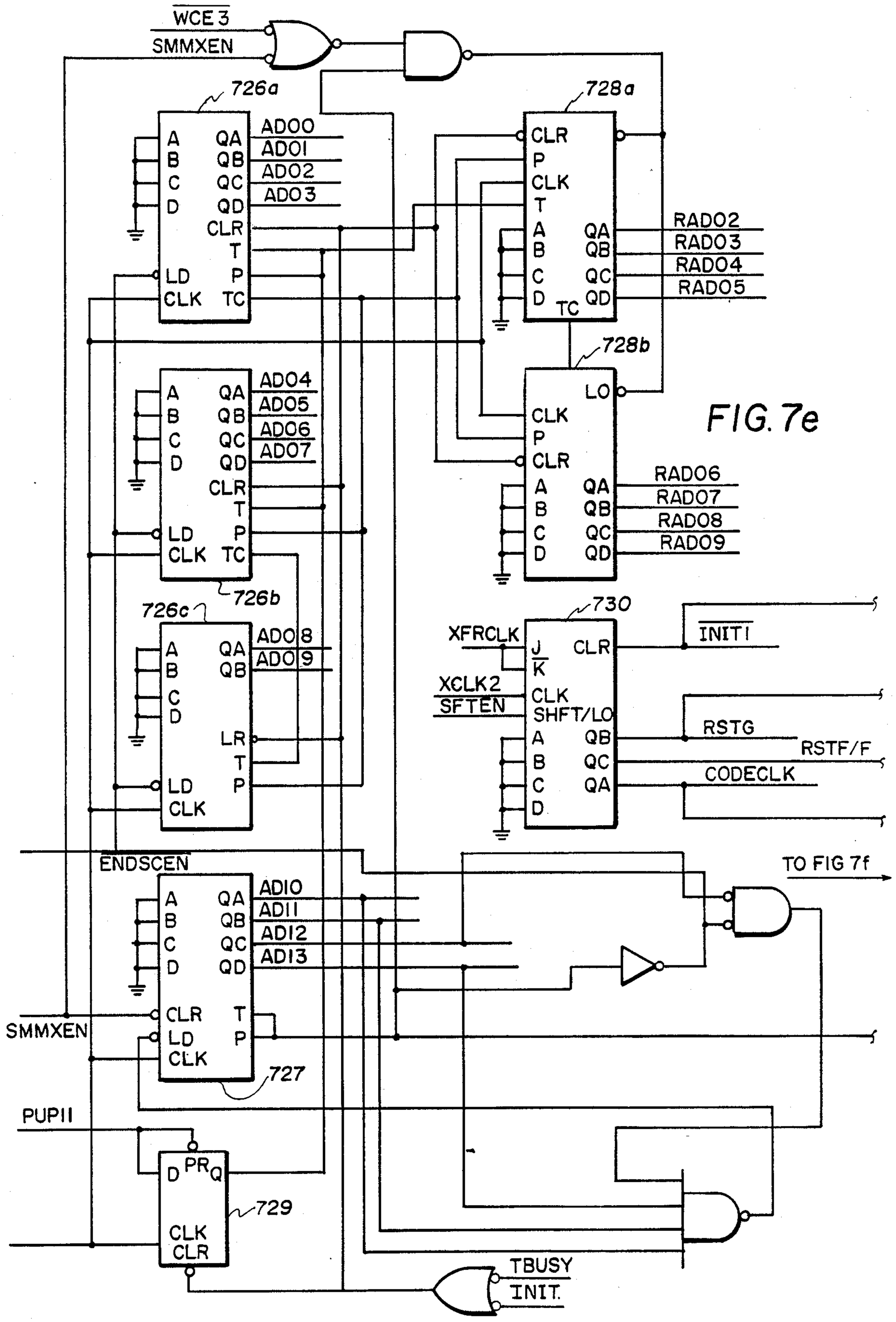

WCE3
SMMXEN
726a
728a
A
B
C
D
LD
CLK
QA
QB
QC
QD
CLR
T
P
TC
ADOO
ADOI
ADO2
ADO3
RADO2
RADO3
RADO4
RADO5
728b
LO
RADO6
RADO7
RADO8
RADO9
ADO4
ADO5
ADO6
ADO7
726b
726c
ADO8
ADO9
LR
730
XFRCLK
J
K
XCLK2
SFTEN
SHFT/LO
INITI
RSTG
RSTF/F
CODECLK
ENDSCEN
ADIO
ADII
ADI2
ADI3
TO FIG 7f
SMMXEN
727
PUPII
D
PR
Q
729
TBUSY
INIT.

FIG. 7e

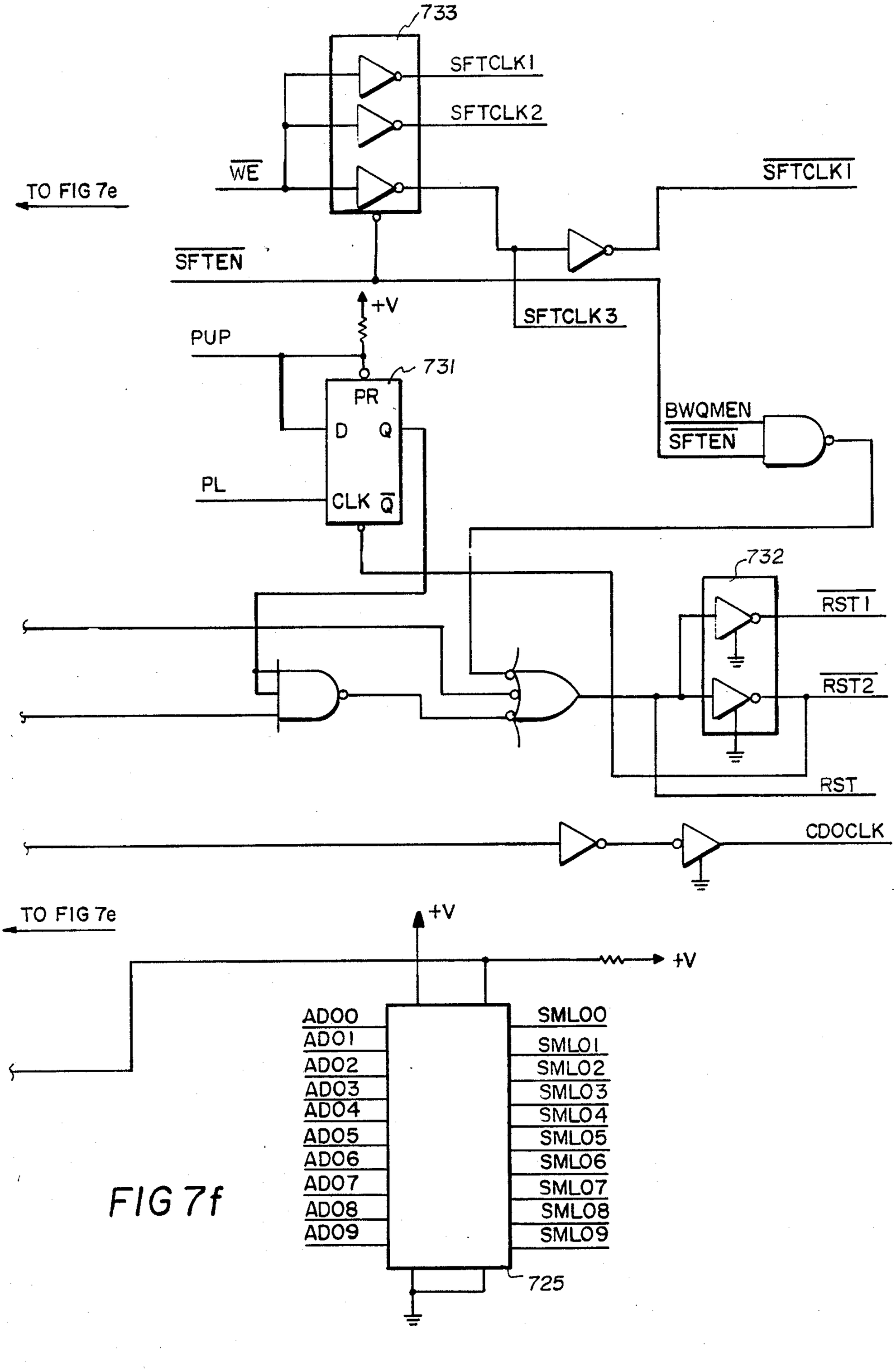

733
SFTCLK1
SFTCLK2
WE
TO FIG 7e
SFTCLK1
SFTEN
+V
SFTCLK3
PUP
731
PR
D Q
PL
CLK Q
BWQMEN
SFTEN
732
RST1
RST2
RST
CDOCLK
TO FIG 7e
+V
+V
ADO0
ADO1
ADO2
ADO3
ADO4
ADO5
ADO6
ADO7
ADO8
ADO9
SML00
SML01
SML02
SML03
SML04
SML05
SML06
SML07
SML08
SML09
725

FIG 7f

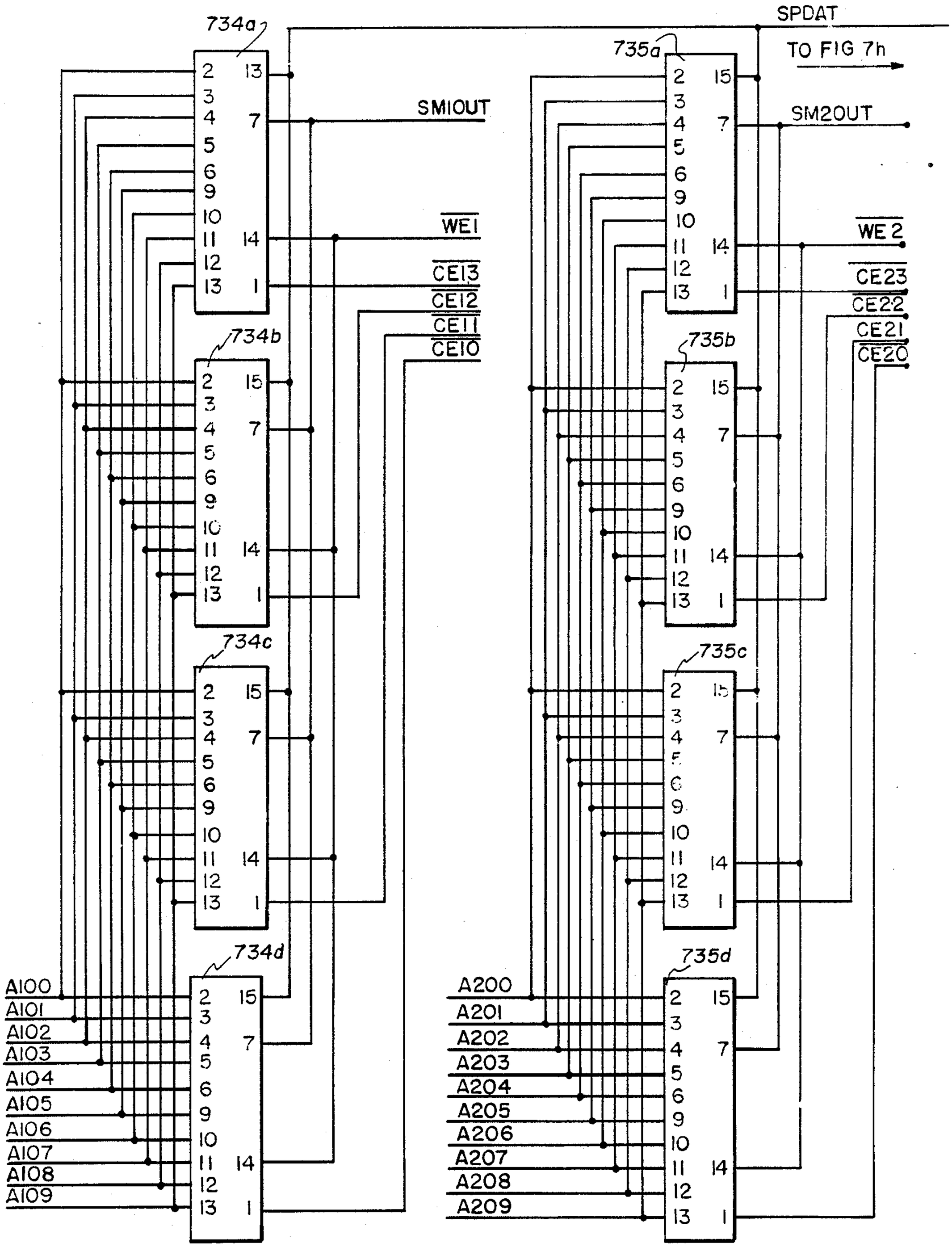


FIG 7g

TO FIG 7h

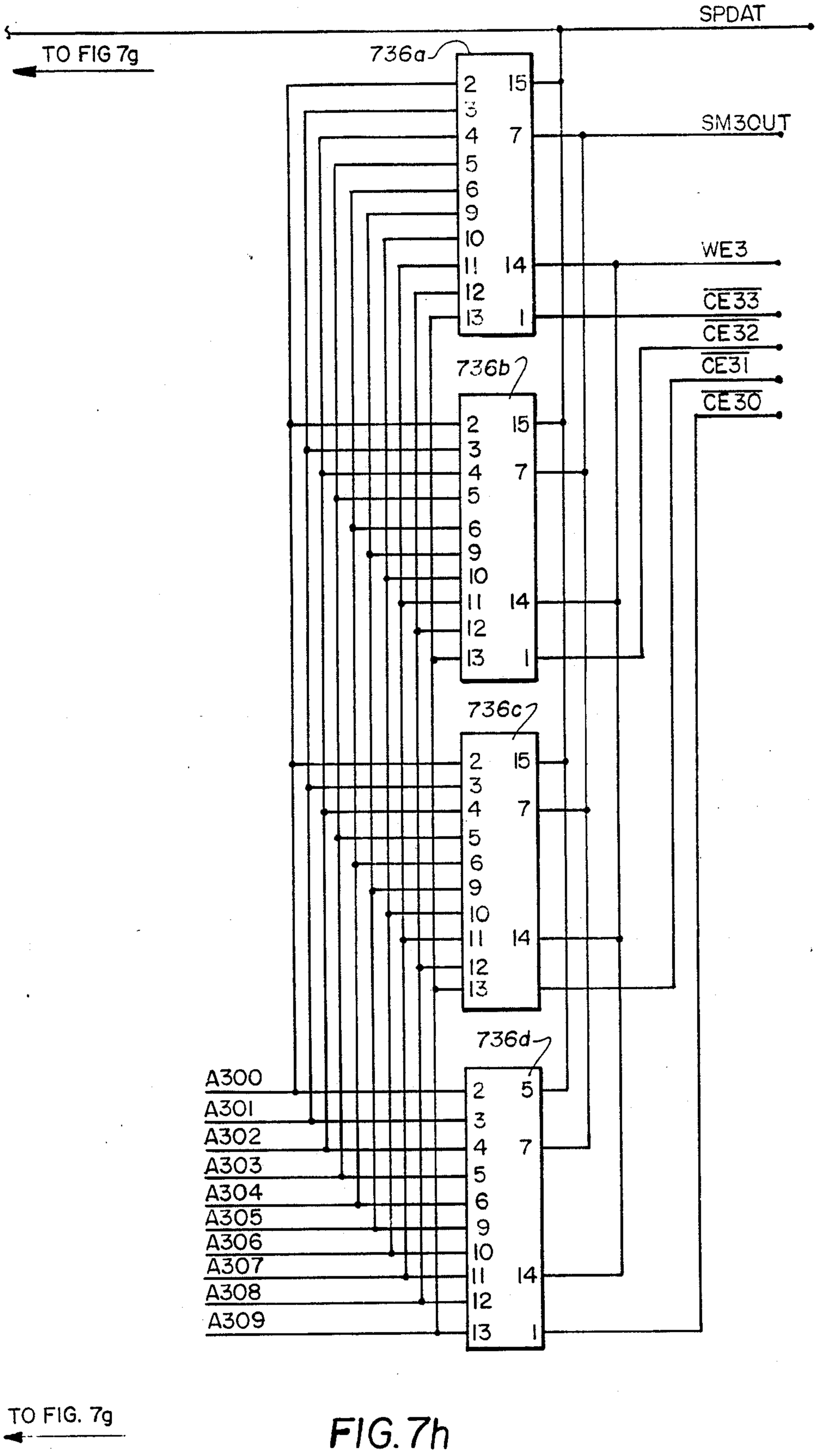

TO FIG 7g
SPDAT
736a
2
3
4
5
6
9
10
11
12
13
15
7
14
1
SM3OUT
WE3
CE33
CE32
CE31
CE30
736b
736c
736d
A300
A301
A302
A303
A304
A305
A306
A307
A308
A309
TO FIG. 7g

FIG. 7h

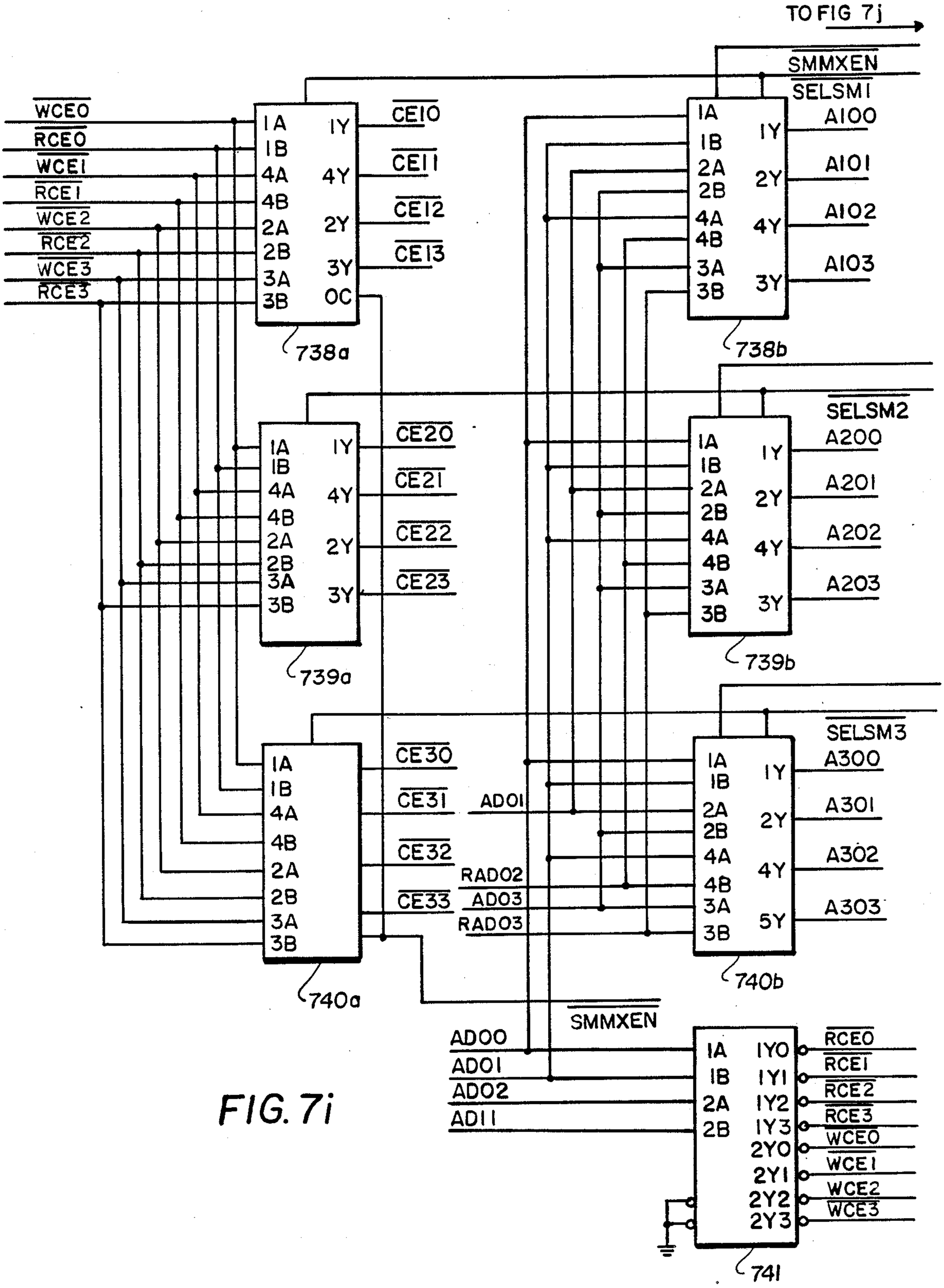

TO FIG 7j
WCE0
RCE0
WCE1
RCE1
WCE2
RCE2
WCE3
RCE3
1A
1B
4A
4B
2A
2B
3A
3B
1Y
4Y
2Y
3Y
OC
CE10
CE11
CE12
CE13
738a
SMMXEN
SELSM1
A100
A101
A102
A103
738b
CE20
CE21
CE22
CE23
739a
SELSM2
A200
A201
A202
A203
739b
CE30
CE31
CE32
CE33
740a
AD01
RAD02
AD03
RAD03
SELSM3
A300
A301
A302
A303
5Y
740b
SMMXEN
AD00
AD01
AD02
AD11
1Y0
1Y1
1Y2
1Y3
2Y0
2Y1
2Y2
2Y3
RCE0
RCE1
RCE2
RCE3
WCE0
WCE1
WCE2
WCE3
741

FIG. 7i

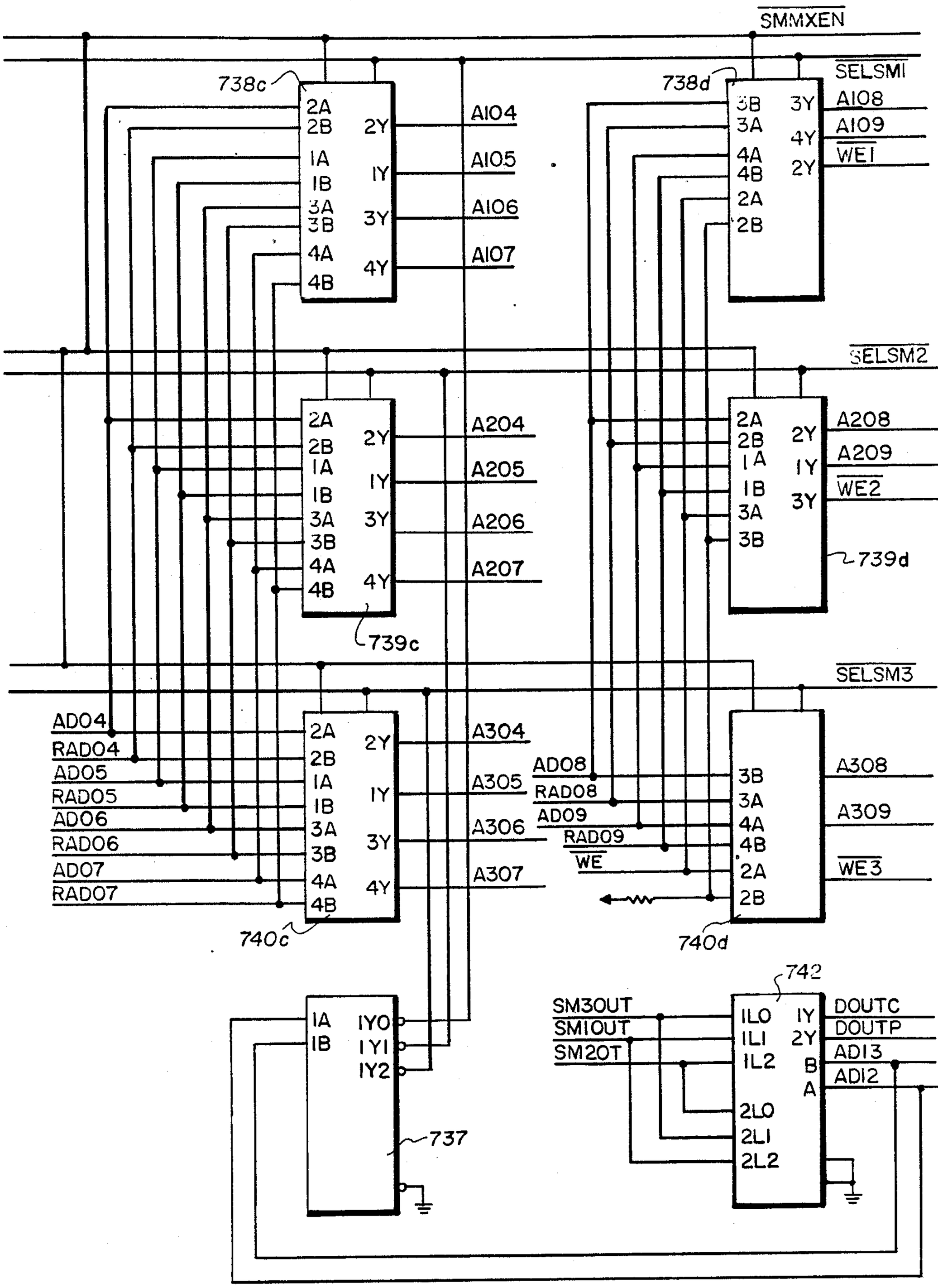

SMMXEN
SELSMI
738c
738d
2A
2B
1A
1B
3A
3B
4A
4B
2Y
1Y
3Y
4Y
A104
A105
A106
A107
3B
3A
4B
2A
2B
3Y
4Y
1Y
2Y
A108
A109
WEI
SELSM2
A204
A205
A206
A207
A208
A209
WE2
739c
739d
SELSM3
AD04
RAD04
AD05
RAD05
AD06
RAD06
AD07
RAD07
A304
A305
A306
A307
AD08
RAD08
AD09
RAD09
WE
A308
A309
WE3
740c
740d
1A
1B
1Y0
1Y1
1Y2
737
742
SM3OUT
SM1OUT
SM2OT
1L0
1L1
1L2
2L0
2L1
2L2
1Y
2Y
B
A
DOUTC
DOUTP
AD13
AD12

FIG 7j

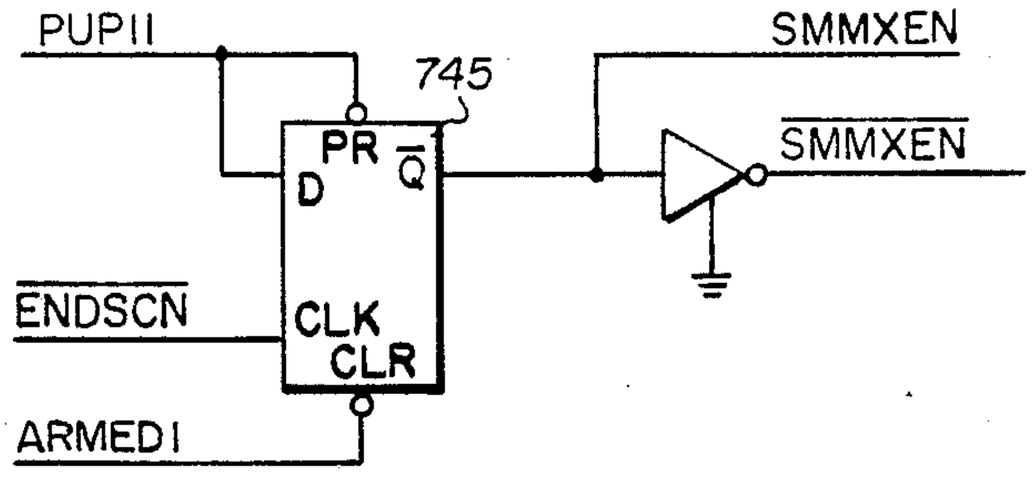

PUPII
745
PR
D
Q
SMMXEN
SMMXEN
ENDSCN
CLK
CLR
ARMED1
743b
1Q
1D
2Q
2D
3Q
3D
4Q
4D
5Q
5D
6Q
6D
7Q
7D
8Q
8D
CDAT00
CDAT01
CDAT02
CDAT03
CDAT04
CDAT05
CDAT06
CDAT07
744b
PDAT00
PDAT01
PDAT02
PDAT03
PDAT04
PDAT05
PDAT06
PDAT07
743a
CDAT08
CDAT09
CDAT10
CDAT11
CDAT12
CDAT13
CDAT14
CDAT15
744a
PDAT08
PADAT09
PDAT10
PDAT11
PDAT12
PDAT13
PDAT14
PDAT15
SHFT
DOUTC
DOUTP

FIG 7k

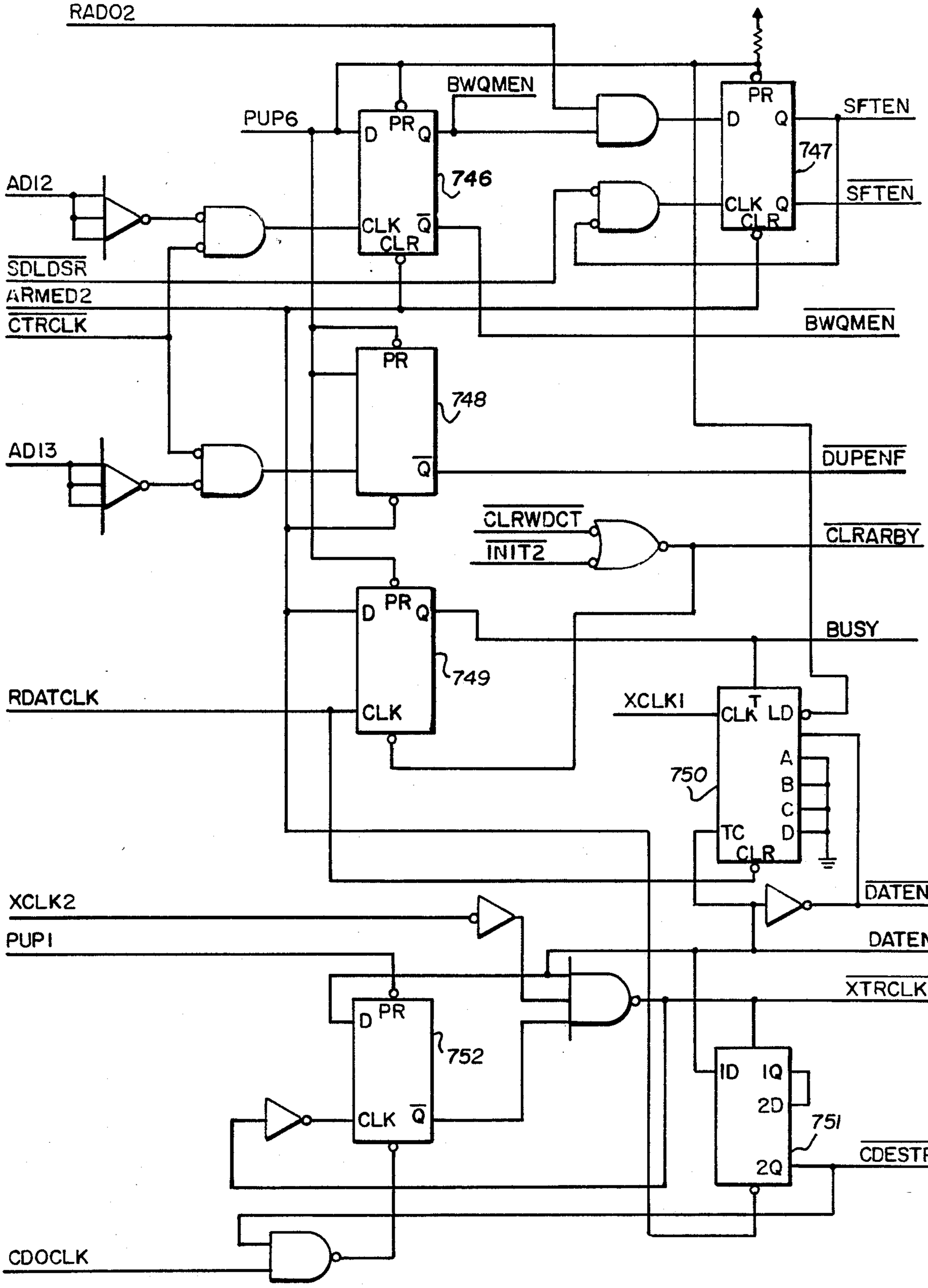

RADO2
BWQMEN
PUP6
PR
D
Q
746
ADI2
CLK
Q
CLR
SDLDSR
ARMED2
CTRCLK
PR
747
SFTEN
CLK
Q
CLR
SFTEN
BWQMEN
PR
748
ADI3
Q
DUPENF
CLRWDCT
INIT2
CLRARBY
D
PR
BUSY
749
RDATCLK
CLK
XCLKI
T
CLK
LD
A
B
C
D
750
TC
CLR
DATEND
XCLK2
PUP1
DATEND
XTRCLK
D
PR
752
CLK
Q
ID
IQ
2D
751
2Q
CDESTP
CDOCLK

FIG. 71

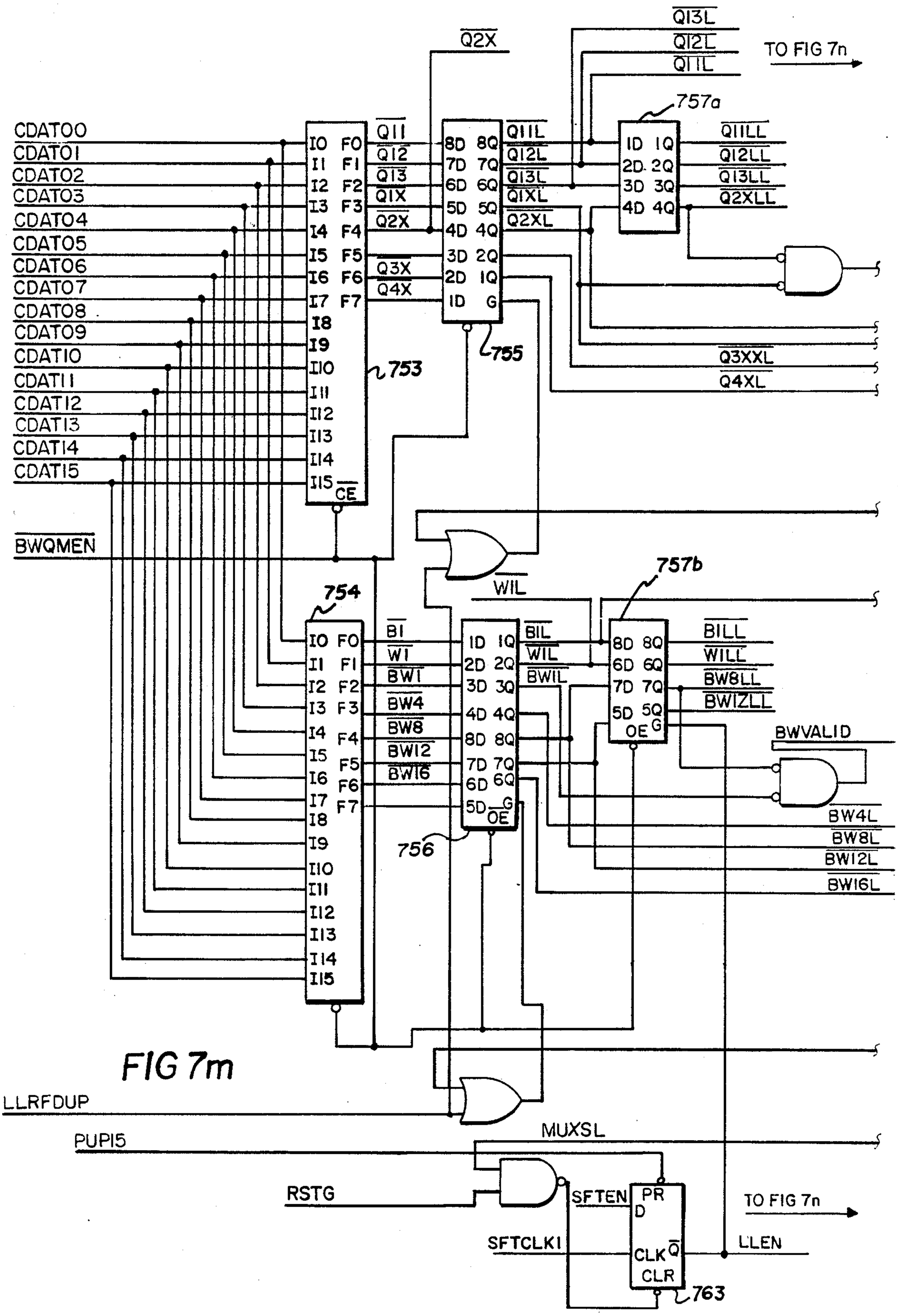

CDAT00
CDAT01
CDAT02
CDAT03
CDAT04
CDAT05
CDAT06
CDAT07
CDAT08
CDAT09
CDAT10
CDAT11
CDAT12
CDAT13
CDAT14
CDAT15
BWQMEN
Q2X
Q13L
Q12L
Q11L
TO FIG 7n
757a
753
755
754
757b
756
763
WIL
Q3XXL
Q4XL
BWVALID
BW4L
BW8L
BW12L
BW16L
LLRFDUP
PUPI5
MUXSL
RSTG
SFTCLK1
SFTEN
LLEN
TO FIG 7n

FIG 7m

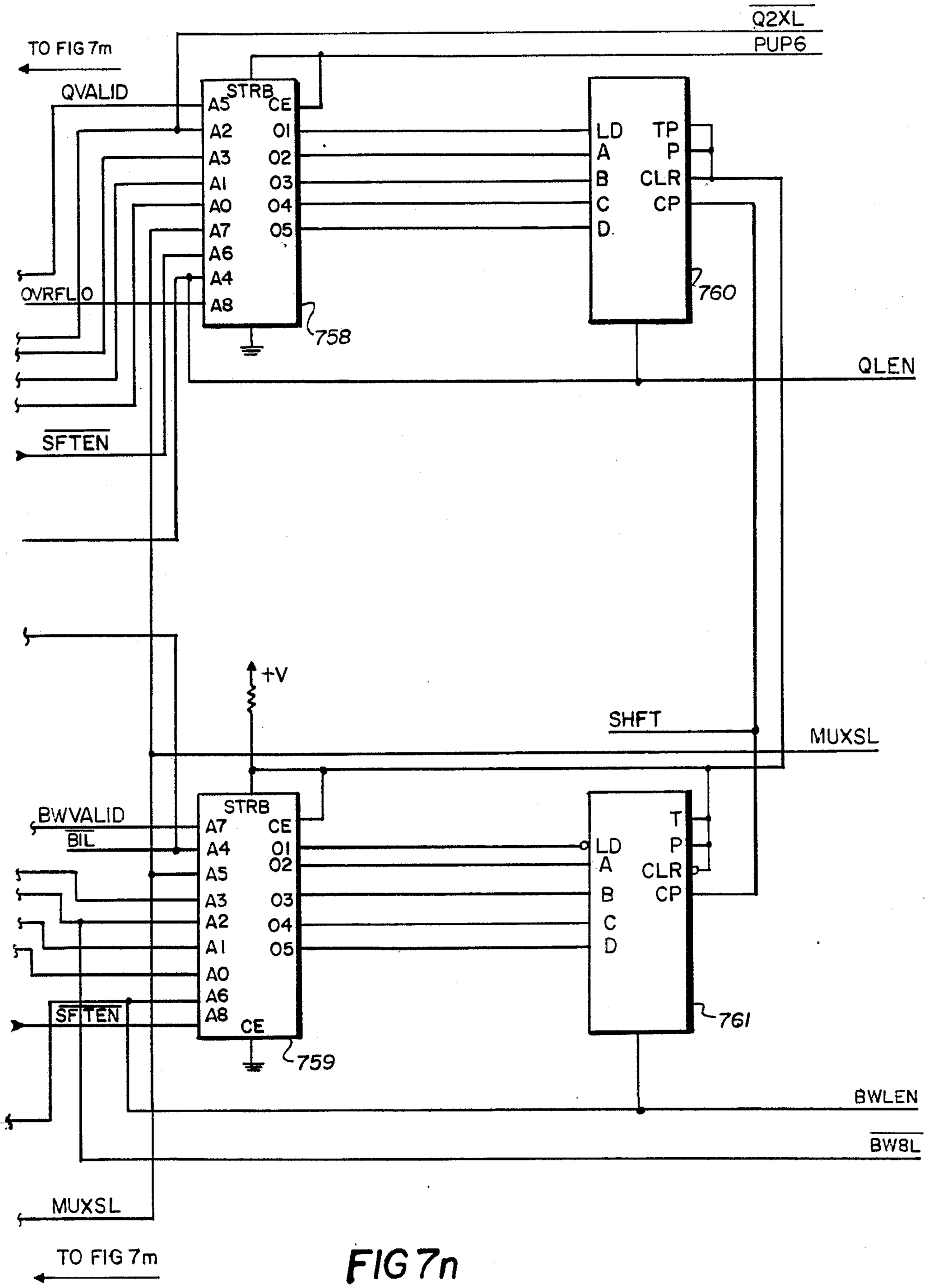
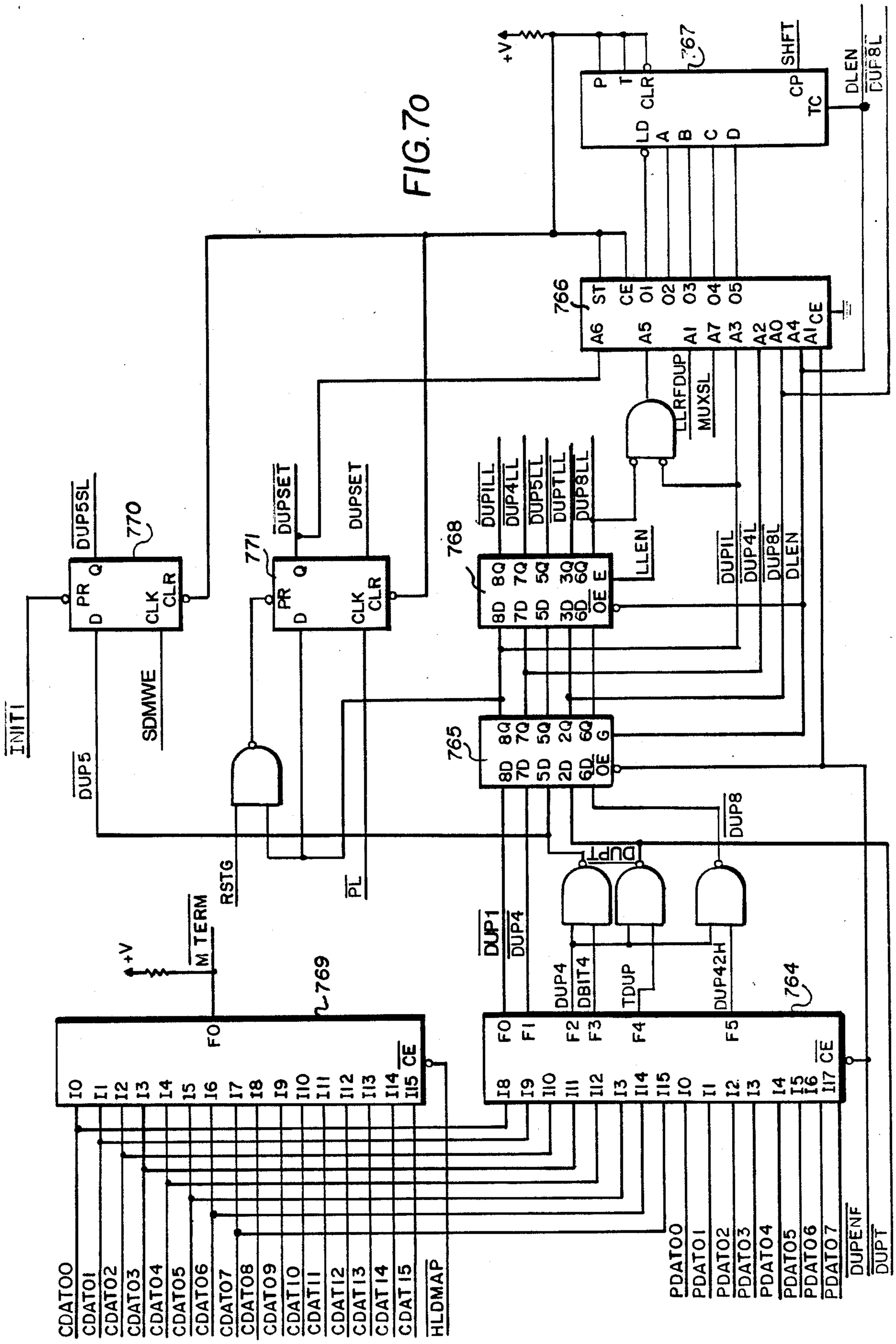

TO FIG 7m
QVALID
OVRFLIO
SFTEN
Q2XL
PUP6
STRB
A5
A2
A3
A1
A0
A7
A6
A4
A8
CE
01
02
03
04
05
758
LD
A
B
C
D
TP
P
CLR
CP
760
QLEN
+V
SHFT
MUXSL
BWVALID
BIL
SFTEN
759
T
761
BWLEN
BW8L
MUXSL
TO FIG 7m

FIG 7n

FIG. 7o


+V
767
P
T
CLR
LD
A
B
C
D
CP
TC
SHFT
DLEN
DUP8L
766
ST
CE
O1
O2
O3
O4
O5
A6
A5
A1
A7
A3
A2
A0
A4
A1 CE
LLRFDUP
MUXSL
DUPIL
DUP4L
DUP8L
DLEN
LLEN
768
DUPILL
DUP4LL
DUP5LL
DUPTLL
DUP8LL
8Q
7Q
5Q
3Q
6Q
E
8D
7D
5D
3D
6D
OE
765
8Q
7Q
5Q
2Q
6Q
G
8D
7D
5D
2D
6D
OE
DUP8
DUPT
DUP1
DUP4
DUP4
DBIT4
TDUP
DUP42H
764
F0
F1
F2
F3
F4
F5
I8
I9
I10
I11
I12
I3
I14
I15
I0
I1
I2
I3
I4
I5
I6
I17
CE
PDAT00
PDAT01
PDAT02
PDAT03
PDAT04
PDAT05
PDAT06
PDAT07
DUPENF
DUPT
INIT1
DUP5
SDMWE
DUP5SL
770
PR
D
Q
CLK
CLR
771
DUPSET
DUPSET
RSTG
PL
+V
M TERM
769
F0
I0
I1
I2
I3
I4
I5
I6
I7
I8
I9
I10
I11
I12
I13
I14
I15
CE
CDAT00
CDAT01
CDAT02
CDAT03
CDAT04
CDAT05
CDAT06
CDAT07
CDAT08
CDAT09
CDAT10
CDAT11
CDAT12
CDAT13
CDAT14
CDAT15
HLDMAP

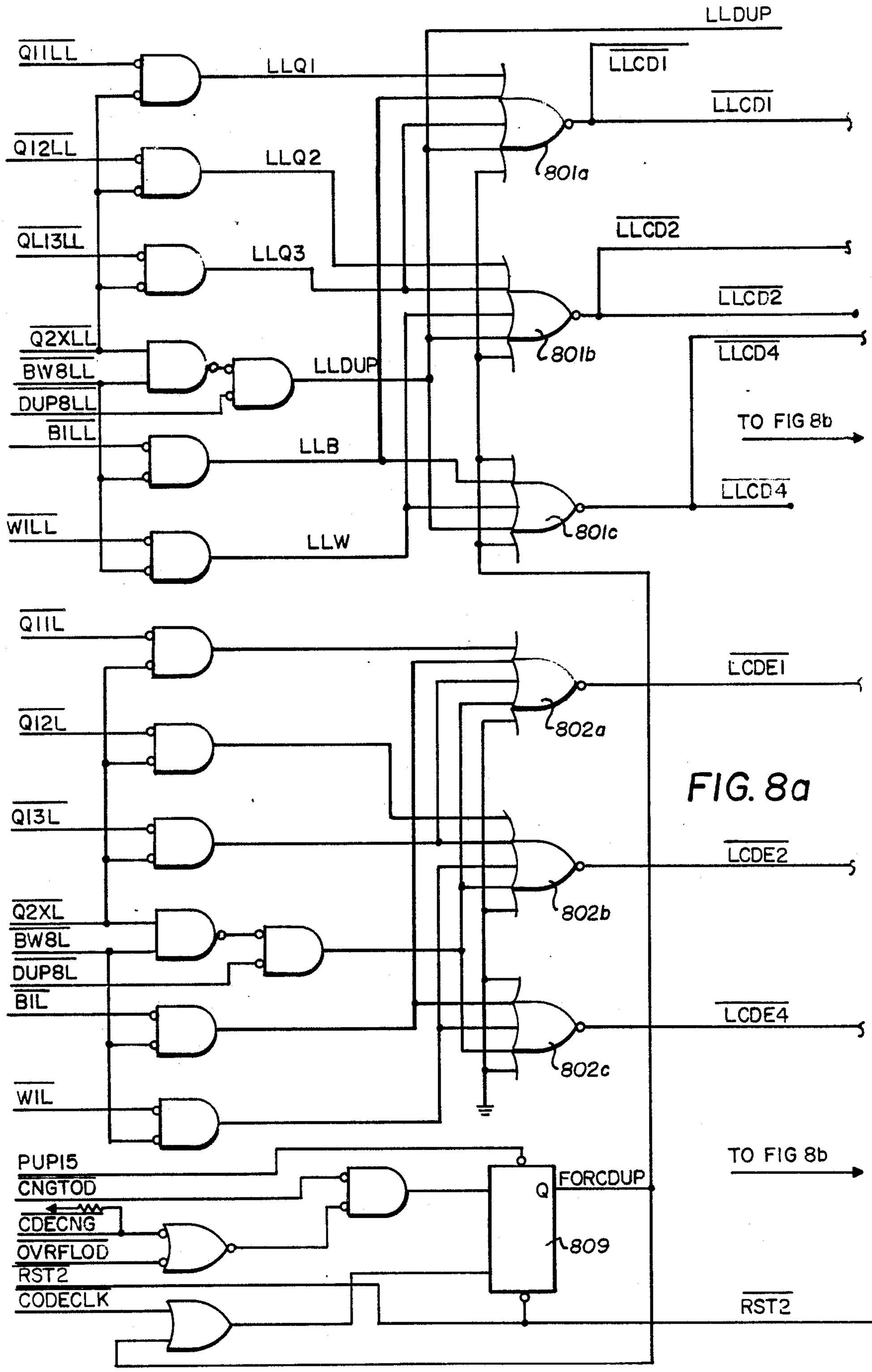

Q11LL
Q12LL
QL13LL
Q2XLL
BW8LL
DUP8LL
B1LL
WILL
LLQ1
LLQ2
LLQ3
LLDUP
LLB
LLW
LLDUP
LLCD1
LLCD1
801a
LLCD2
LLCD2
801b
LLCD4
TO FIG 8b
LLCD4
801c
Q11L
Q12L
Q13L
Q2XL
BW8L
DUP8L
B1L
W1L
LCDE1
802a
LCDE2
802b
LCDE4
802c
PUP15
CNGTOD
CDECNG
OVRFLOD
RST2
CODECLK
Q
FORCDUP
809
TO FIG 8b
RST2

FIG. 8a

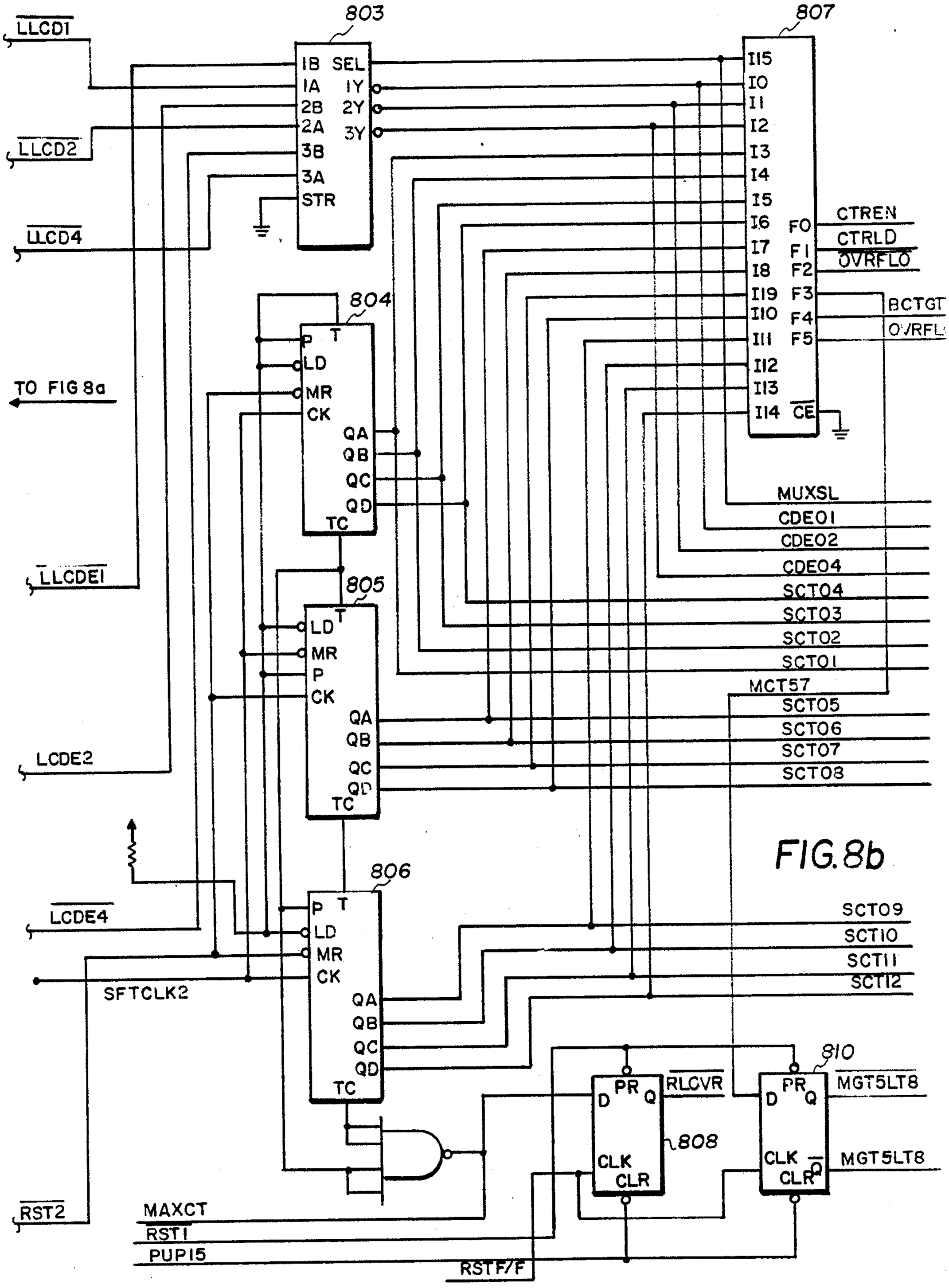
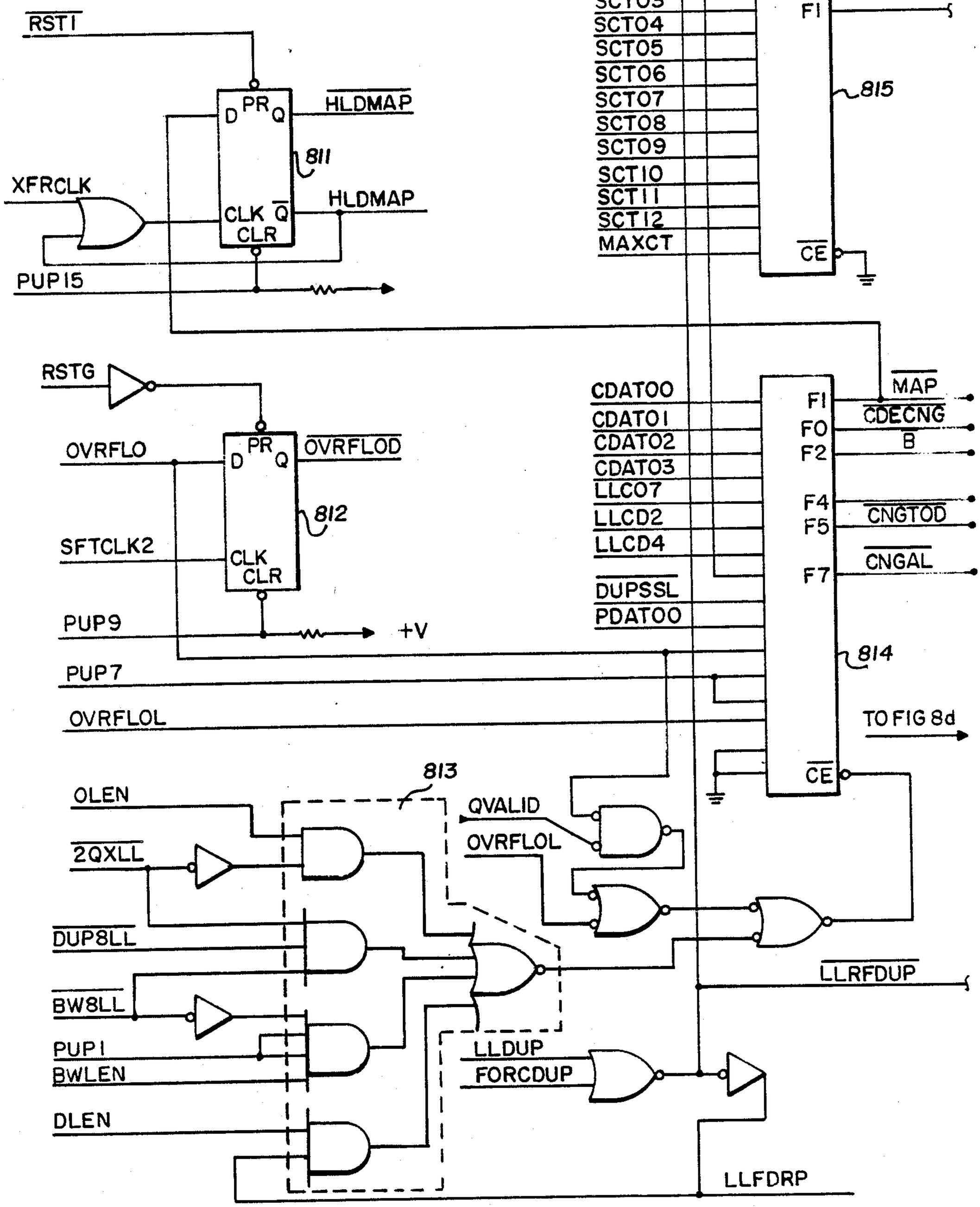

803
807
LLCD1
LLCD2
LLCD4
1B SEL
1A 1Y
2B 2Y
2A 3Y
3B
3A
STR
I15
I0
I1
I2
I3
I4
I5
I6
I7
I8
I9
I10
I11
I12
I13
I14
F0 CTREN
F1 CTRLD
F2 OVRFLO
F3
F4
F5
CE
804
T
P
LD
MR
CK
QA
QB
QC
QD
TC
BCTGT
O/RFL
TO FIG 8a
LLCDE1
805
LCDE2
MUXSL
CDE01
CDE02
CDE04
SCT04
SCT03
SCT02
SCT01
MCT57
SCT05
SCT06
SCT07
SCT08
FIG. 8b
806
LCDE4
SFTCLK2
SCT09
SCT10
SCT11
SCT12
810
RLCVR
MGT5LT8
808
RST2
MAXCT
RST1
PUP15
RSTF/F
TO FIG 8a

FIG. 8c


TO FIG 8d
DUPSET
MUXSL
SCT07
SCT02
SCT03
SCT04
SCT05
SCT06
SCT07
SCT08
SCT09
SCT10
SCT11
SCT12
MAXCT
F2
DCTREN
F1
815
CE
RSTI
D PR Q
HLDMAP
811
XFRCLK
CLK Q
CLR
HLDMAP
PUP15
RSTG
OVRFLO
D PR Q
OVRFLOD
812
SFTCLK2
CLK
CLR
PUP9
+V
PUP7
OVRFLOL
CDAT00
CDAT01
CDAT02
CDAT03
LLC07
LLCD2
LLCD4
DUPSSL
PDAT00
F1
F0
F2
F4
F5
F7
MAP
CDECNG
B
CNGTOD
CNGAL
814
TO FIG 8d
CE
813
OLEN
2QXLL
DUP8LL
BW8LL
PUP1
BWLEN
DLEN
QVALID
OVRFLOL
LLDUP
FORCDUP
LLRFDUP
LLFDRP

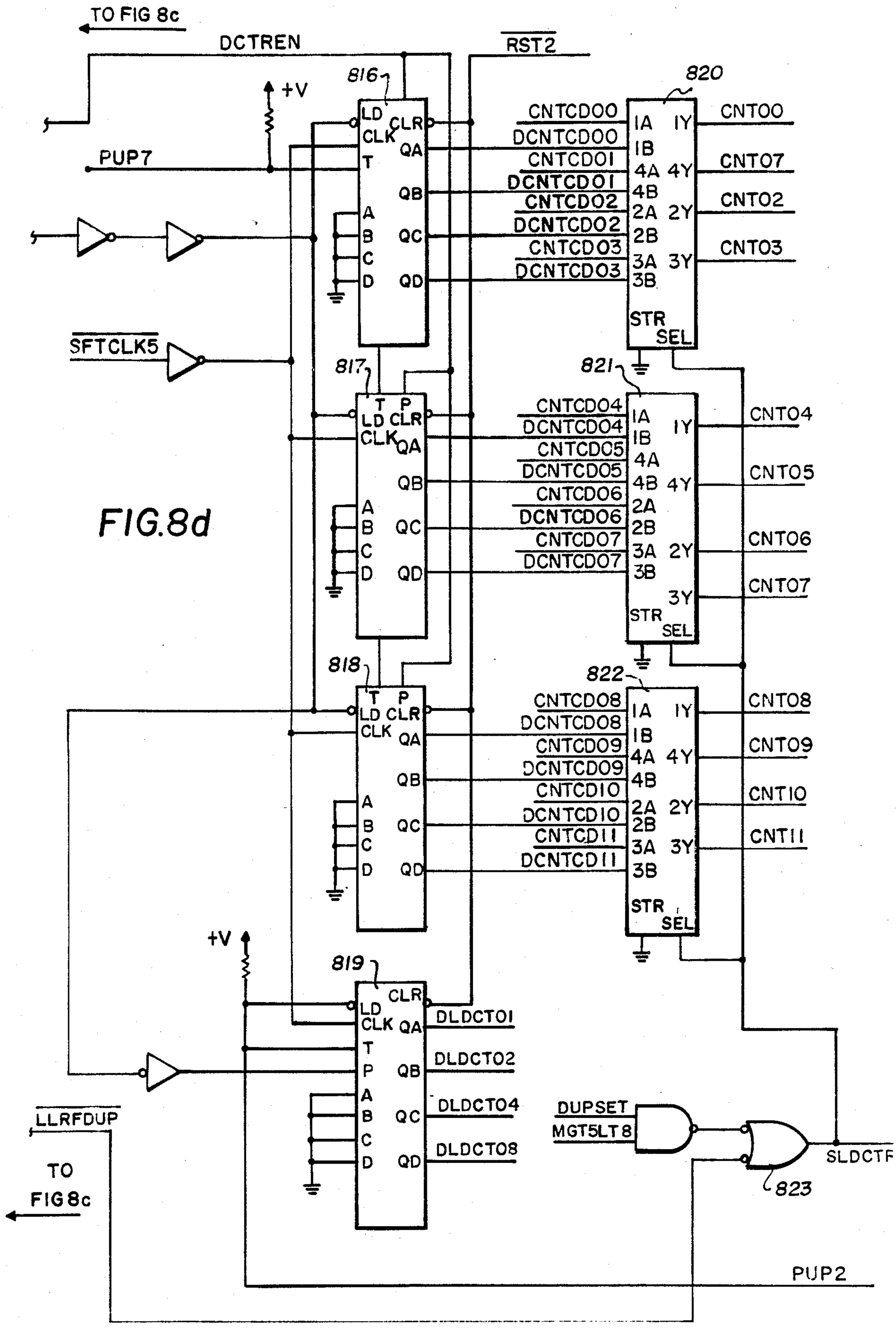

TO FIG 8c
DCTREN
RST2
816
820
+V
LD
CLR
CLK
QA
T
QB
A
B
C
D
QC
QD
PUP7
CNTCDOO
DCNTCDOO
CNTCDOI
DCNTCDOI
CNTCDO2
DCNTCDO2
CNTCDO3
DCNTCDO3
IA
IB
4A
4B
2A
2B
3A
3B
IY
4Y
2Y
3Y
STR
SEL
CNTOO
CNTO7
CNTO2
CNTO3
SFTCLK5
817
821
T
P
CNTCDO4
DCNTCDO4
CNTCDO5
DCNTCDO5
CNTCDO6
DCNTCDO6
CNTCDO7
DCNTCDO7
CNTO4
CNTO5
CNTO6
CNTO7
818
822
CNTCDO8
DCNTCDO8
CNTCDO9
DCNTCDO9
CNTCDIO
DCNTCDIO
CNTCDII
DCNTCDII
CNTO8
CNTO9
CNTIO
CNTII
819
DLDCTOI
DLDCTO2
DLDCTO4
DLDCTO8
DUPSET
MGT5LT8
SLDCTF
823
LLRFDUP
TO FIG8c
PUP2

FIG.8d

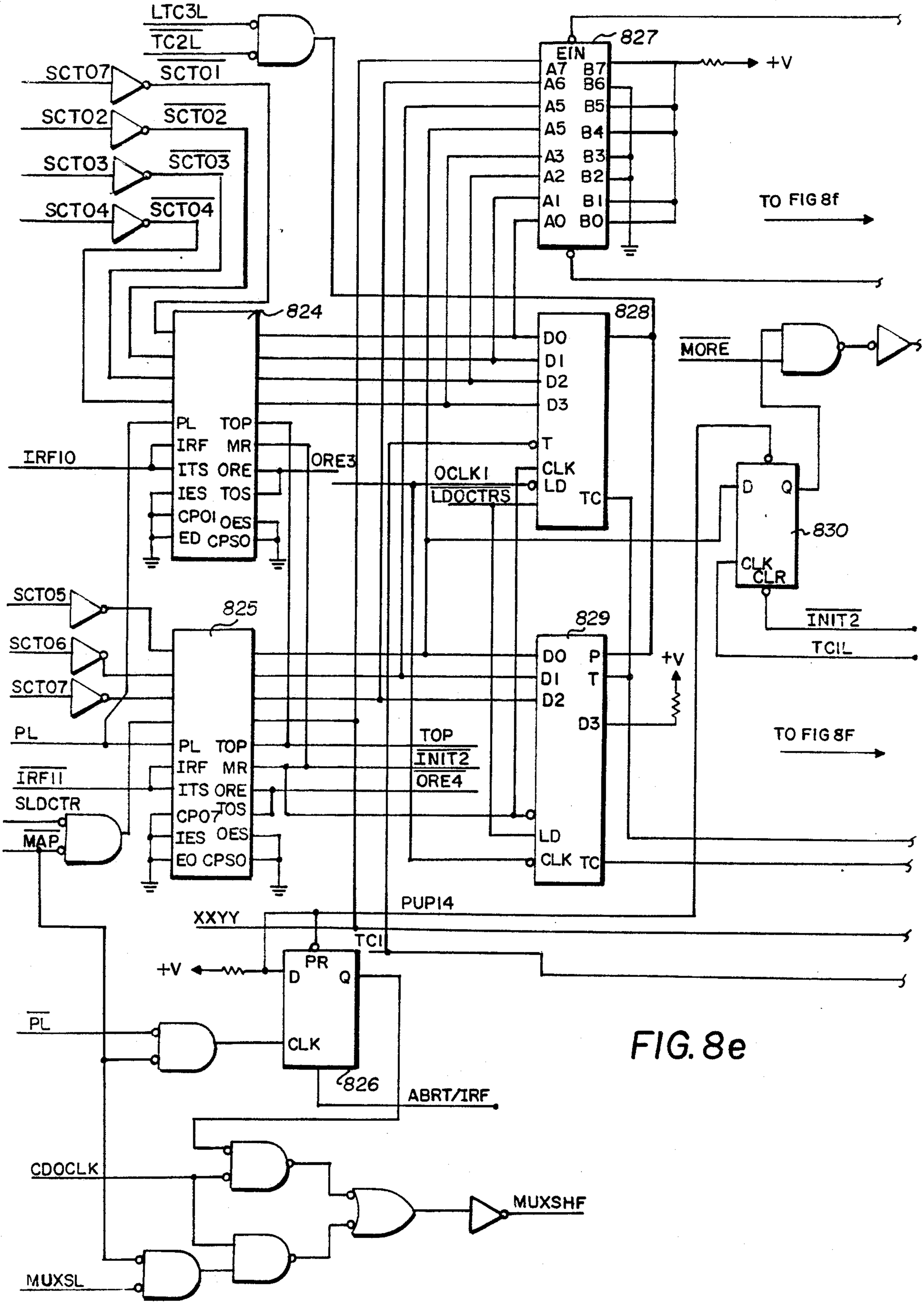

LTC3L
TC2L
SCT07
SCT01
SCT02
SCT02
SCT03
SCT03
SCT04
SCT04
827
EIN
A7 B7
A6 B6
A5 B5
A5 B4
A3 B3
A2 B2
A1 B1
A0 B0
+V
TO FIG 8f
824
828
DO
D1
D2
D3
T
CLK
LD
TC
MORE
PL TOP
IRF MR
ITS ORE
IES TOS
CP01 OES
ED CPSO
IRF10
ORE3
OCLK1
LDOCTRS
D Q
830
CLK
CLR
INIT2
TC1L
SCT05
825
829
SCT06
SCT07
PL
IRF11
SLDCTR
MAP
PL TOP
IRF MR
ITS ORE
CP07 TOS
IES OES
EO CPSO
DO P
D1 T
D2
D3
+V
TOP
INIT2
ORE4
LD
CLK TC
TO FIG 8F
PUP14
XXYY
TC1
+V
PR
D Q
CLK
826
PL
ABRT/IRF
CDOCLK
MUXSHF
MUXSL

FIG. 8e

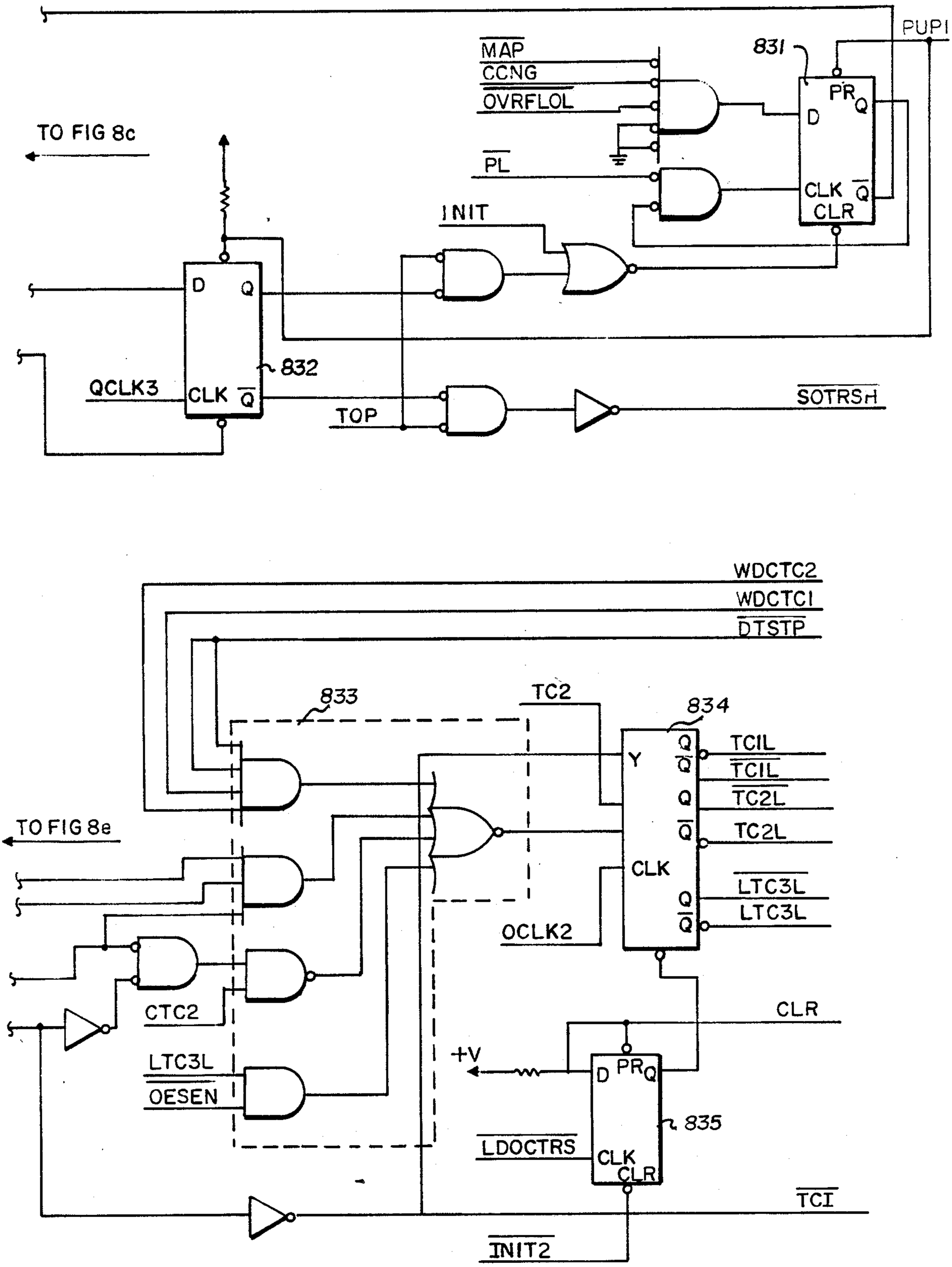

PUPI
831
MAP
CCNG
OVRFLOL
PL
INIT
TO FIG 8c
D
Q
PR
CLK
CLR
832
QCLK3
TOP
SOTRSH
WDCTC2
WDCTC1
DTSTP
833
TC2
834
Y
TCIL
LTC3L
TC2L
OCLK2
TO FIG 8e
CTC2
OESEN
+V
835
LDOCTRS
TCI
INIT2

FIG. 8f

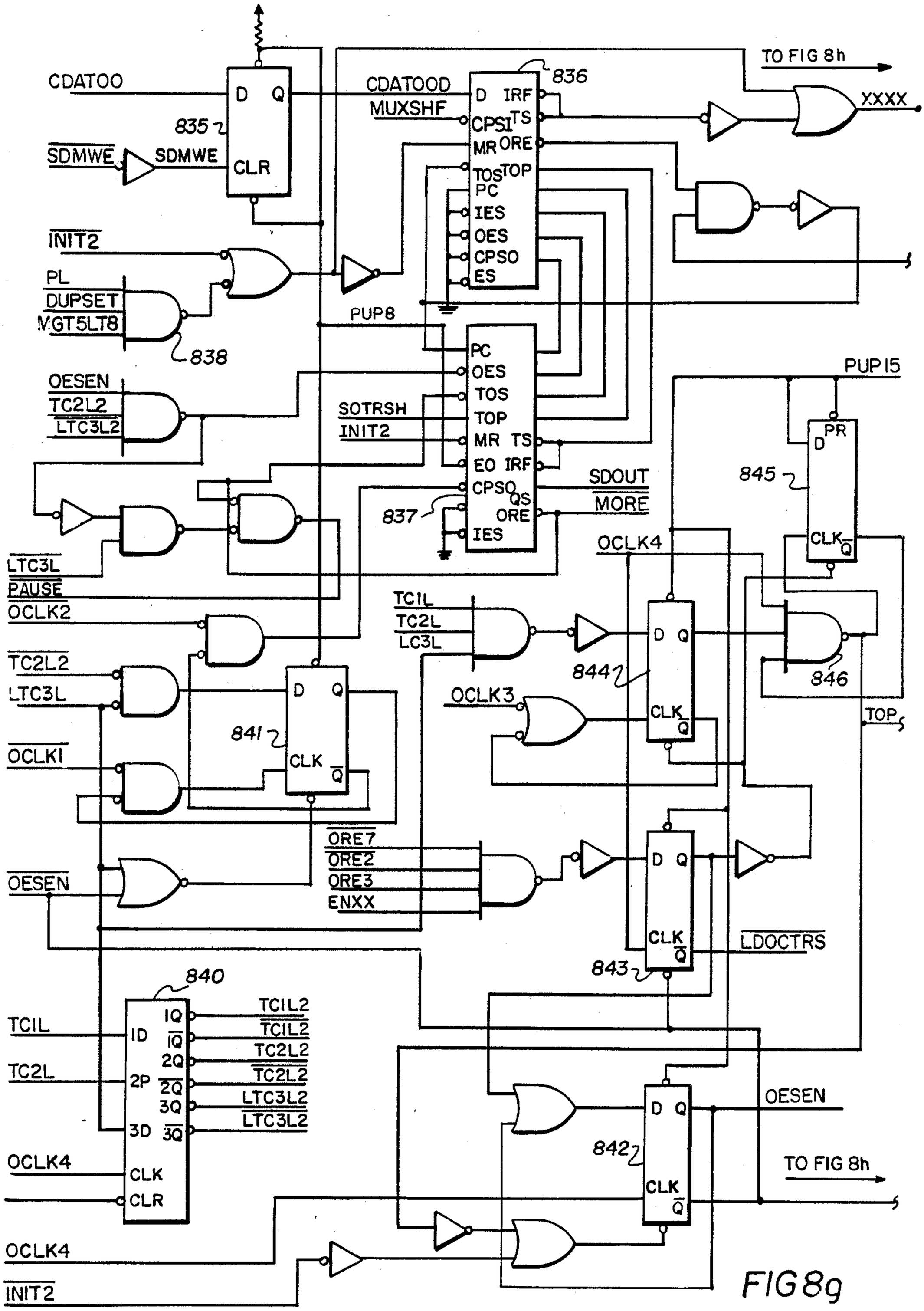

CDATOO
D Q
835
SDMWE
SDMWE
CLR
INIT2
PL
DUPSET
MGT5LT8
838
OESEN
TC2L2
LTC3L2
LTC3L
PAUSE
OCLK2
TC2L2
LTC3L
OCLK1
841
D Q
CLK Q
OESEN
CDATOOD
MUXSHF
836
D IRF
CPSI TS
MR ORE
TOS TOP
PC
IES
OES
CPSO
ES
TO FIG 8h
XXXX
PUP8
PC
OES
TOS
TOP
SOTRSH
INIT2
MR TS
EO IRF
CPSO QS
ORE
IES
837
SDOUT
MORE
PUP15
845
D PR
CLK Q
OCLK4
TC1L
TC2L
LC3L
844
D Q
OCLK3
CLK Q
846
TOP
ORE7
ORE2
ORE3
ENXX
D Q
CLK Q
843
LDOCTRS
840
TC1L
TC2L
TC1L2
TC1L2
TC2L2
TC2L2
LTC3L2
LTC3L2
ID
2P
3D
1Q
1Q
2Q
2Q
3Q
3Q
CLK
CLR
OCLK4
INIT2
842
D Q
CLK Q
OESEN
TO FIG 8h

FIG 8g

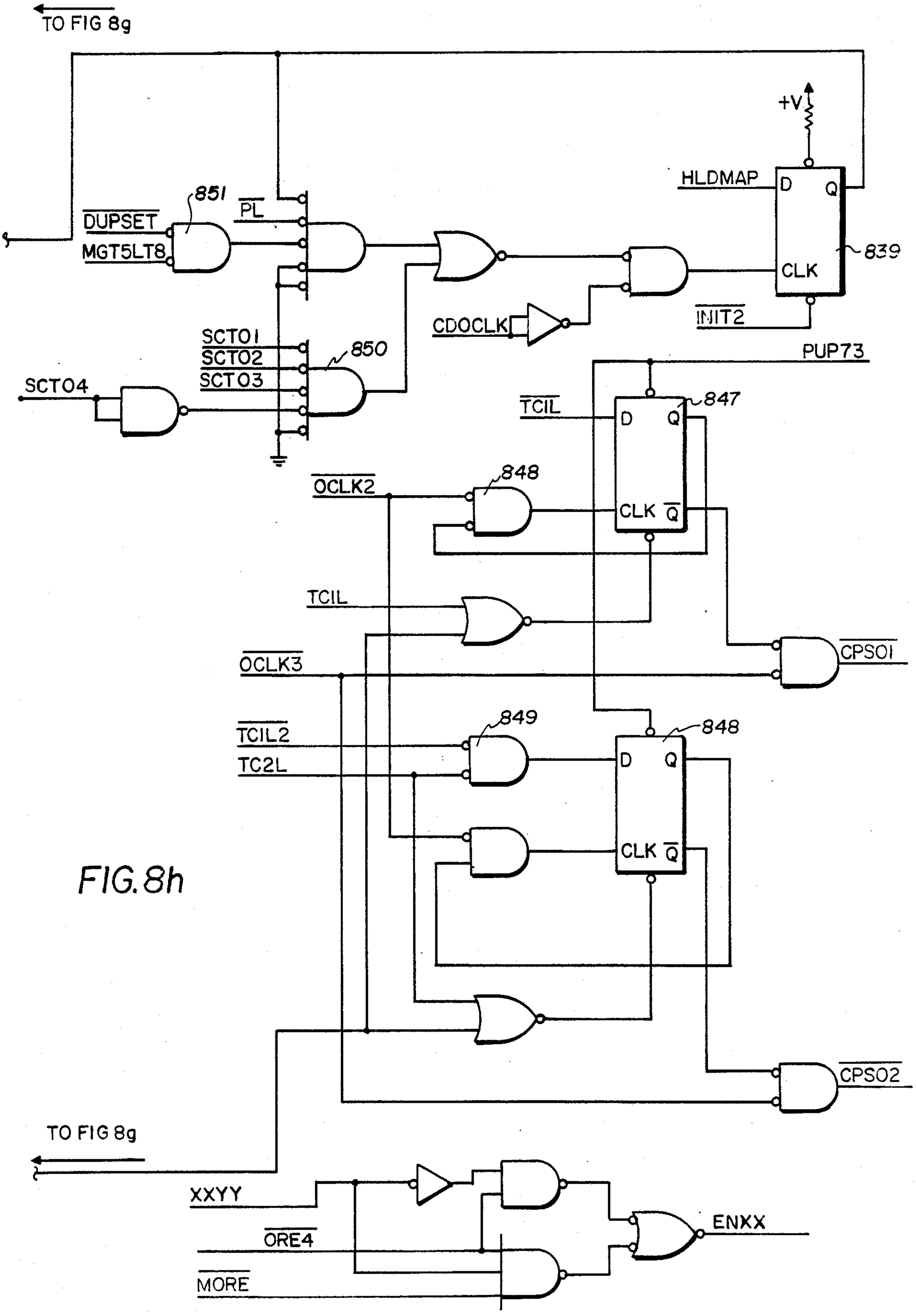

TO FIG 8g
851
DUPSET
MGT5LT8
PL
SCT01
SCT02
SCT03
SCT04
850
+V
HLDMAP
D
Q
CLK
839
CDOCLK
INIT2
PUP73
TCIL
847
OCLK2
848
TCIL
OCLK3
CPSO1
849
TCIL2
TC2L
848
CPSO2
TO FIG 8g
XXYY
ORE4
MORE
ENXX

FIG. 8h

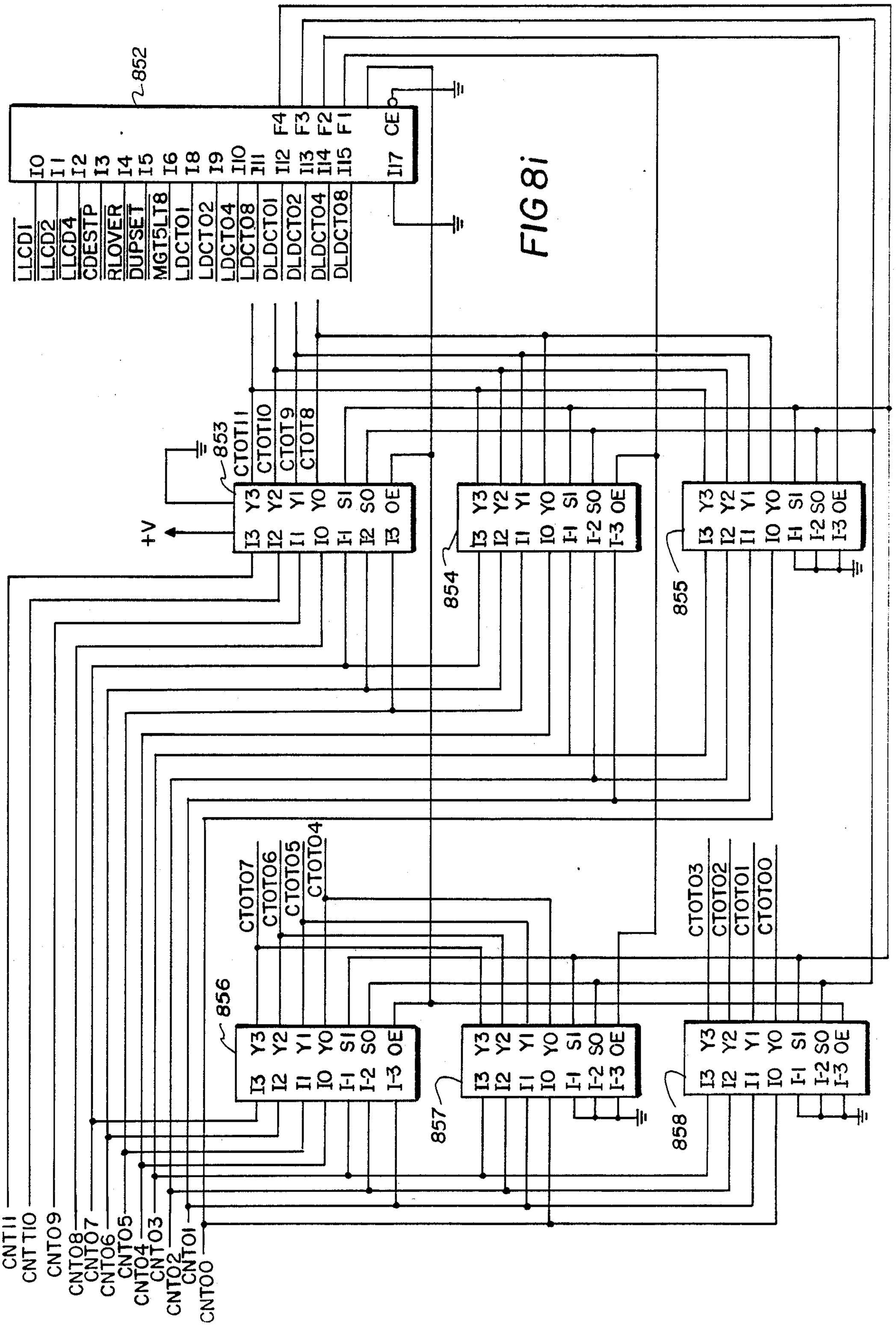
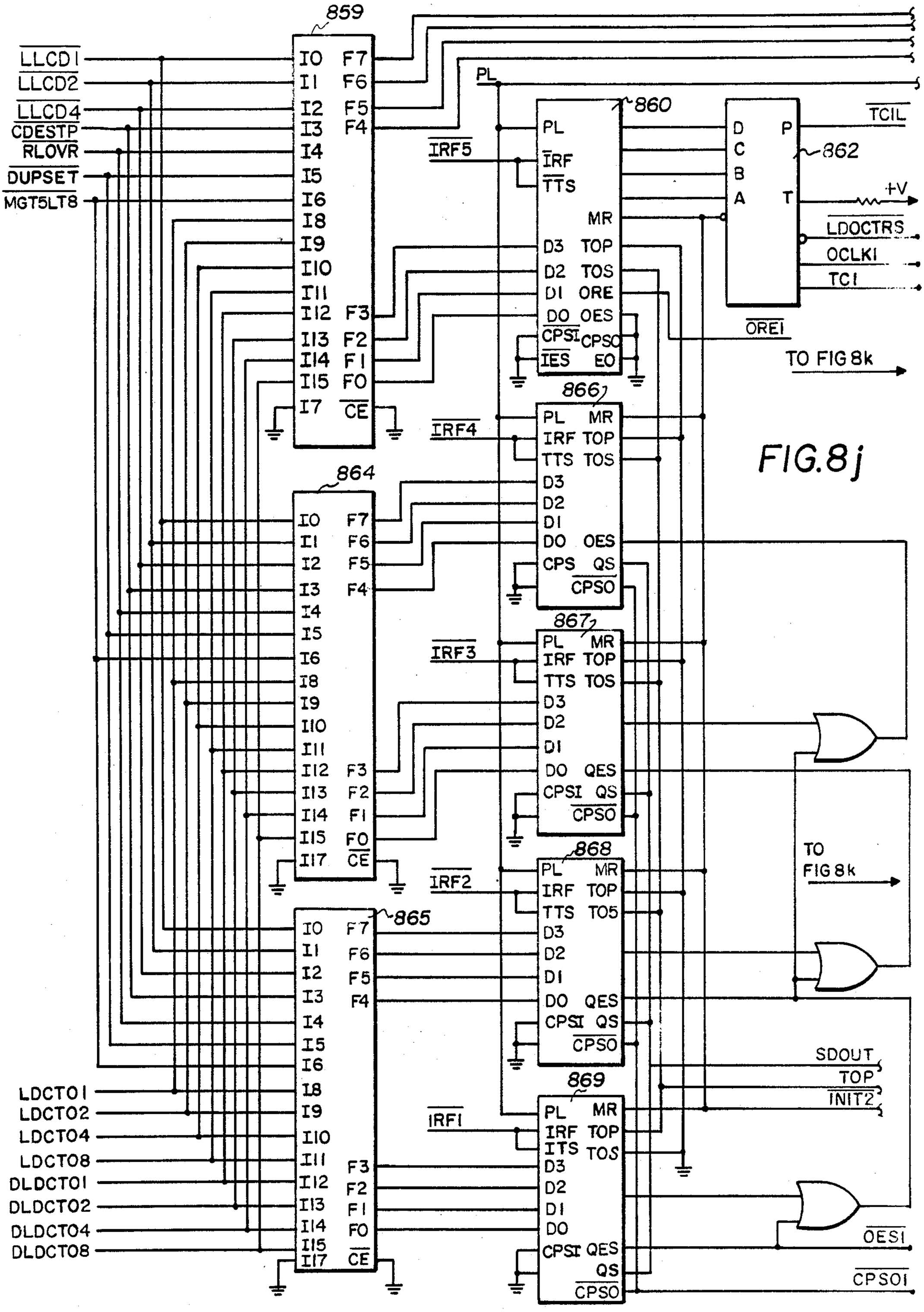

852
I0 I1 I2 I3 I4 I5 I6 I8 I9 I10 I11 I12 I13 I14 I15 I17
F4 F3 F2 F1 CE
LLCD1 LLCD2 LLCD4 CDESTP RLOVER DUPSET MGT5LT8 LDCT01 LDCT02 LDCT04 LDCT08 DLDCT01 DLDCT02 DLDCT04 DLDCT08
853
CTOT11 CTOT10 CTOT9 CTOT8
Y3 Y2 Y1 Y0 SI SO OE
I3 I2 I1 I0 I-1 I2 I3
+V
854
I3 I2 I1 I0 I-1 I-2 I-3
855
I3 I2 I1 I0 I-1 I-2 I-3
CTOT07 CTOT06 CTOT05 CTOT04
856
CTOT03 CTOT02 CTOT01 CTOT00
857
858
CNT11 CNT T10 CNT09 CNT08 CNT07 CNT06 CNT05 CNT04 CNT03 CNT02 CNT01 CNT00

FIG 8i


859
LLCD1
LLCD2
LLCD4
CDESTP
RLOVR
DUPSET
MGT5LT8
I0 F7
I1 F6
I2 F5
I3 F4
I4
I5
I6
I8
I9
I10
I11
I12 F3
I13 F2
I14 F1
I15 F0
I7 CE
PL
IRF5
860
PL
IRF
TTS
MR
D3 TOP
D2 TOS
D1 ORE
DO OES
CPSI CPSO
IES EO
D C B A P T
862
TCIL
+V
LDOCTRS
OCLKI
TC1
OREI
TO FIG 8k
866
IRF4
PL MR
IRF TOP
TTS TOS
D3
D2
D1
DO OES
CPS QS
CPSO
FIG. 8j
864
867
IRF3
868
IRF2
865
869
IRF1
TO FIG 8k
SDOUT
TOP
INIT2
LDCTO1
LDCTO2
LDCTO4
LDCTO8
DLDCTO1
DLDCTO2
DLDCTO4
DLDCTO8
ITS TOS
QES
QS
OESI
CPSOI

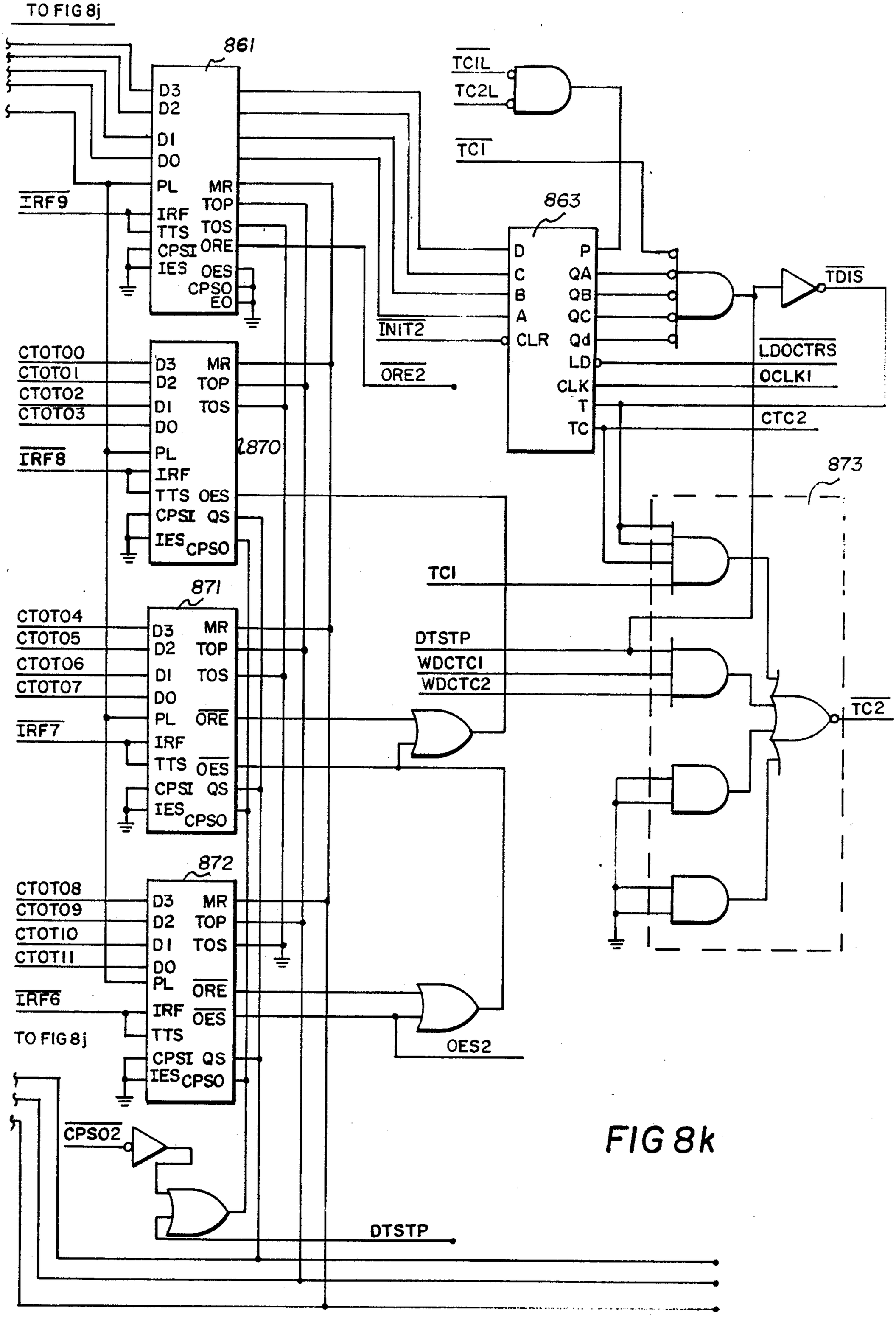

TO FIG 8j
861
D3
D2
DI
DO
PL
MR
TOP
TOS
ORE
OES
CPSO
EO
IRF9
IRF
TTS
CPSI
IES
CTOTO0
CTOTO1
CTOTO2
CTOTO3
IRF8
1870
QS
871
CTOTO4
CTOTO5
CTOTO6
CTOTO7
IRF7
872
CTOTO8
CTOTO9
CTOTO10
CTOTO11
IRF6
TO FIG 8j
CPSO2
DTSTP
INIT2
ORE2
863
D
C
B
A
CLR
P
QA
QB
QC
Qd
LD
CLK
T
TC
TCIL
TC2L
TCI
TDIS
LDOCTRS
OCLK1
CTC2
873
WDCTC1
WDCTC2
TC2
OES2

FIG 8k

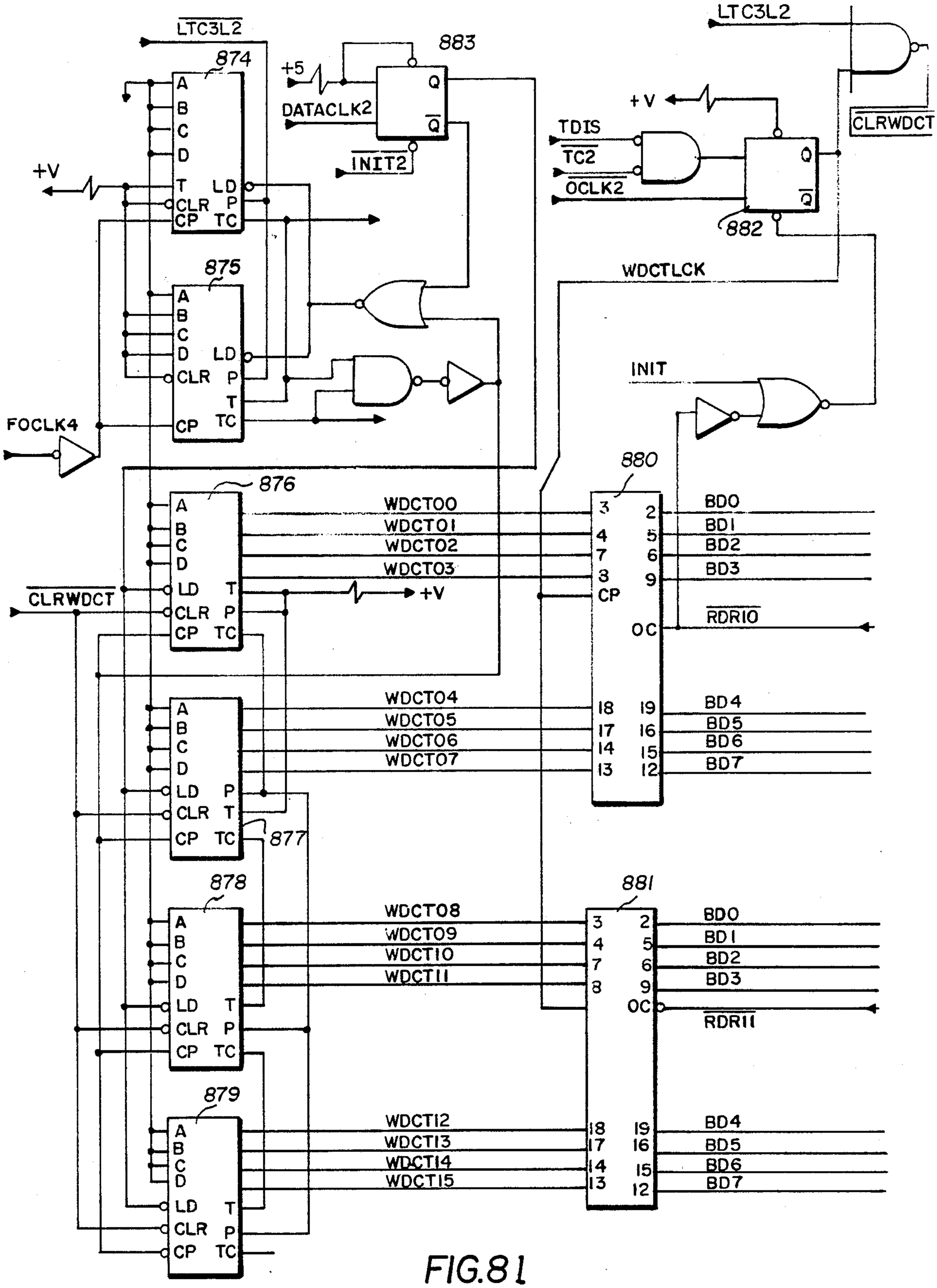

LTC3L2
874
A
B
C
D
+V
T
LD
CLR
P
CP
TC
875
883
+5
DATACLK2
Q
INIT2
FOCLK4
876
CLRWDCT
WDCT00
WDCT01
WDCT02
WDCT03
WDCT04
WDCT05
WDCT06
WDCT07
877
878
WDCT08
WDCT09
WDCT10
WDCT11
879
WDCT12
WDCT13
WDCT14
WDCT15
LTC3L2
+V
TDIS
TC2
OCLK2
882
CLRWDCT
WDCTLCK
INIT
880
3
4
7
3
CP
2
5
6
9
OC
BD0
BD1
BD2
BD3
RDRIO
18
17
14
13
19
16
15
12
BD4
BD5
BD6
BD7
881
8
RDRI1

FIG.81

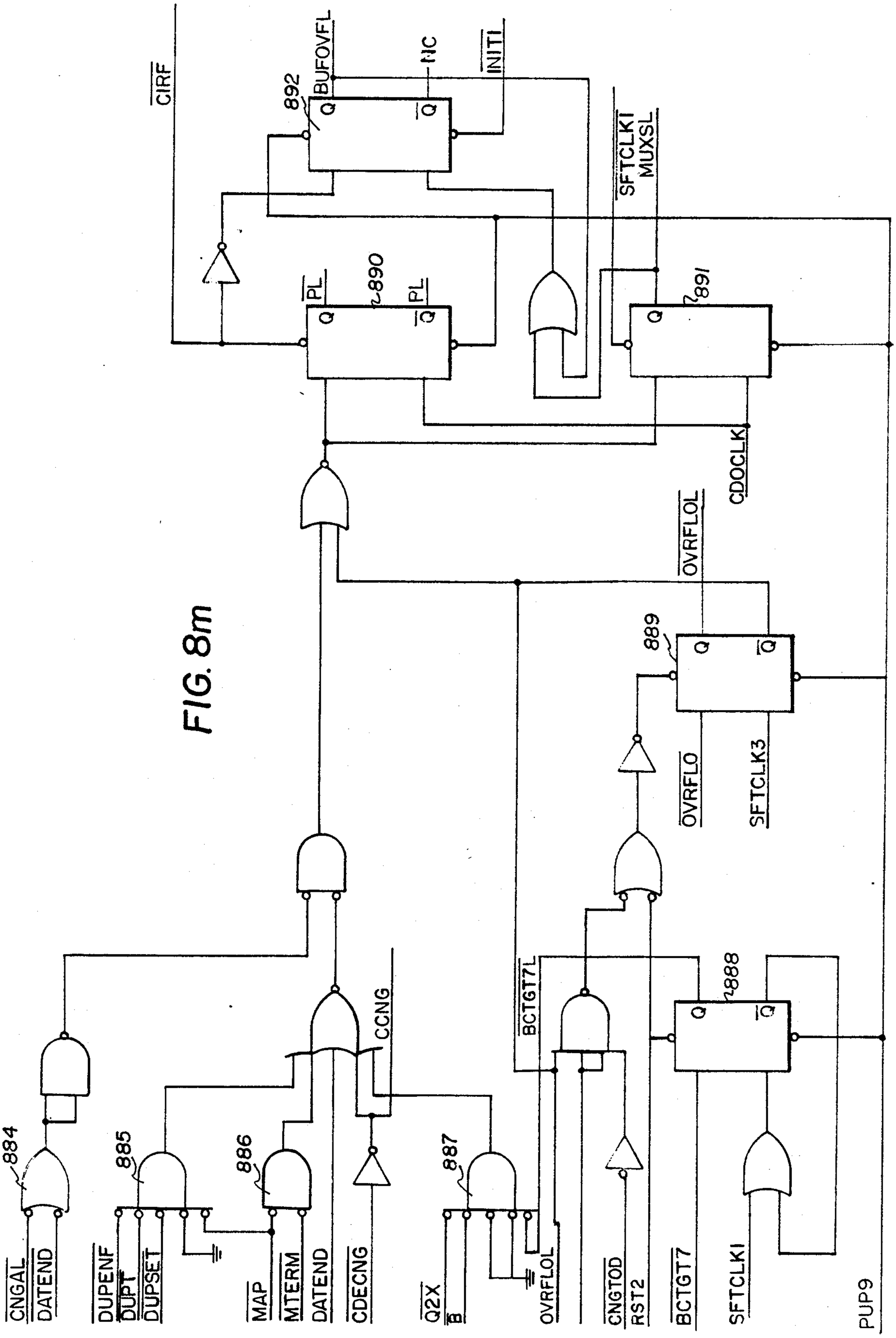

CIRF
892
Q BUFOVFL
Q NC
INITI
SFTCLKI
MUXSL
890
PL
Q
PL
Q
891
Q
CDOCLK
OVRFLOL
889
Q
Q
OVRFLO
SFTCLK3
BCTGT7L
888
Q
Q
CCNG
884
CNGAL
DATEND
885
DUPENF
DUPT
DUPSET
886
MAP
MTERM
DATEND
CDECNG
887
Q2X
OVRFLOL
CNGTOD
RST2
BCTGT7
SFTCLKI
PUP9

FIG. 8m

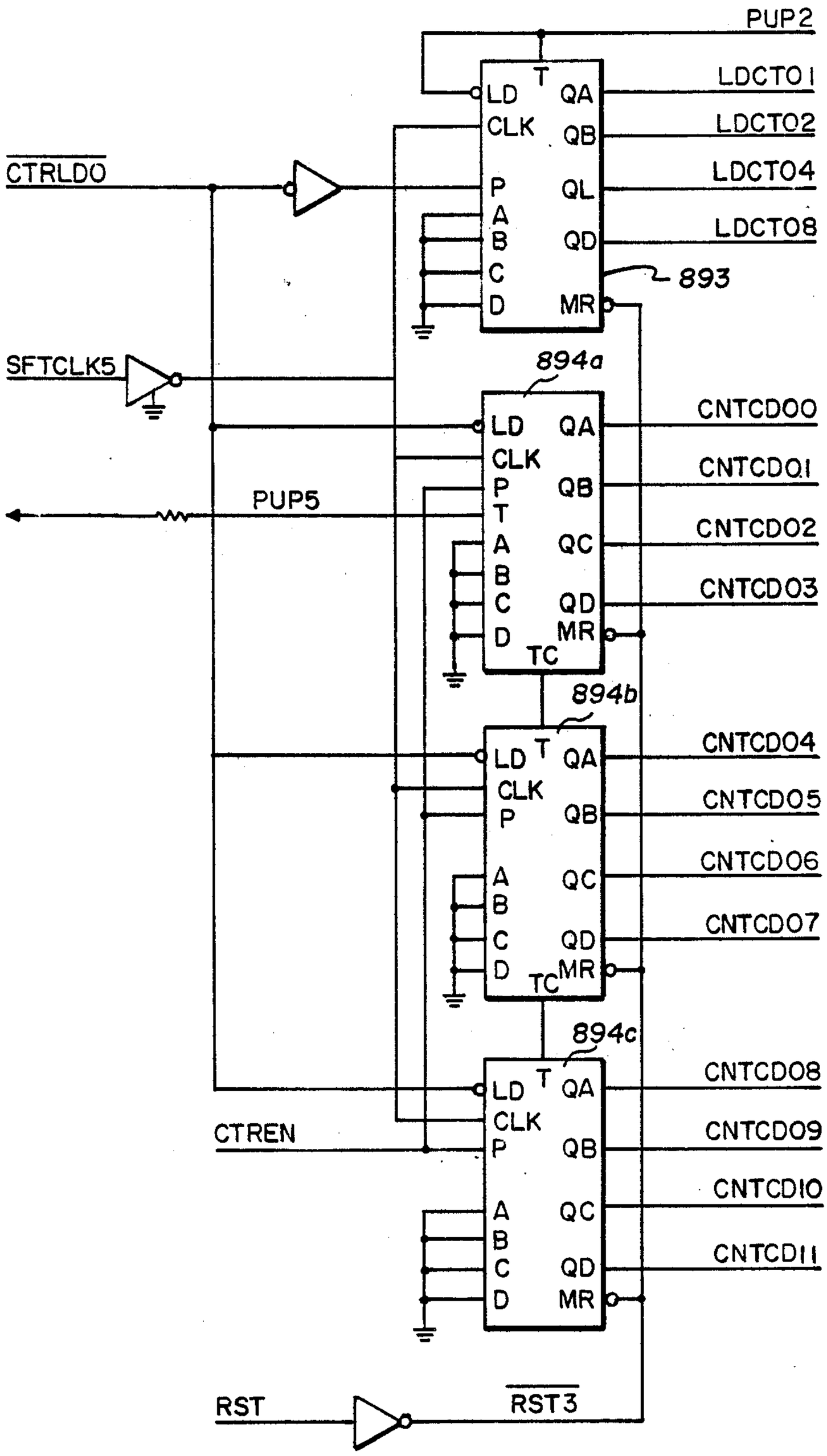

PUP2
LDCTO1
LDCTO2
LDCTO4
LDCTO8
893
894a
CNTCDO0
CNTCDO1
CNTCDO2
CNTCDO3
894b
CNTCDO4
CNTCDO5
CNTCDO6
CNTCDO7
894c
CNTCDO8
CNTCDO9
CNTCDI0
CNTCDI1
CTRLDO
SFTCLK5
PUP5
CTREN
RST
RST3
LD
CLK
P
T
A
B
C
D
QA
QB
QC
QD
QL
MR
TC

FIG 8n

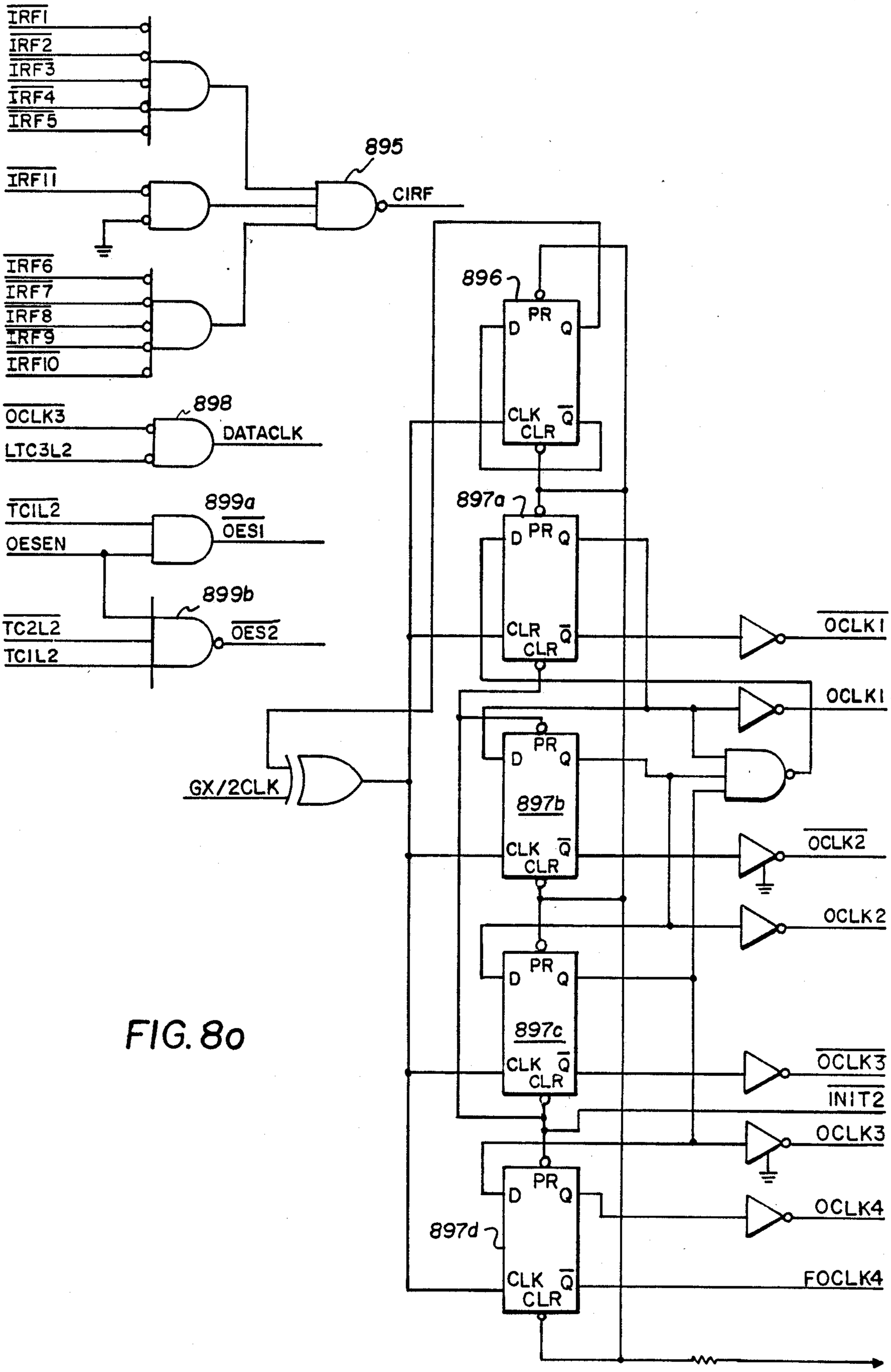

IRF1
IRF2
IRF3
IRF4
IRF5
IRF11
895
CIRF
IRF6
IRF7
IRF8
IRF9
IRF10
898
OCLK3
DATACLK
LTC3L2
899a
TCIL2
OESI
OESEN
899b
TC2L2
OES2
TCIL2
896
PR
D
Q
CLK
CLR
897a
897b
897c
897d
OCLK1
OCLK2
OCLK3
OCLK4
INIT2
FOCLK4
GX/2CLK

FIG. 80

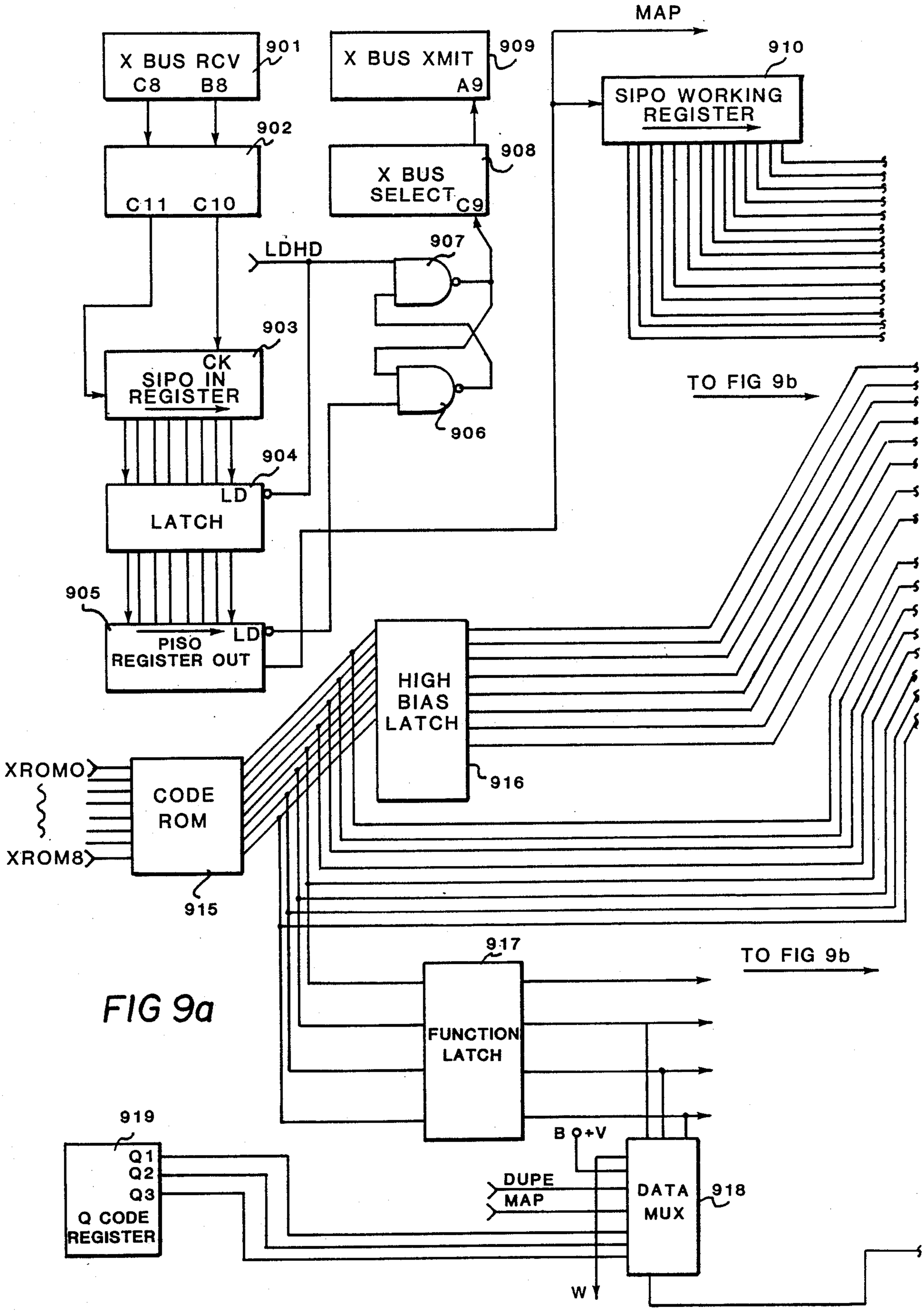
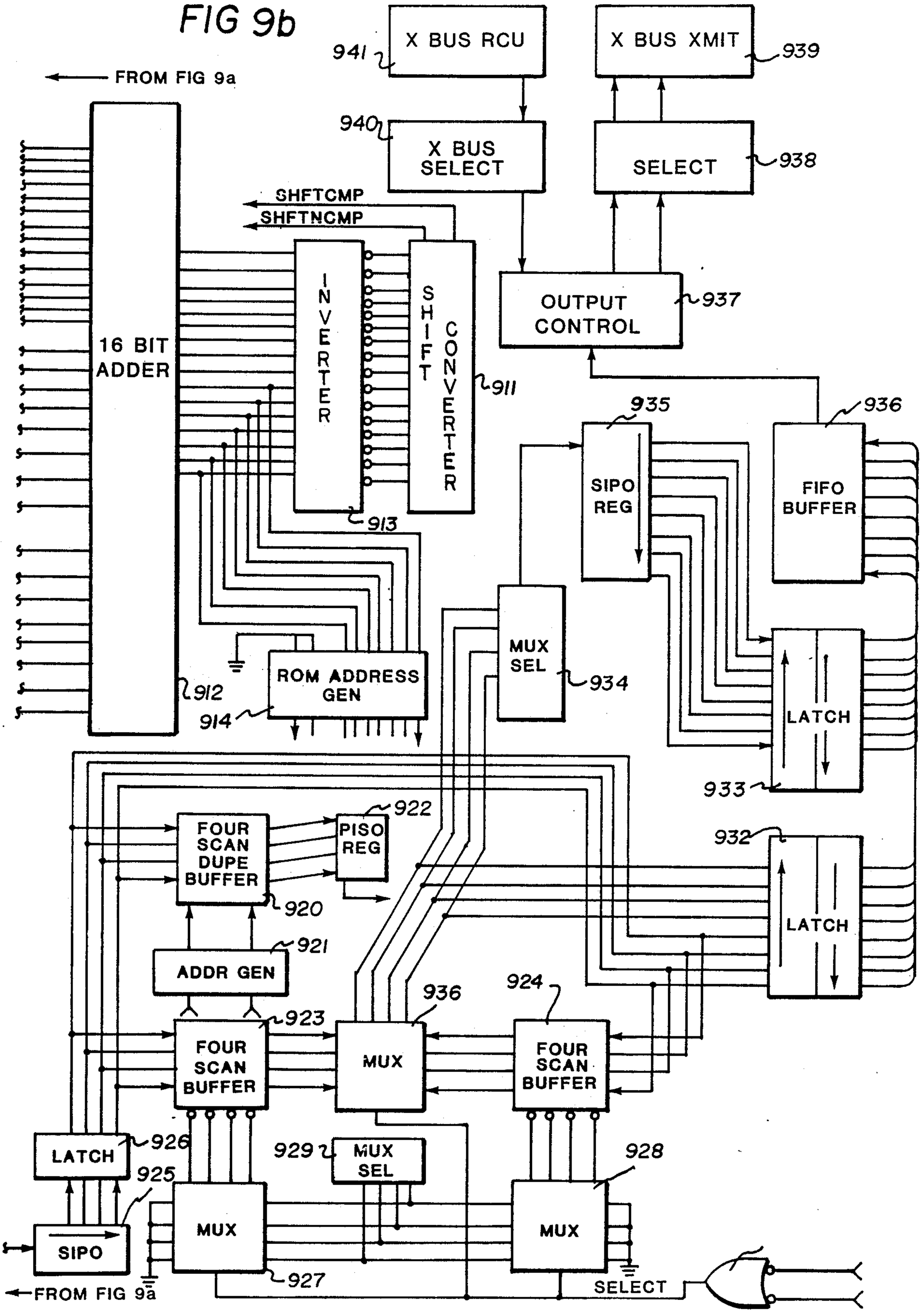

X BUS RCV
C8 B8
901
X BUS XMIT
A9
909
MAP
910
SIPO WORKING REGISTER
902
C11 C10
X BUS SELECT C9
908
LDHD
907
903
CK
SIPO IN REGISTER
906
904
LD
LATCH
905
PISO REGISTER OUT
LD
TO FIG 9b
HIGH BIAS LATCH
916
XROMO
XROM8
CODE ROM
915
917
FUNCTION LATCH
TO FIG 9b
919
Q1
Q2
Q3
Q CODE REGISTER
B
+V
DUPE MAP
DATA MUX
918
W

FIG 9a

FIG 9b


FROM FIG 9a
16 BIT ADDER
912
X BUS RCU
941
X BUS XMIT
939
X BUS SELECT
940
SELECT
938
SHFTCMP
SHFTNCMP
INVERTER
SHIFT CONVERTER
911
913
OUTPUT CONTROL
937
935
936
SIPO REG
FIFO BUFFER
ROM ADDRESS GEN
914
MUX SEL
934
LATCH
933
932
FOUR SCAN DUPE BUFFER
920
PISO REG
922
ADDR GEN
921
FOUR SCAN BUFFER
923
MUX
936
924
LATCH
926
929
MUX SEL
928
925
MUX
MUX
927
SIPO
FROM FIG 9a
SELECT

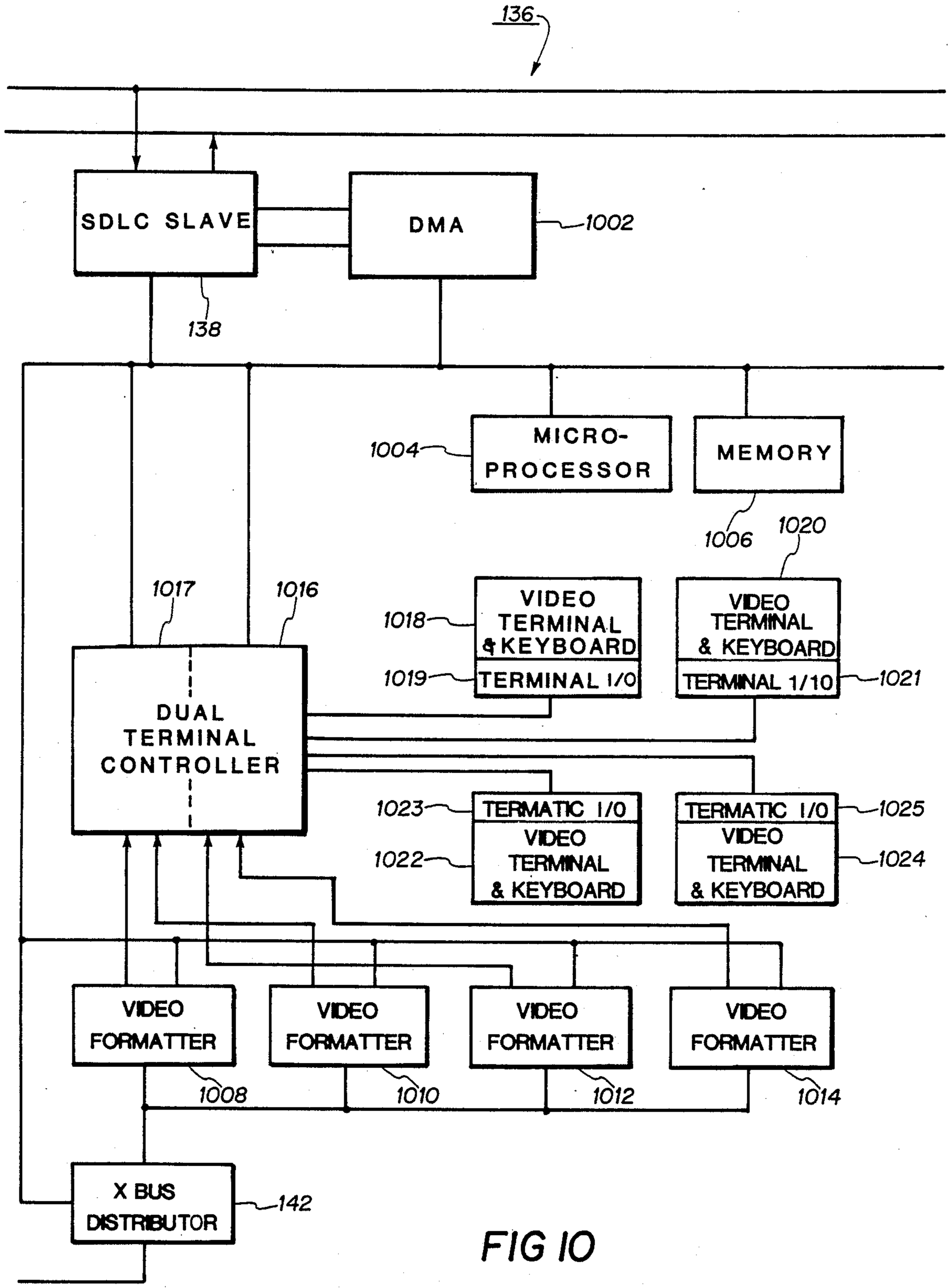

136
SDLC SLAVE
DMA
1002
138
MICRO-PROCESSOR
1004
MEMORY
1006
1020
1017
1016
VIDEO TERMINAL & KEYBOARD
1018
TERMINAL I/O
1019
VIDEO TERMINAL & KEYBOARD
TERMINAL 1/10
1021
DUAL TERMINAL CONTROLLER
TERMATIC I/O
VIDEO TERMINAL & KEYBOARD
1023
1022
TERMATIC I/O
VIDEO TERMINAL & KEYBOARD
1025
1024
VIDEO FORMATTER
VIDEO FORMATTER
VIDEO FORMATTER
VIDEO FORMATTER
1008
1010
1012
1014
X BUS DISTRIBUTOR
142

FIG 10

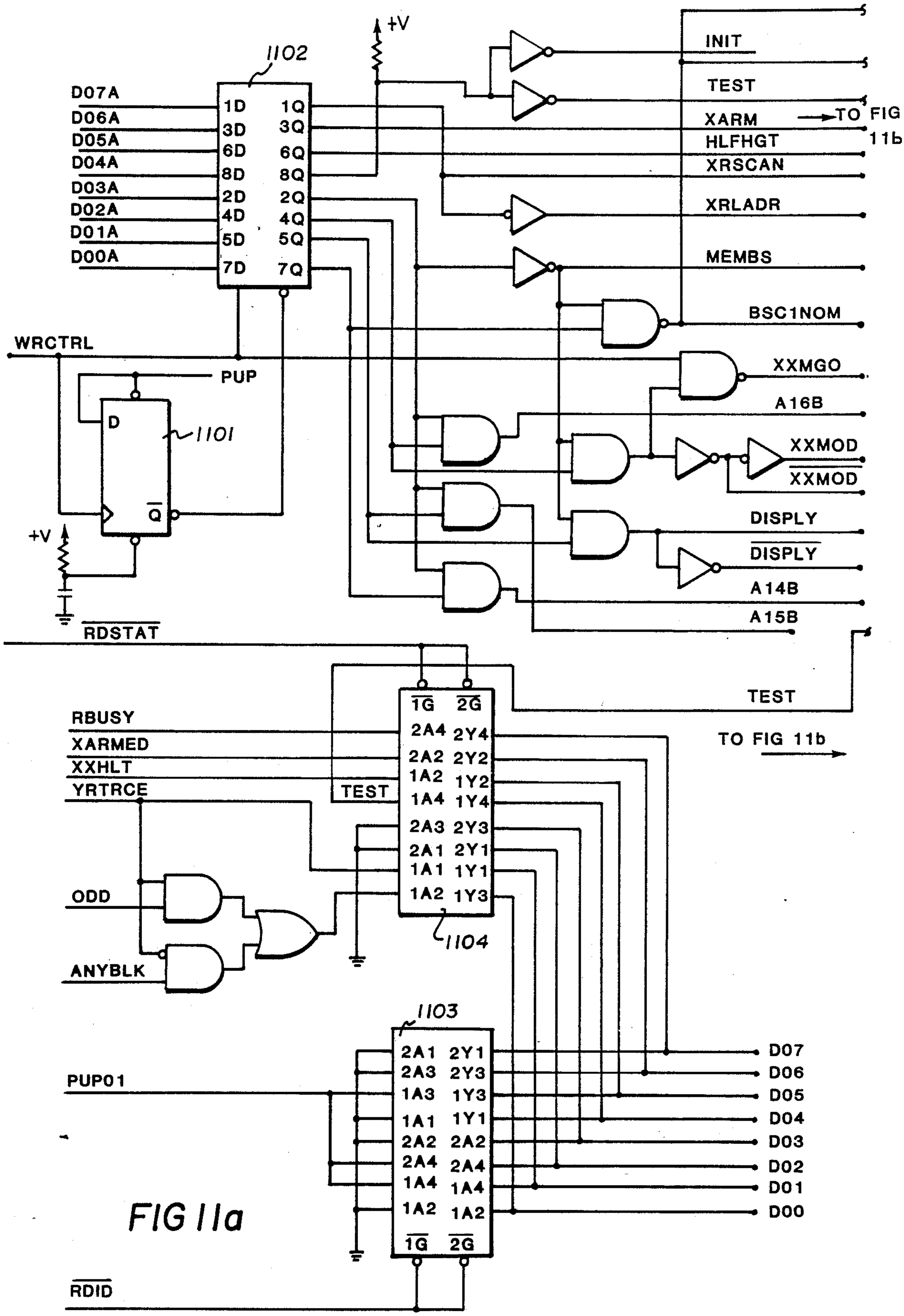

+V
1102
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
1D
3D
6D
8D
2D
4D
5D
7D
1Q
3Q
6Q
8Q
2Q
4Q
5Q
7Q
INIT
TEST
XARM
HLFHGT
XRSCAN
XRLADR
MEMBS
BSC1NOM
XXMGO
A16B
XXMOD
XXMOD
DISPLY
DISPLY
A14B
A15B
TO FIG 11b
WRCTRL
PUP
D
1101
Q
+V
RDSTAT
TEST
1G
2G
RBUSY
XARMED
XXHLT
YRTRCE
2A4
2Y4
2A2
2Y2
1A2
1Y2
1A4
1Y4
2A3
2Y3
2A1
2Y1
1A1
1Y1
1A2
1Y3
TEST
TO FIG 11b
ODD
ANYBLK
1104
1103
PUP01
2A1
2Y1
2A3
2Y3
1A3
1Y3
1A1
1Y1
2A2
2A2
2A4
2A4
1A4
1A4
1A2
1A2
1G
2G
D07
D06
D05
D04
D03
D02
D01
D00
RDID

FIG 11a

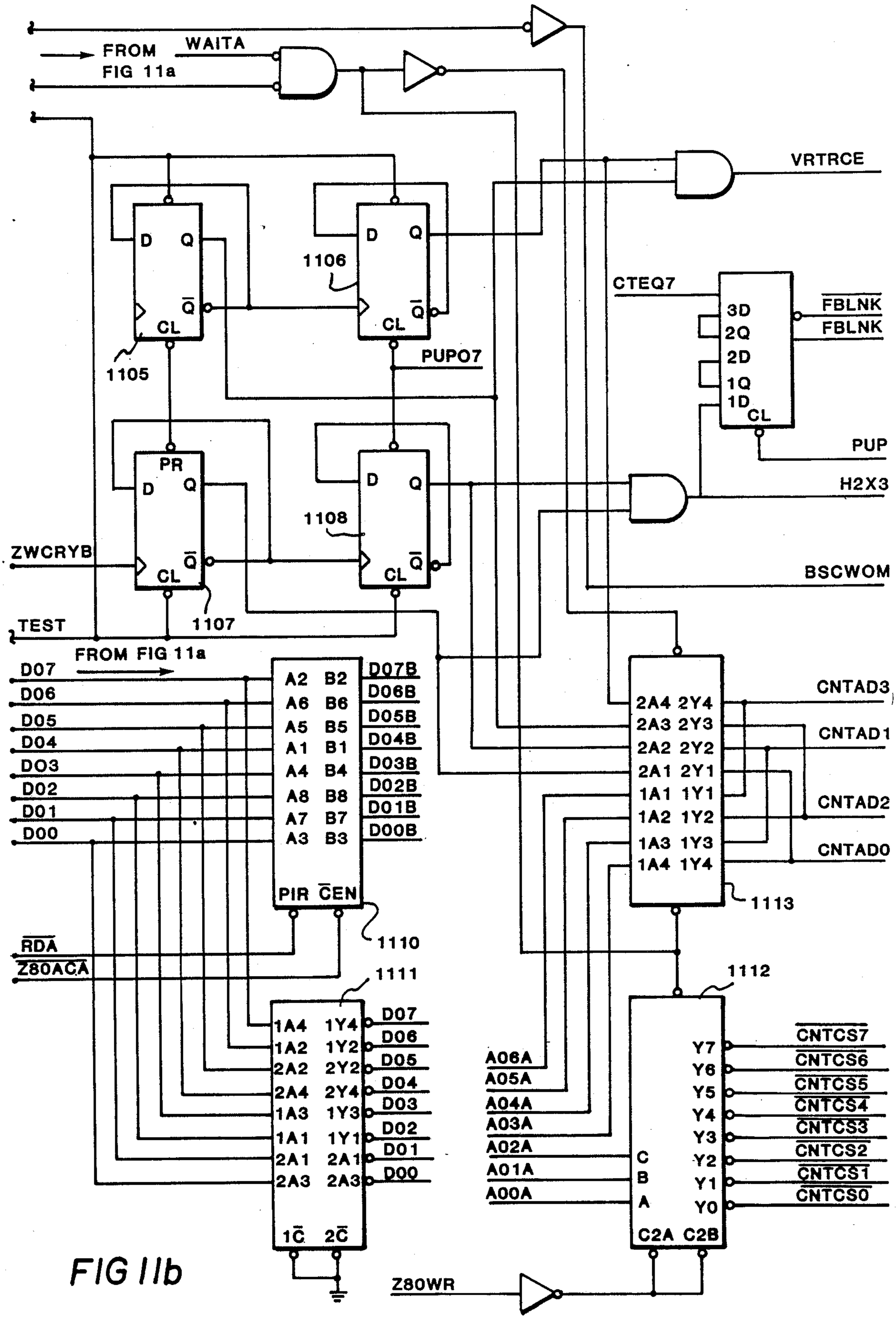

FROM FIG 11a
WAITA
VRTRCE
D Q
CL
1106
1105
PUPO7
CTEQ7
3D
2Q
2D
1Q
1D
CL
FBLNK
FBLNK
PUP
H2X3
PR
1108
ZWCRYB
BSCWOM
TEST
1107
FROM FIG 11a
D07
D06
D05
D04
DO3
D02
D01
D00
A2 B2
A6 B6
A5 B5
A1 B1
A4 B4
A8 B8
A7 B7
A3 B3
D07B
D06B
D05B
D04B
D03B
D02B
D01B
D00B
PIR CEN
1110
RDA
Z80ACA
1111
1A4 1Y4
1A2 1Y2
2A2 2Y2
2A4 2Y4
1A3 1Y3
1A1 1Y1
2A1 2A1
2A3 2A3
D07
D06
D05
D04
D03
D02
D01
D00
1C 2C
2A4 2Y4
2A3 2Y3
2A2 2Y2
2A1 2Y1
1A1 1Y1
1A2 1Y2
1A3 1Y3
1A4 1Y4
CNTAD3
CNTAD1
CNTAD2
CNTAD0
1113
1112
A06A
A05A
A04A
A03A
A02A
A01A
A00A
C
B
A
Y7
Y6
Y5
Y4
Y3
Y2
Y1
Y0
C2A C2B
CNTCS7
CNTCS6
CNTCS5
CNTCS4
CNTCS3
CNTCS2
CNTCS1
CNTCS0
Z80WR

FIG 11b

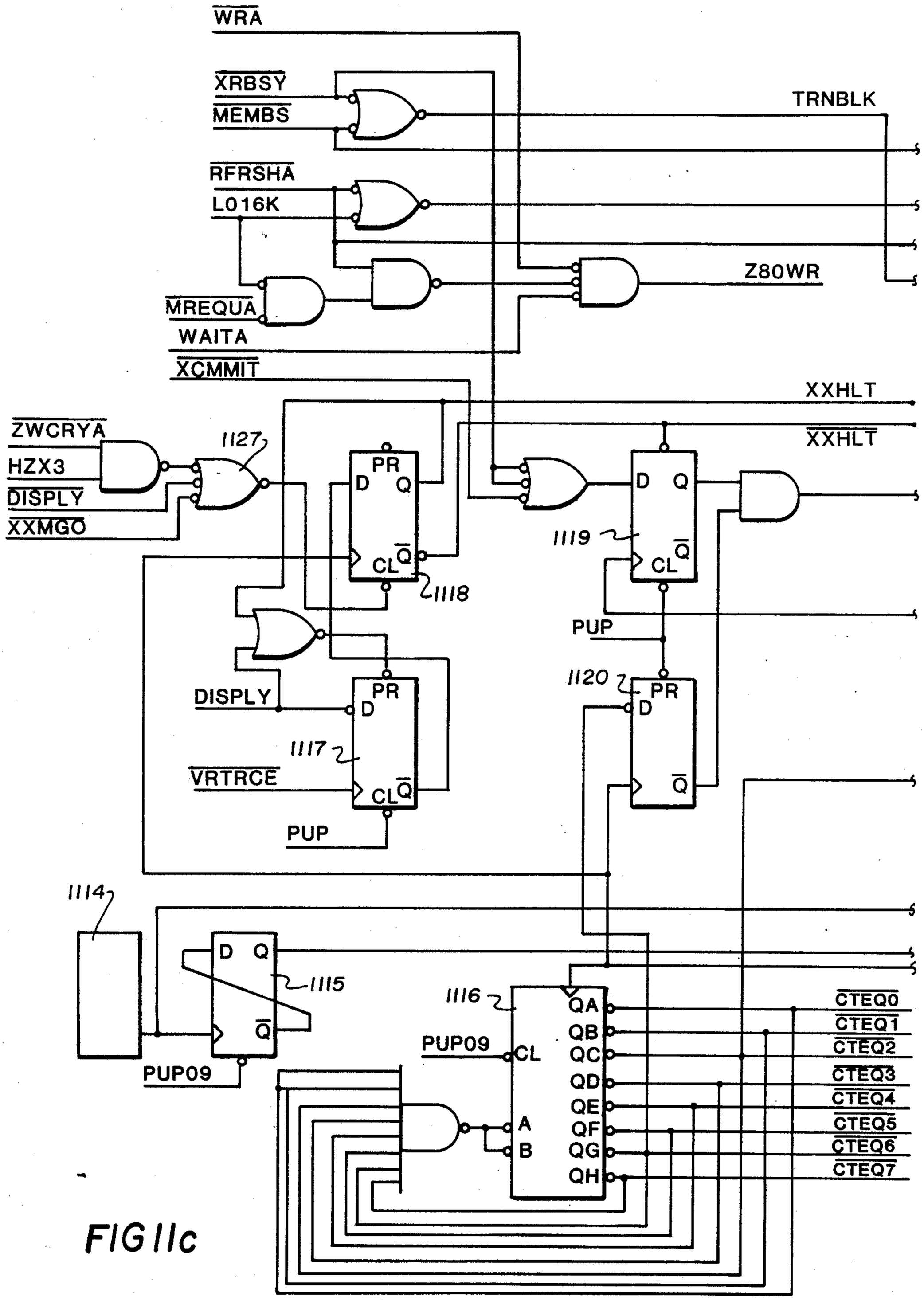

WRA
XRBSY
MEMBS
TRNBLK
RFRSHA
L016K
Z80WR
MREQUA
WAITA
XCMMIT
XXHLT
XXHLT
ZWCRYA
HZX3
DISPLY
XXMGO
1127
PR
D Q
CL Q
1118
1119
PUP
1120
DISPLY
1117
VRTRCE
PUP
1114
1115
PUP09
1116
PUP09
CL
QA
QB
QC
QD
QE
QF
QG
QH
A
B
CTEQ0
CTEQ1
CTEQ2
CTEQ3
CTEQ4
CTEQ5
CTEQ6
CTEQ7

FIG 11c

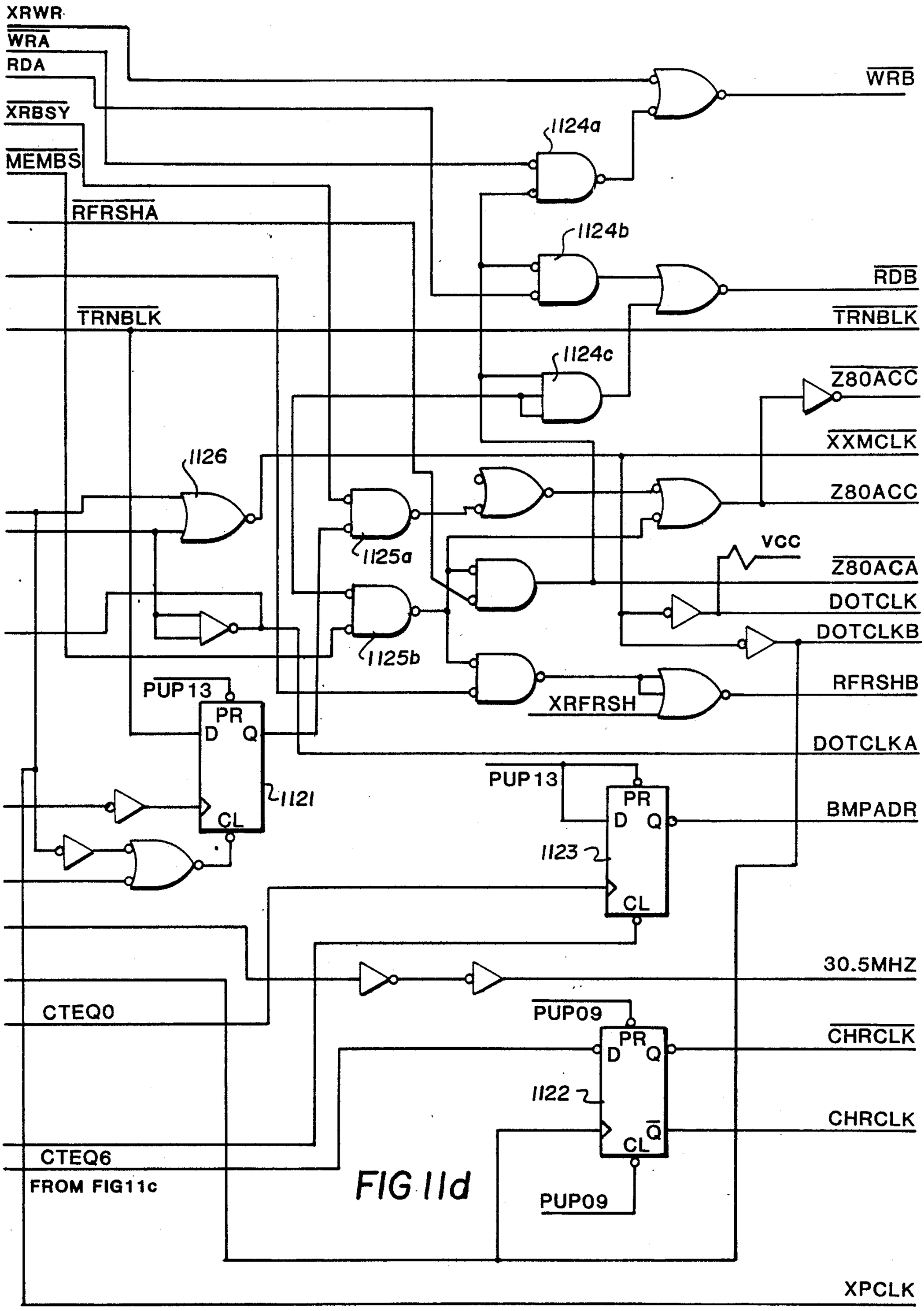

XRWR
WRA
RDA
XRBSY
MEMBS
RFRSHA
TRNBLK
1124a
1124b
1124c
1126
1125a
1125b
1121
1123
1122
WRB
RDB
TRNBLK
Z80ACC
XXMCLK
Z80ACC
VCC
Z80ACA
DOTCLK
DOTCLKB
RFRSHB
XRFRSH
DOTCLKA
BMPADR
30.5MHZ
CHRCLK
CHRCLK
PUP13
PR
D
Q
CL
PUP09
CTEQ0
CTEQ6
FROM FIG11c
XPCLK

FIG 11d

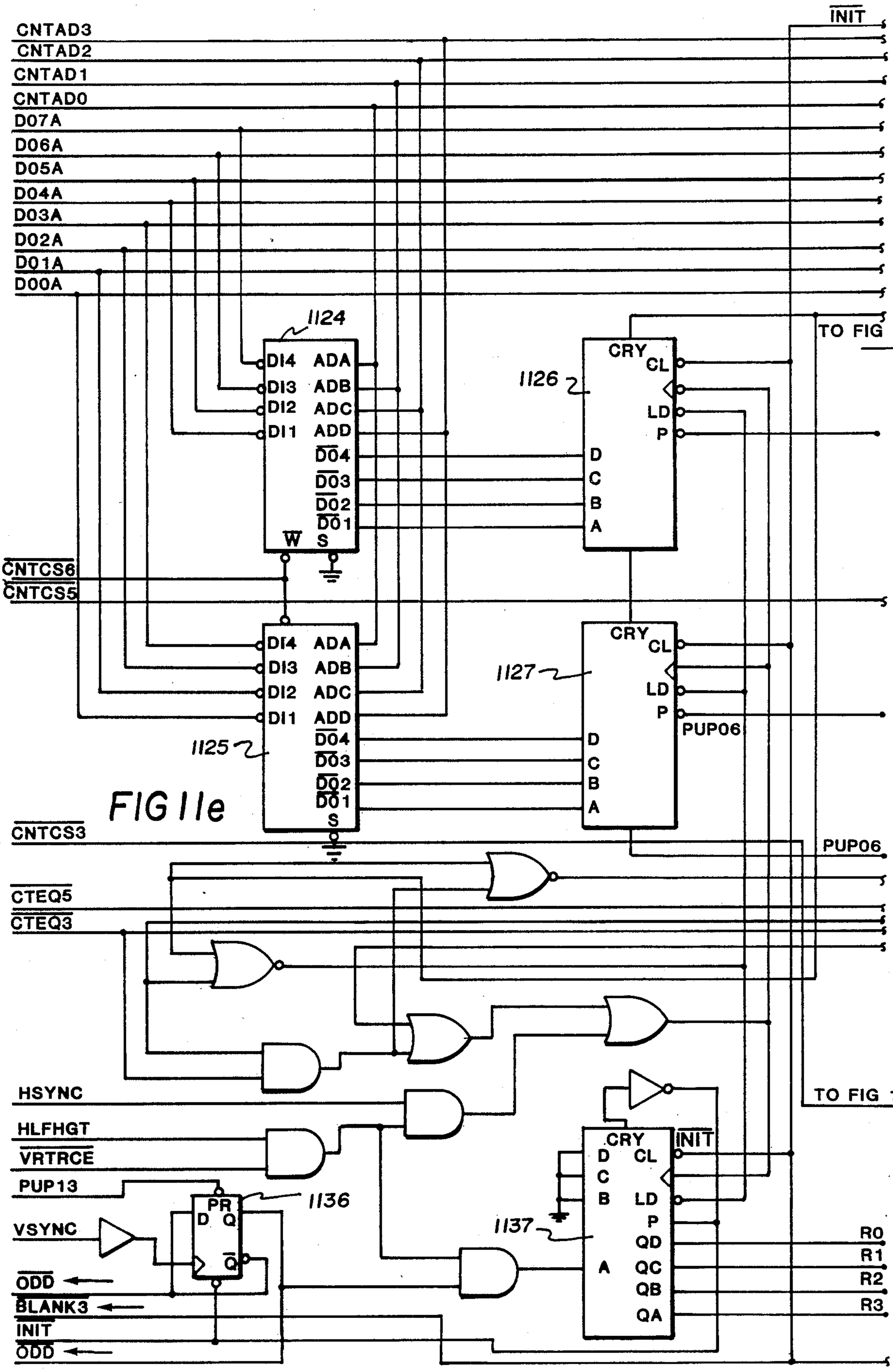

CNTAD3
CNTAD2
CNTAD1
CNTAD0
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
INIT
1124
DI4 ADA
DI3 ADB
DI2 ADC
DI1 ADD
D04
D03
D02
D01
W S
1126
CRY CL
LD
P
D
C
B
A
TO FIG 11F
CNTCS6
CNTCS5
1127
PUP06
1125
CNTCS3
CTEQ5
CTEQ3
HSYNC
HLFHGT
VRTRCE
PUP13
VSYNC
ODD
BLANK3
INIT
ODD
PR
D Q
1136
1137
QD
QC
QB
QA
R0
R1
R2
R3
TO FIG 11f

FIG 11e

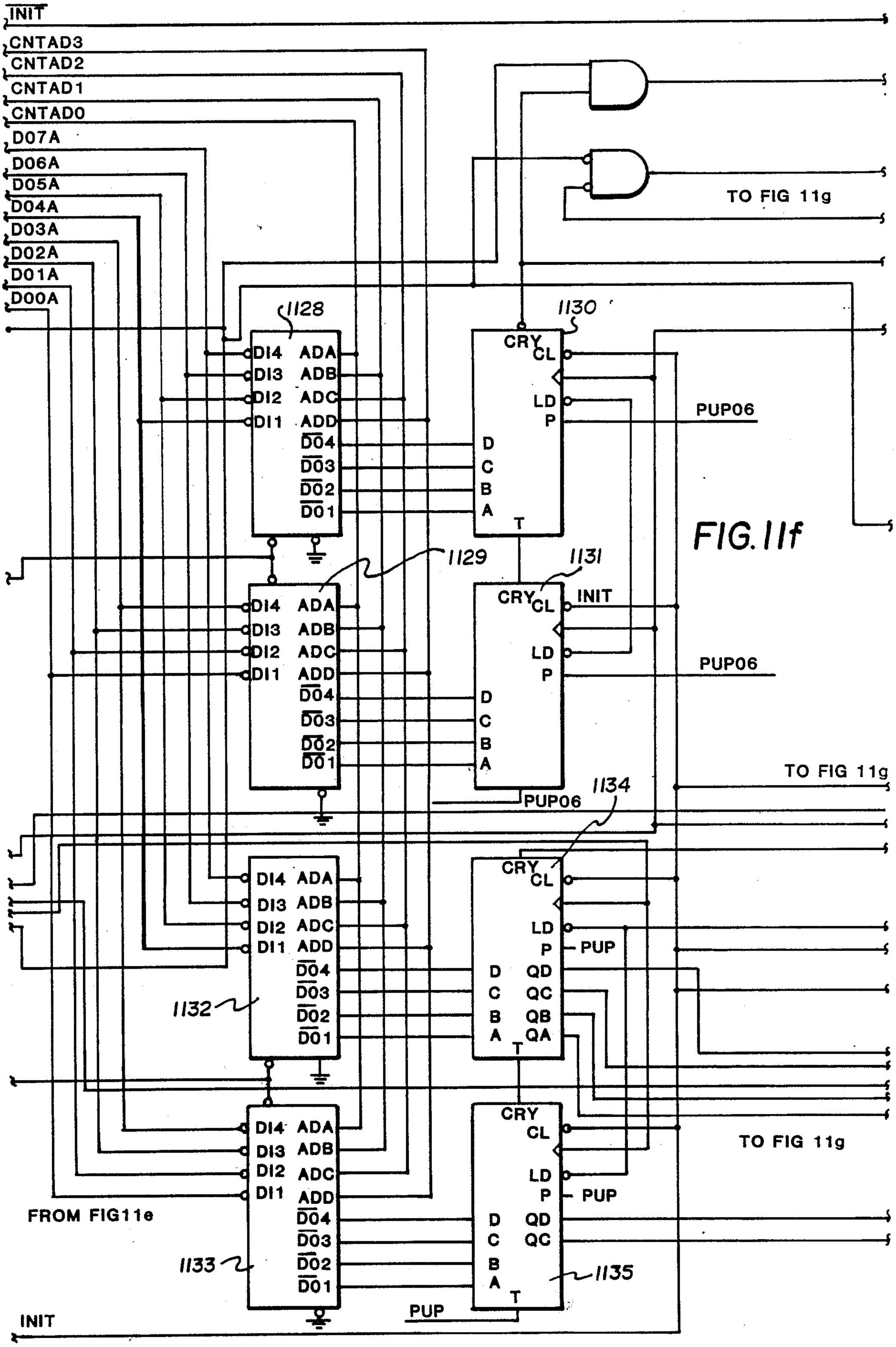

INIT
CNTAD3
CNTAD2
CNTAD1
CNTAD0
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
1128
1129
1130
1131
1132
1133
1134
1135
DI4 ADA
DI3 ADB
DI2 ADC
DI1 ADD
D04
D03
D02
D01
CRY
CL
LD
P
D
C
B
A
T
QD
QC
QB
QA
PUP06
PUP
TO FIG 11g
FROM FIG11e

FIG. 11f

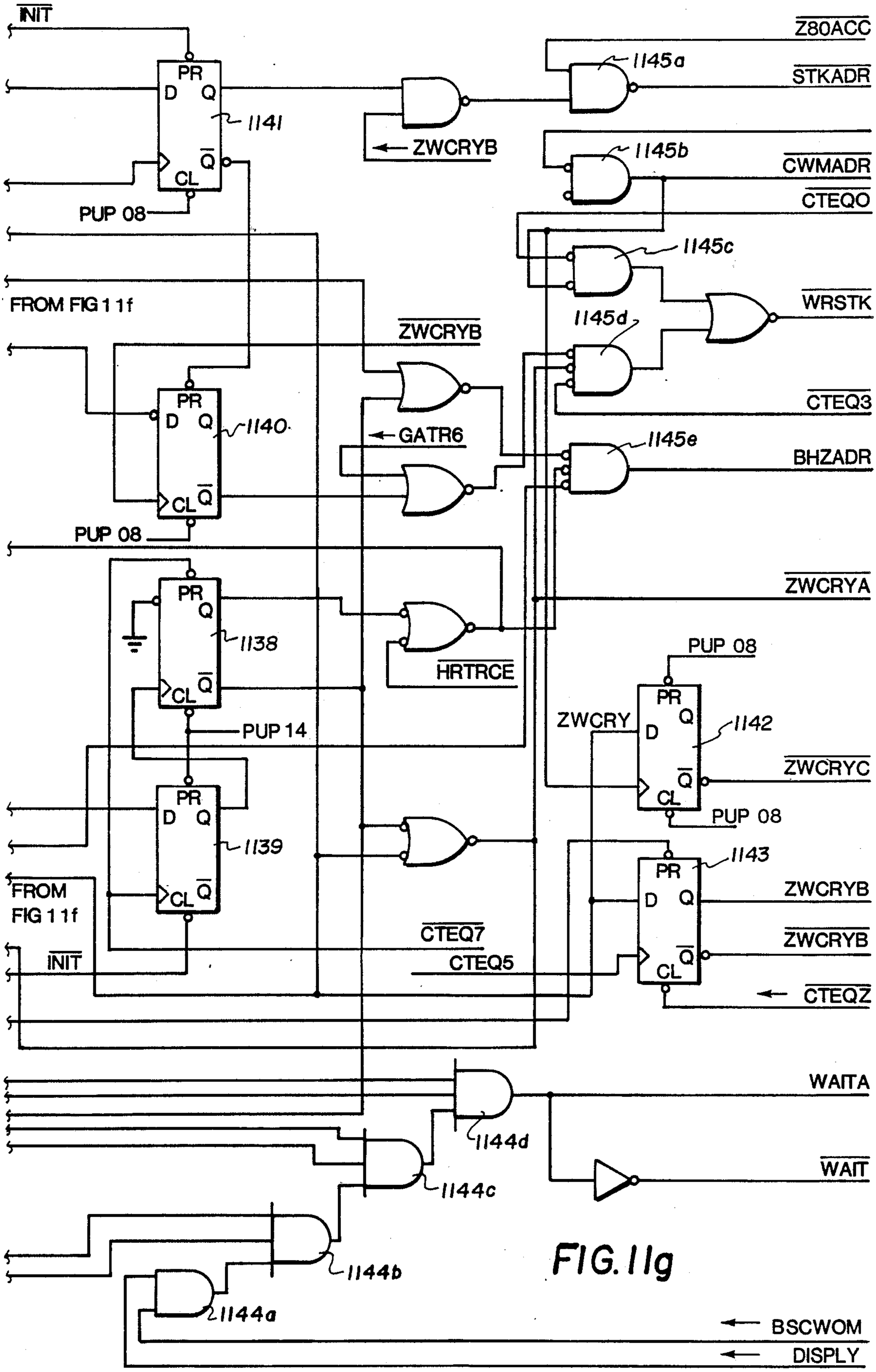

INIT
PR
D
Q
1141
Q
CL
PUP 08
FROM FIG 1 1f
ZWCRYB
GATR6
PR
D
Q
1140
CL
Q
PUP 08
PR
Q
1138
CL
Q
PUP 14
PR
D
Q
1139
CL
Q
FROM FIG 1 1f
INIT
HRTRCE
CTEQ7
CTEQ5
1145a
Z80ACC
STKADR
1145b
CWMADR
CTEQO
1145c
WRSTK
1145d
CTEQ3
1145e
BHZADR
ZWCRYA
PUP 08
ZWCRY
PR
D
Q
1142
Q
CL
ZWCRYC
PUP 08
PR
D
Q
1143
Q
CL
ZWCRYB
ZWCRYB
CTEQZ
1144d
1144c
1144b
1144a
WAITA
WAIT
BSCWOM
DISPLY

FIG. 11g

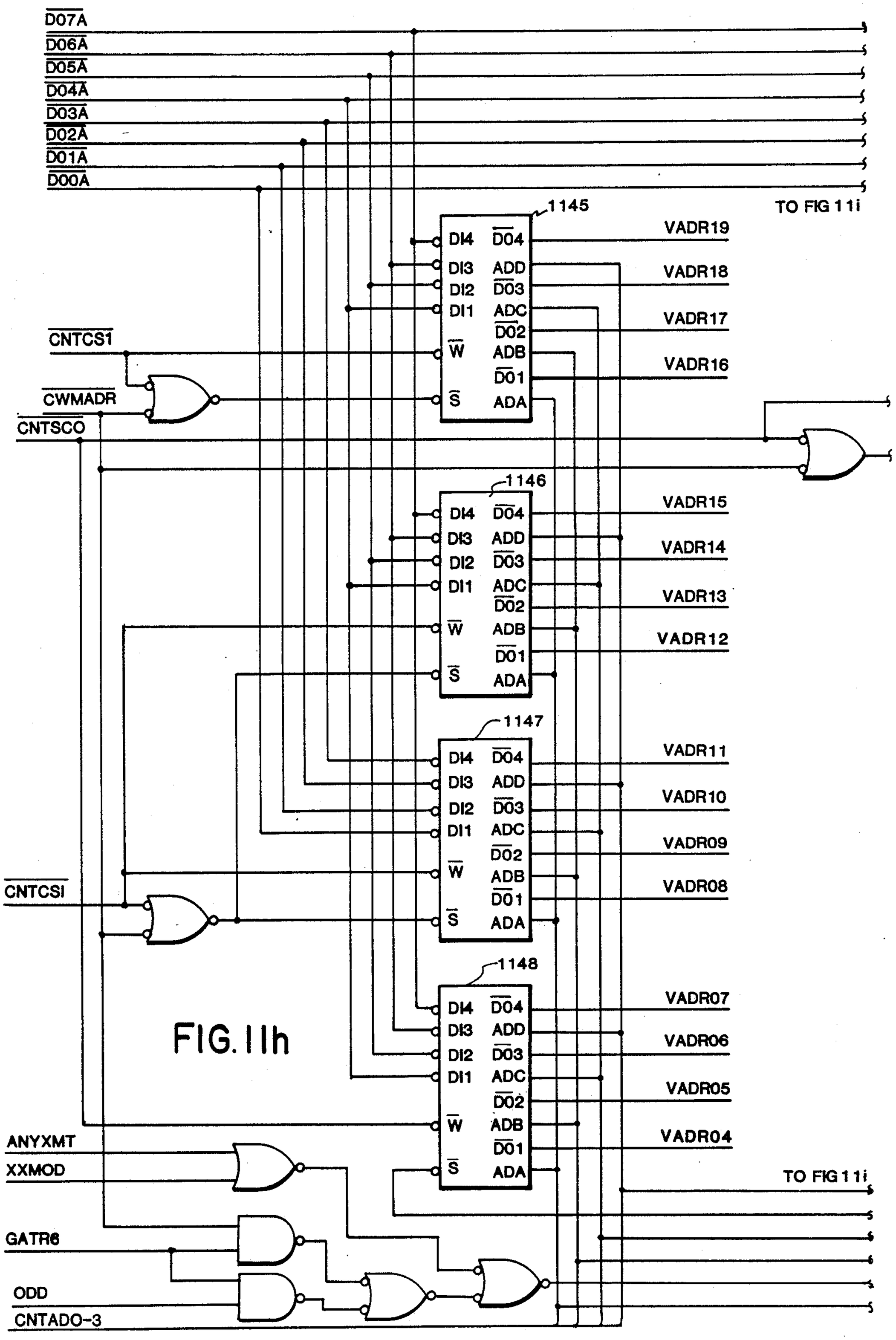
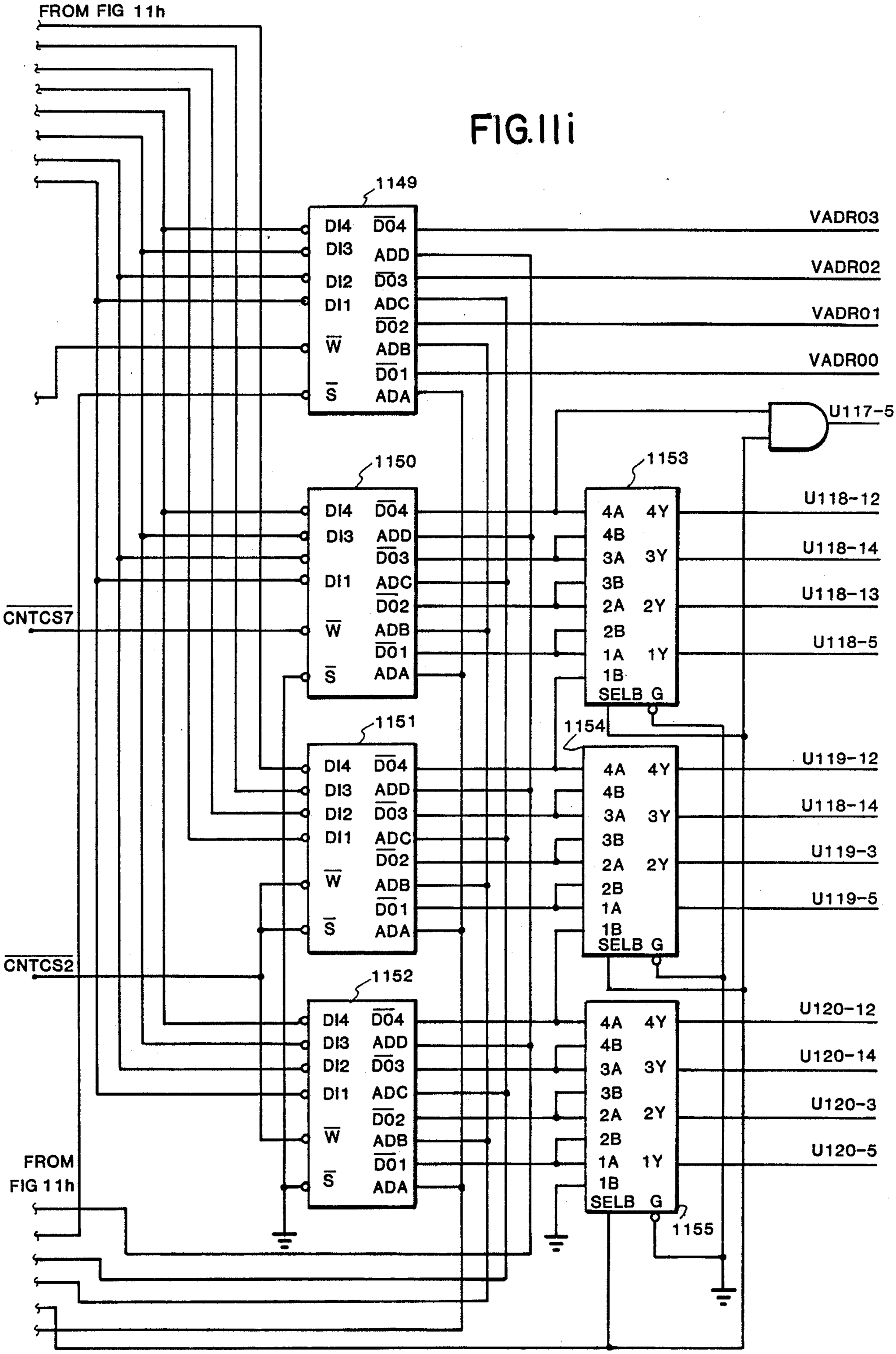

D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
TO FIG 11i
1145
DI4 D04
DI3 ADD
DI2 D03
DI1 ADC
D02
W ADB
D01
S ADA
VADR19
VADR18
VADR17
VADR16
CNTCS1
CWMADR
CNTSCO
1146
VADR15
VADR14
VADR13
VADR12
1147
VADR11
VADR10
VADR09
VADR08
CNTCSI
1148
VADR07
VADR06
VADR05
VADR04
ANYXMT
XXMOD
GATR6
ODD
CNTADO-3
TO FIG 11i

FIG. 11h

FIG.11i


FROM FIG 11h
1149
1150
1151
1152
1153
1154
1155
DI4
DI3
DI2
DI1
W
S
D04
ADD
D03
ADC
D02
ADB
D01
ADA
4A
4B
3A
3B
2A
2B
1A
1B
4Y
3Y
2Y
1Y
SELB
G
VADR03
VADR02
VADR01
VADR00
U117-5
U118-12
U118-14
U118-13
U118-5
U119-12
U118-14
U119-3
U119-5
U120-12
U120-14
U120-3
U120-5
CNTCS7
CNTCS2
FROM FIG 11h

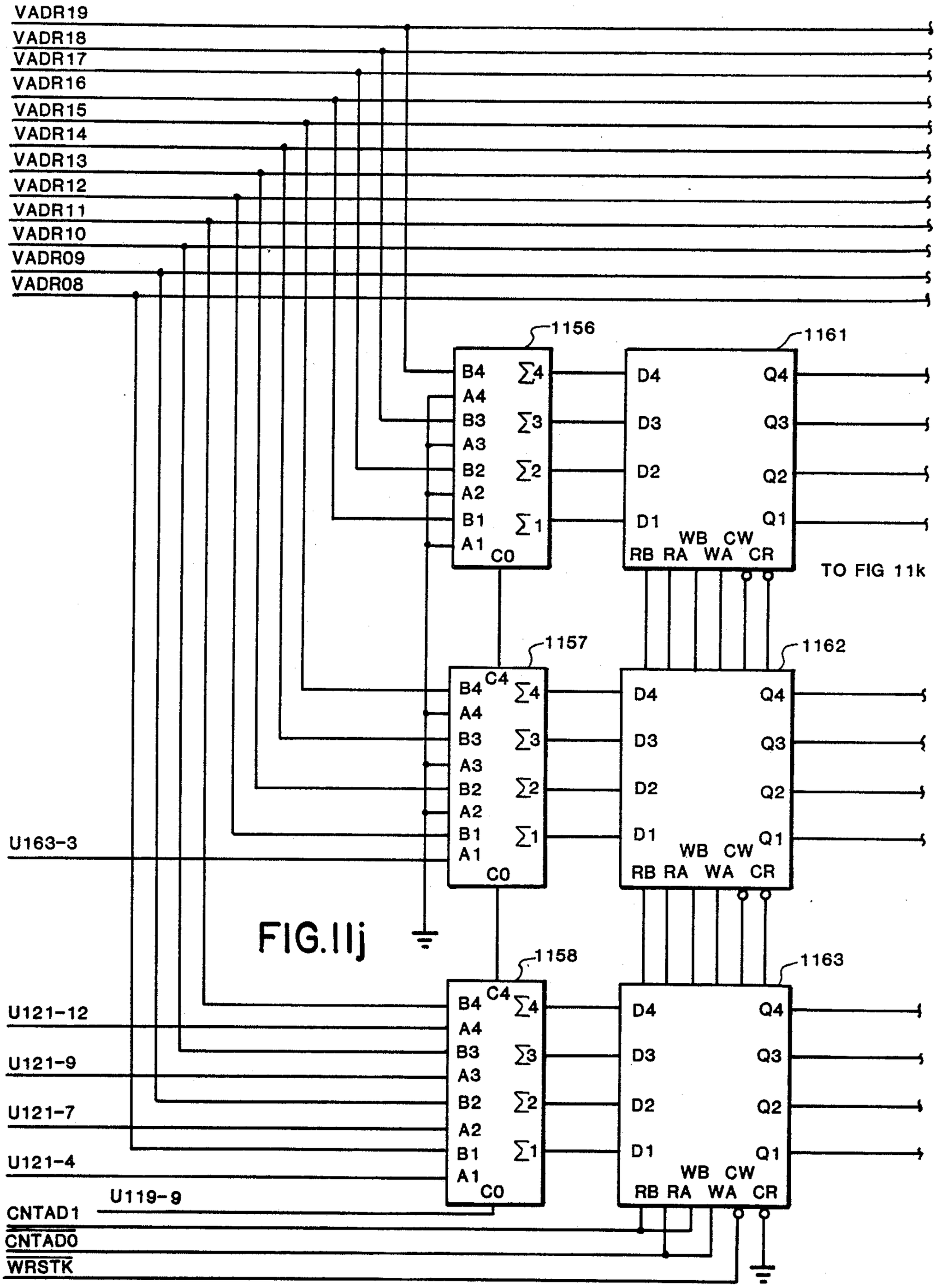

VADR19
VADR18
VADR17
VADR16
VADR15
VADR14
VADR13
VADR12
VADR11
VADR10
VADR09
VADR08
1156
1161
B4 ∑4 A4 B3 ∑3 A3 B2 ∑2 A2 B1 ∑1 A1 C0
D4 Q4 D3 Q3 D2 Q2 D1 Q1 WB CW RB RA WA CR
TO FIG 11k
1157
1162
C4
U163-3
1158
1163
U121-12
U121-9
U121-7
U121-4
U119-9
CNTAD1
CNTAD0
WRSTK

FIG.11j

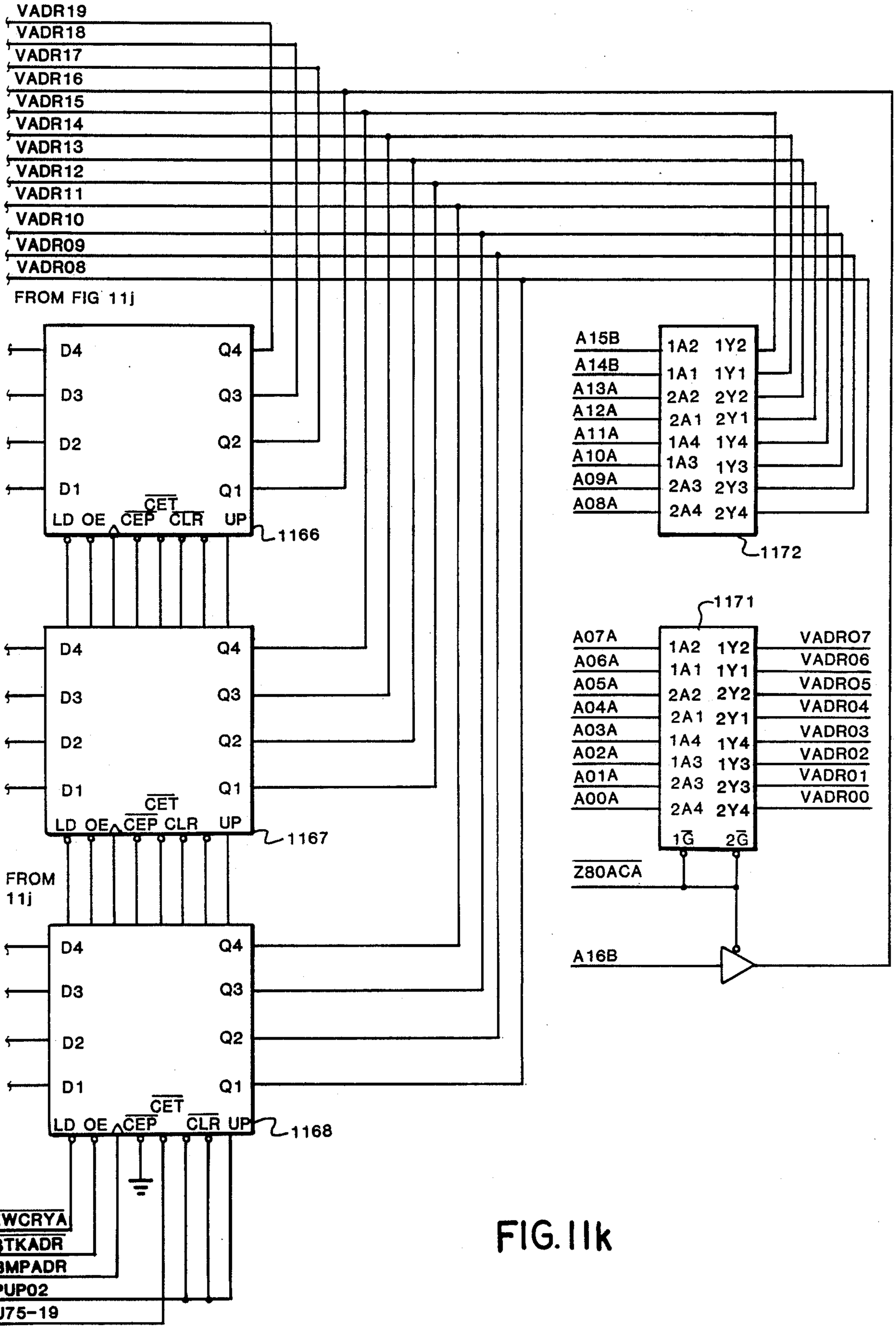
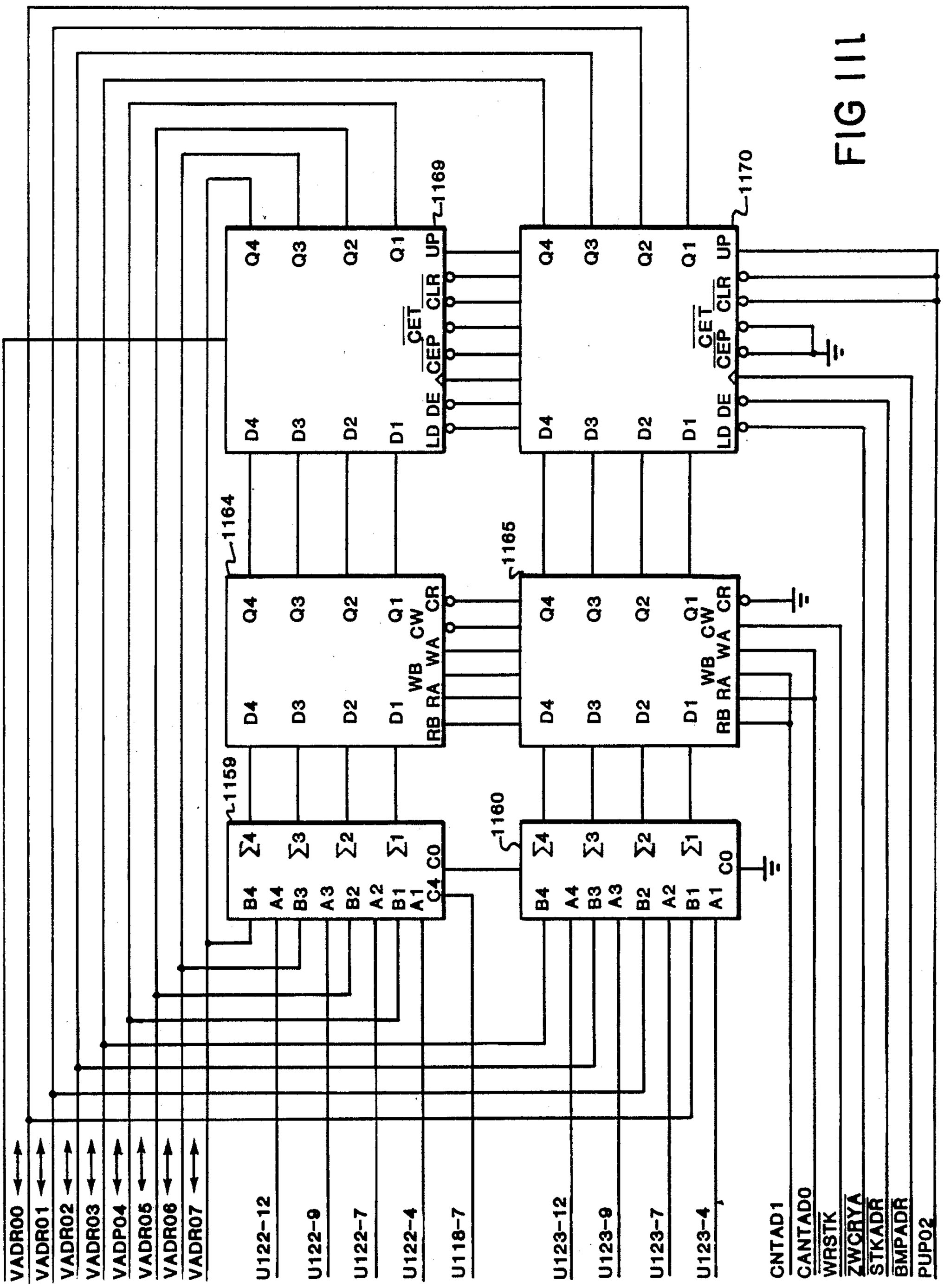

VADR19
VADR18
VADR17
VADR16
VADR15
VADR14
VADR13
VADR12
VADR11
VADR10
VADR09
VADR08
FROM FIG 11j
D4 Q4
D3 Q3
D2 Q2
D1 Q1
CET
LD OE CEP CLR UP
1166
1167
1168
FROM 11j
ZWCRYA
STKADR
BMPADR
PUP02
U75-19
A15B
A14B
A13A
A12A
A11A
A10A
A09A
A08A
1A2 1Y2
1A1 1Y1
2A2 2Y2
2A1 2Y1
1A4 1Y4
1A3 1Y3
2A3 2Y3
2A4 2Y4
1172
1171
A07A
A06A
A05A
A04A
A03A
A02A
A01A
A00A
VADRO7
VADRO6
VADRO5
VADR04
VADR03
VADR02
VADR01
VADR00
1G 2G
Z80ACA
A16B

FIG. 11k

FIG 111


1169
1170
1164
1165
1159
1160
Q4 Q3 Q2 Q1 UP
CLR
CET
CEP
LD DE
D4 D3 D2 D1
CR
CW
WB WA
RB RA
Σ4 Σ3 Σ2 Σ1 C0
B4 A4 B3 A3 B2 A2 B1 A1 C4
U74-12
VADR00
VADR01
VADR02
VADR03
VADP04
VADR05
VADR06
VADR07
U122-12
U122-9
U122-7
U122-4
U118-7
U123-12
U123-9
U123-7
U123-4
CNTAD1
CANTAD0
WRSTK
ZWCRYA
STKADR
BMPADR
PUP02

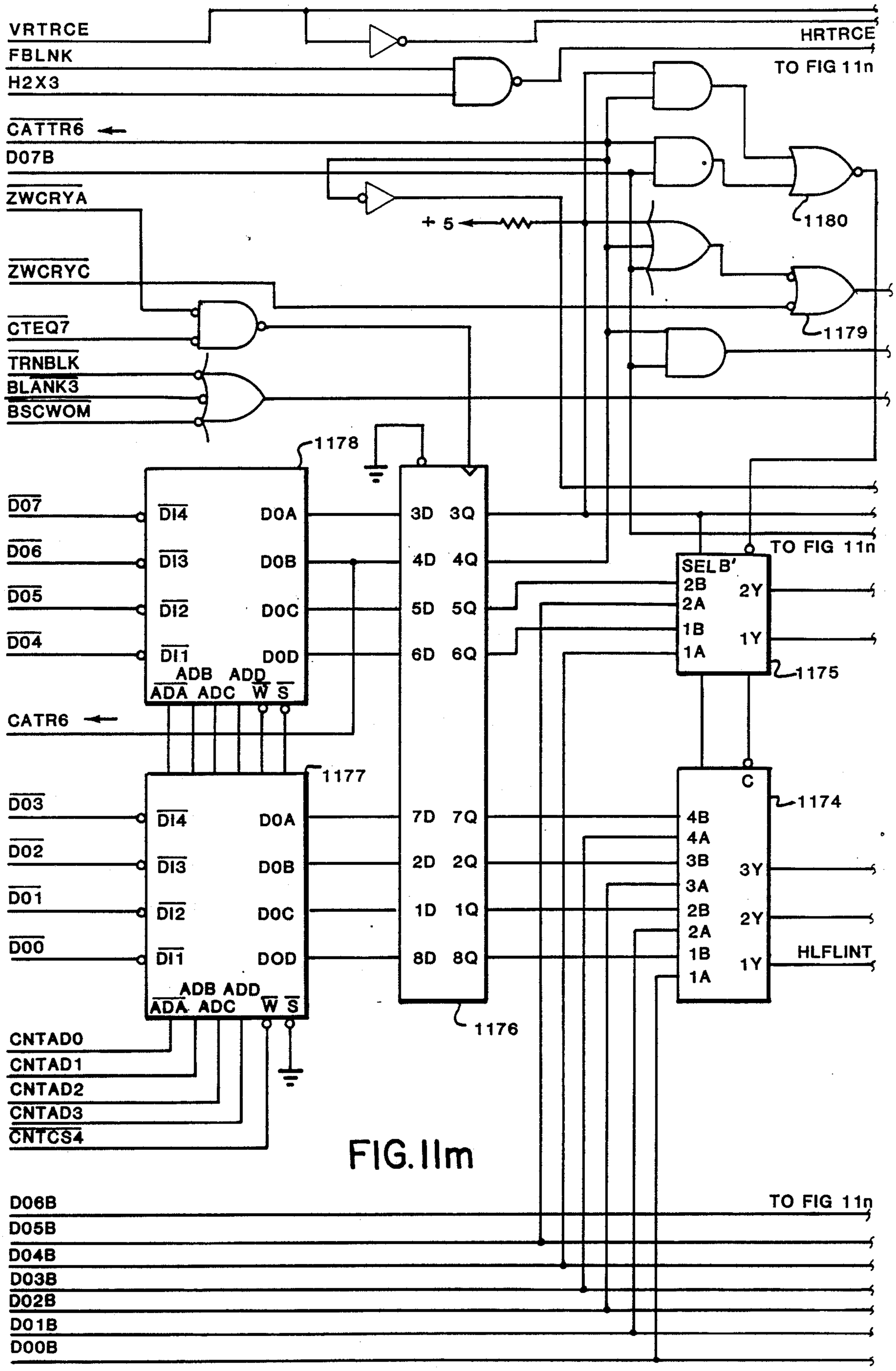

VRTRCE
FBLNK
H2X3
HRTRCE
TO FIG 11n
CATTR6
D07B
ZWCRYA
+ 5
1180
ZWCRYC
CTEQ7
TRNBLK
BLANK3
BSCWOM
1179
1178
D07
D06
D05
D04
D03
D02
D01
D00
DI4
DI3
DI2
DI1
D0A
D0B
D0C
D0D
ADB ADD
ADA ADC W S
3D 3Q
4D 4Q
5D 5Q
6D 6Q
7D 7Q
2D 2Q
1D 1Q
8D 8Q
TO FIG 11n
SEL B'
2B
2A
1B
1A
2Y
1Y
1175
CATR6
1177
1176
C
1174
4B
4A
3B
3A
2B
2A
1B
1A
3Y
2Y
1Y
HLFLINT
CNTAD0
CNTAD1
CNTAD2
CNTAD3
CNTCS4
D06B
D05B
D04B
D03B
D02B
D01B
D00B
TO FIG 11n

FIG. 11m

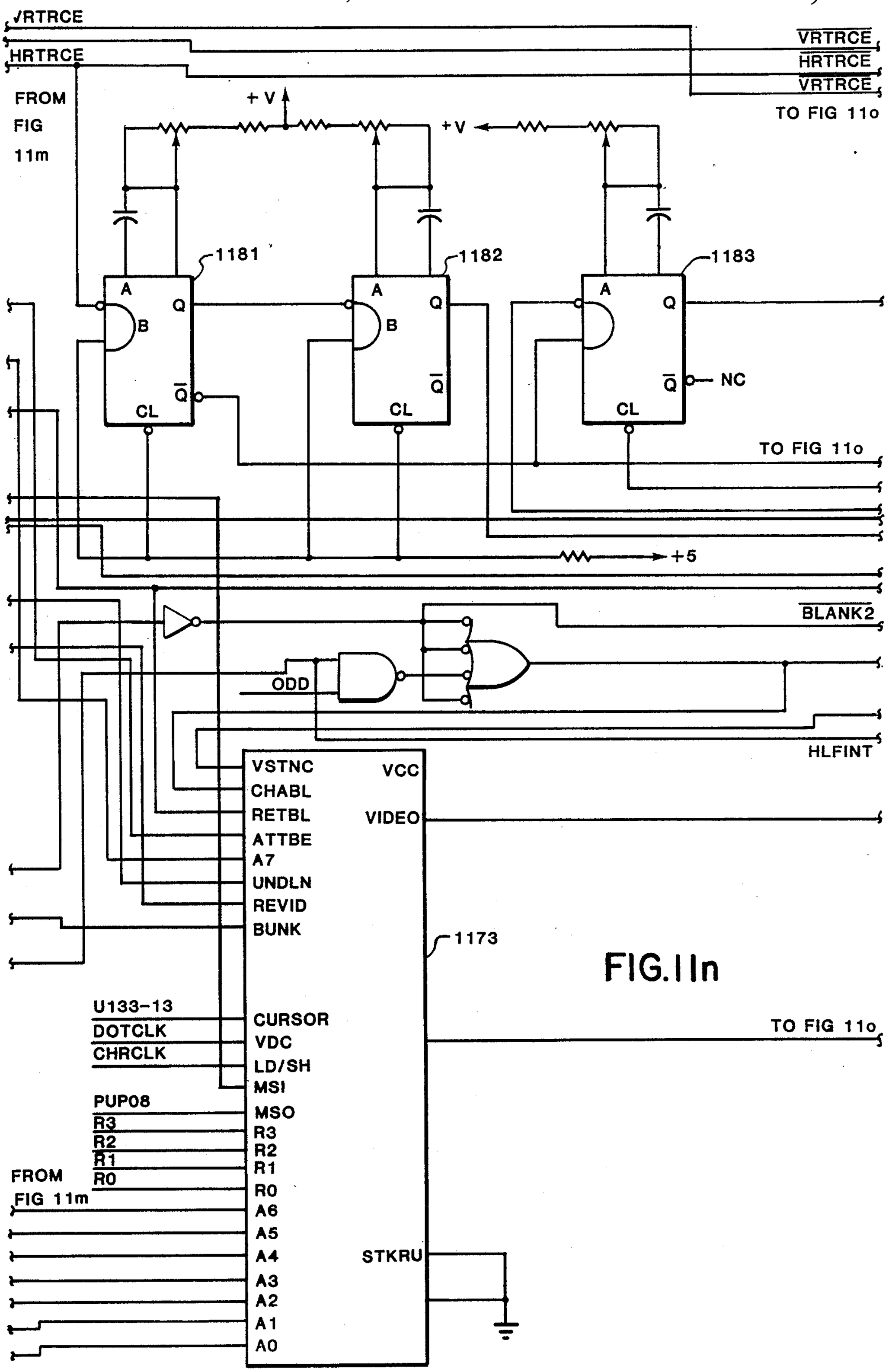

VRTRCE
HRTRCE
FROM FIG 11m
+V
+V
1181
1182
1183
A
B
Q
CL
NC
VRTRCE
HRTRCE
VRTRCE
TO FIG 11o
TO FIG 11o
+5
BLANK2
ODD
HLFINT
VSTNC
CHABL
RETBL
ATTBE
A7
UNDLN
REVID
BUNK
VCC
VIDEO
1173
U133-13
DOTCLK
CHRCLK
CURSOR
VDC
LD/SH
MSI
PUP08
R3
R2
R1
R0
MSO
FROM FIG 11m
A6
A5
A4
A3
A2
A1
A0
STKRU
TO FIG 11o

FIG.11n

FIG 11o

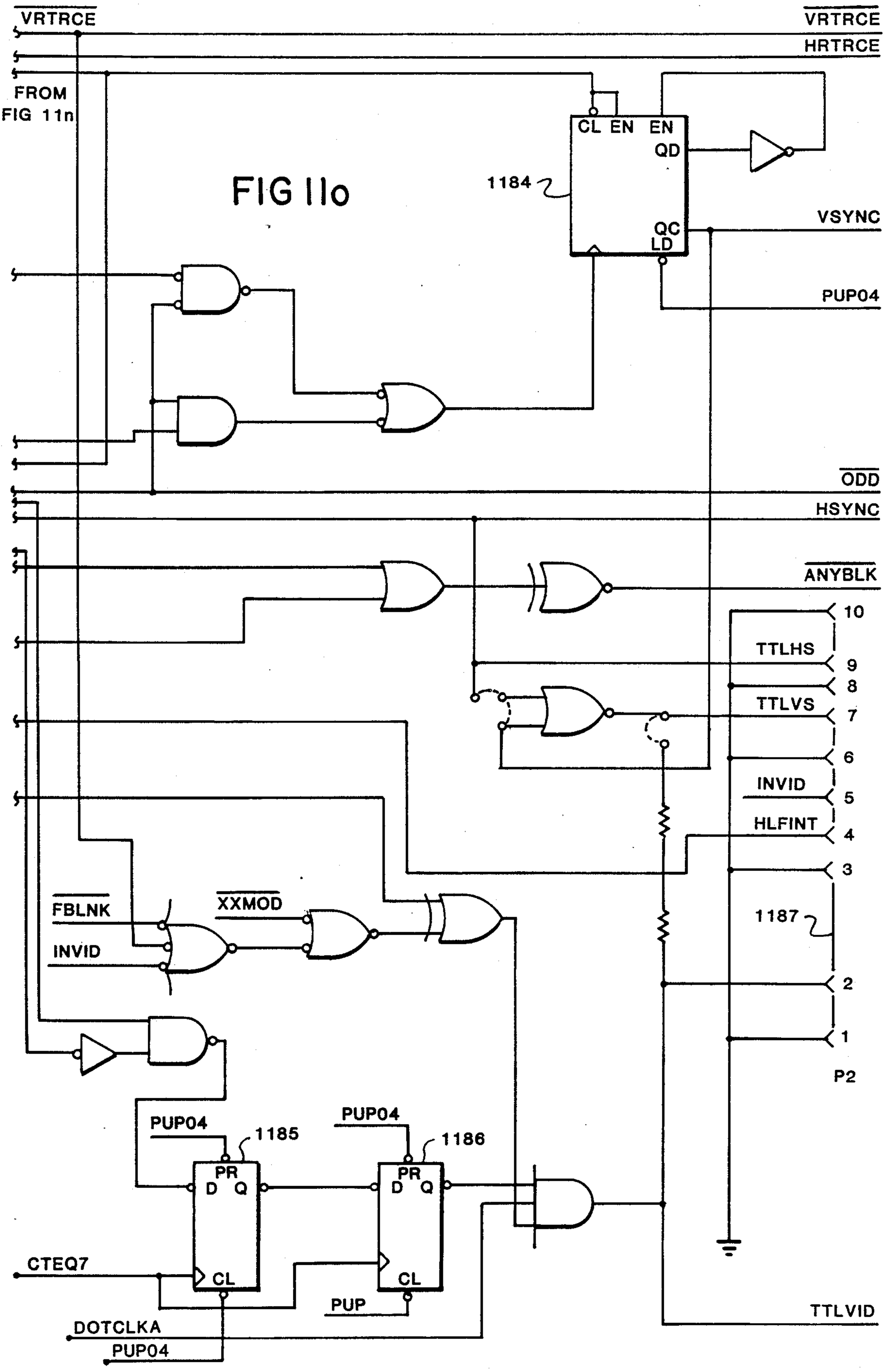
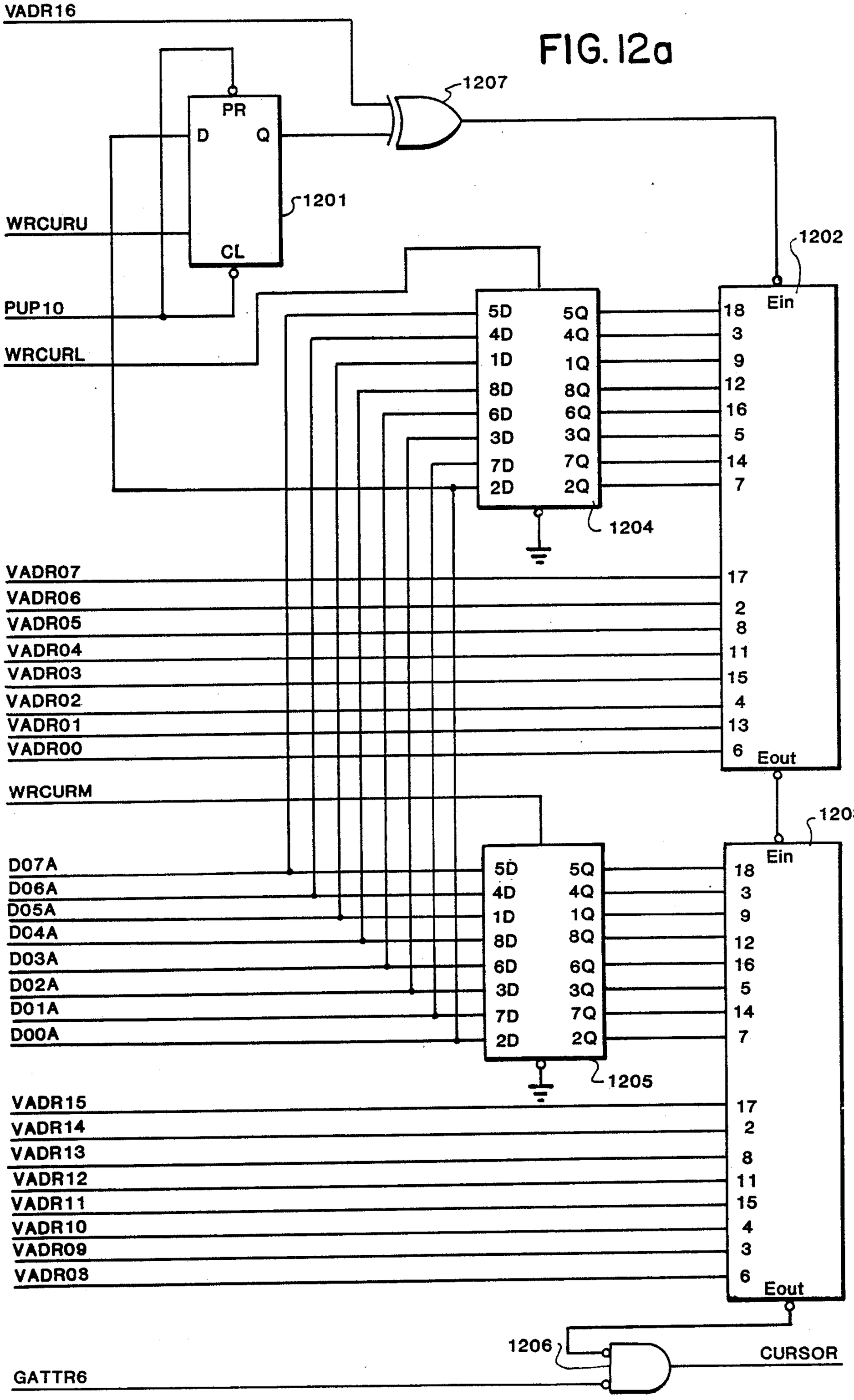
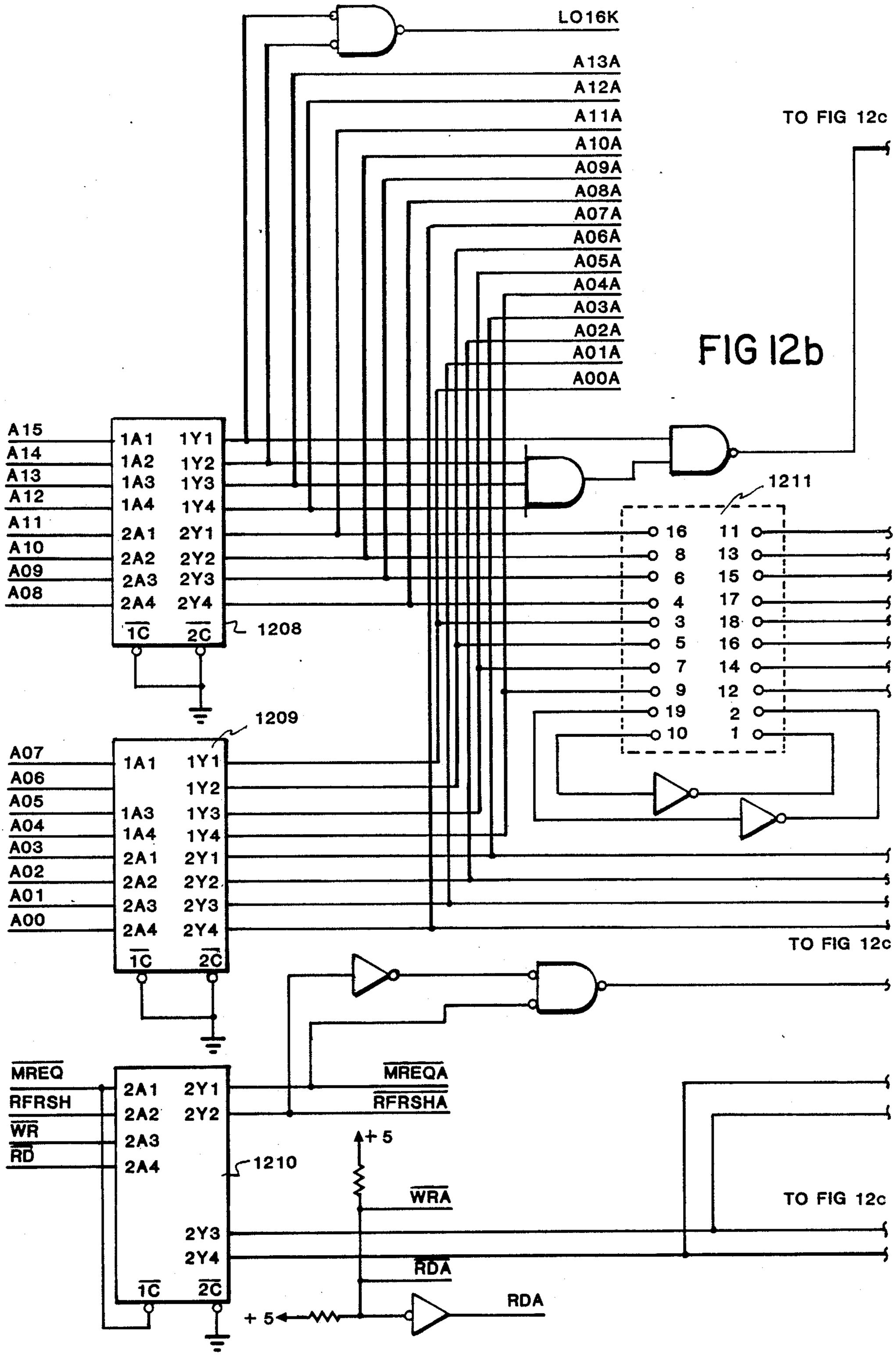

VRTRCE
FROM FIG 11n
VRTRCE
HRTRCE
CL EN EN
QD
1184
QC
LD
VSYNC
PUP04
ODD
HSYNC
ANYBLK
10
TTLHS
9
8
TTLVS
7
6
INVID
5
HLFINT
4
3
1187
2
1
P2
FBLNK
INVID
XXMOD
PUP04
1185
PR
D Q
CL
PUP04
1186
PR
D Q
CL
CTEQ7
PUP
DOTCLKA
PUP04
TTLVID

FIG. 12a


VADR16
PR
D
Q
1201
1207
WRCURU
CL
1202
PUP10
WRCURL
5D
4D
1D
8D
6D
3D
7D
2D
5Q
4Q
1Q
8Q
6Q
3Q
7Q
2Q
1204
18
3
9
12
16
5
14
7
Ein
VADR07
VADR06
VADR05
VADR04
VADR03
VADR02
VADR01
VADR00
17
2
8
11
15
4
13
6
Eout
WRCURM
1203
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
1205
VADR15
VADR14
VADR13
VADR12
VADR11
VADR10
VADR09
VADR08
1206
CURSOR
GATTR6


LO16K
A13A
A12A
A11A
A10A
A09A
A08A
A07A
A06A
A05A
A04A
A03A
A02A
A01A
A00A
TO FIG 12c
FIG 12b
A15
A14
A13
A12
A11
A10
A09
A08
1A1
1A2
1A3
1A4
2A1
2A2
2A3
2A4
1Y1
1Y2
1Y3
1Y4
2Y1
2Y2
2Y3
2Y4
1C
2C
1208
1211
16
8
6
4
3
5
7
9
19
10
11
13
15
17
18
16
14
12
2
1
1209
A07
A06
A05
A04
A03
A02
A01
A00
TO FIG 12c
MREQ
RFRSH
WR
RD
2A1
2A2
2A3
2A4
2Y1
2Y2
2Y3
2Y4
1C
2C
1210
MREQA
RFRSHA
WRA
RDA
+5
RDA
TO FIG 12c

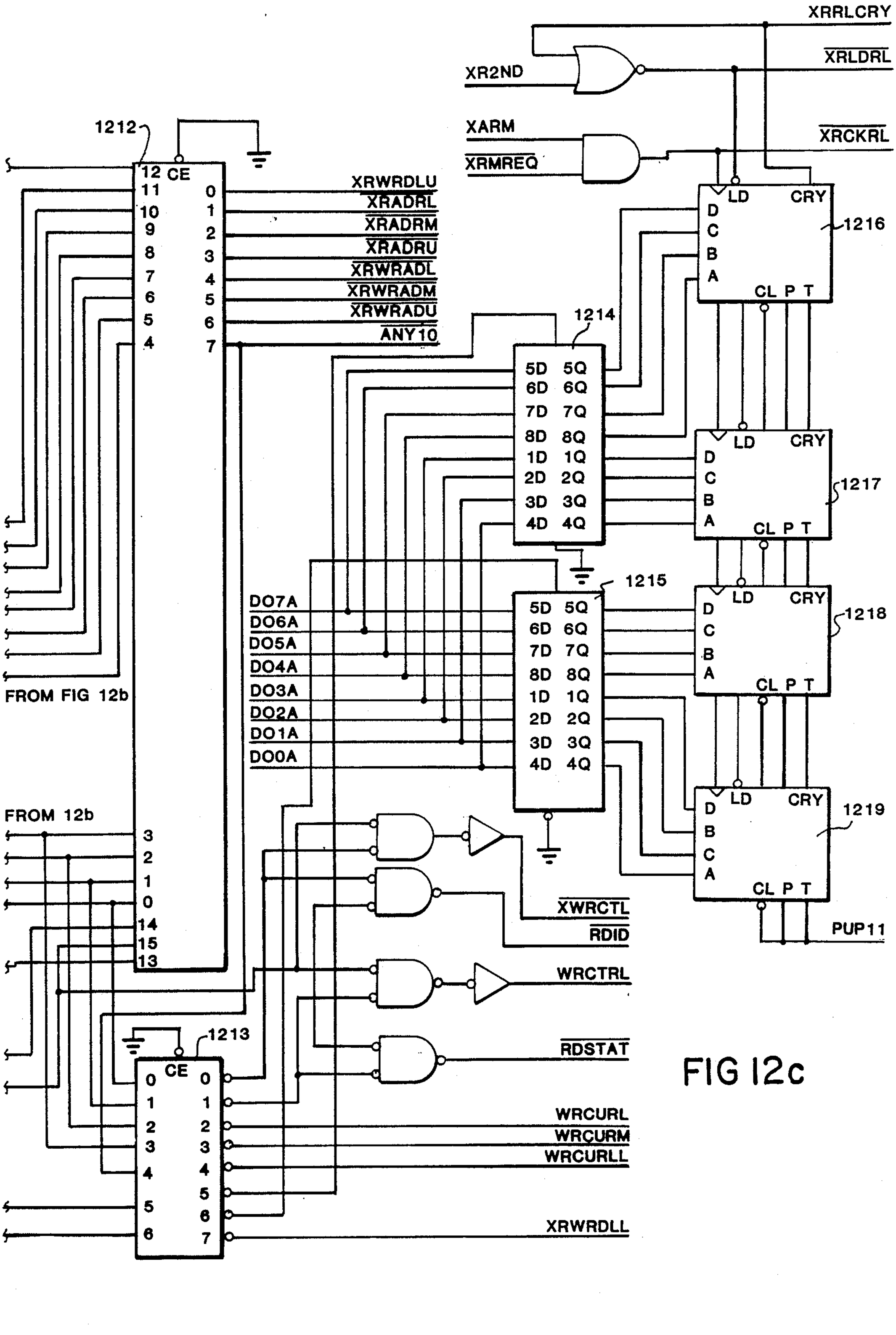
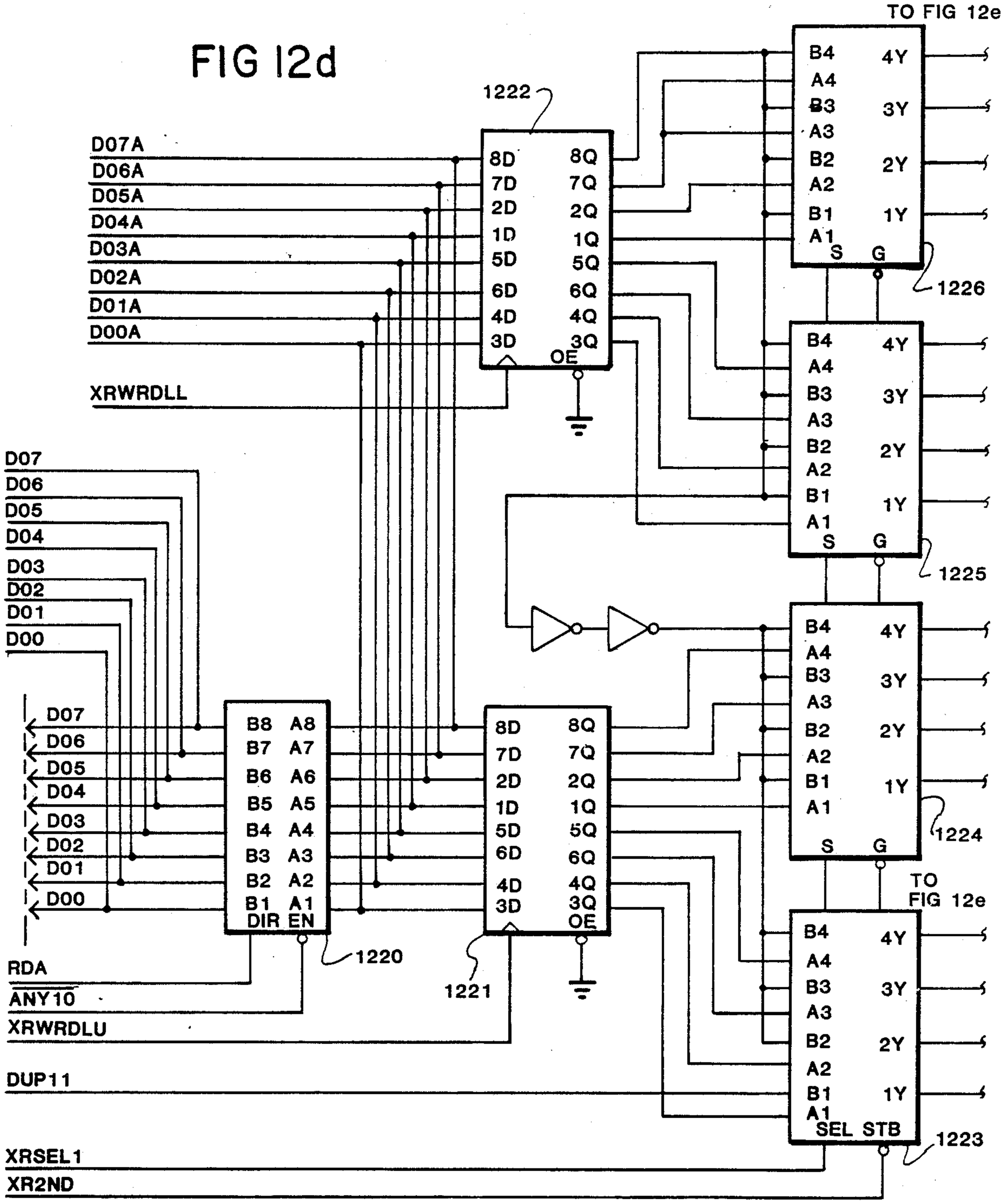

1212
12 CE
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
XRWRDLU
XRADRL
XRADRM
XRADRU
XRWRADL
XRWRADM
XRWRADU
ANY10
FROM FIG 12b
XR2ND
XARM
XRMREQ
XRRLCRY
XRLDRL
XRCKRL
LD
CRY
D
C
B
A
CL P T
1216
1214
5D 5Q
6D 6Q
7D 7Q
8D 8Q
1D 1Q
2D 2Q
3D 3Q
4D 4Q
1215
1217
1218
1219
DO7A
DO6A
DO5A
DO4A
DO3A
DO2A
DO1A
DO0A
FROM 12b
3
2
1
0
14
15
13
XWRCTL
RDID
WRCTRL
RDSTAT
PUP11
1213
CE
WRCURL
WRCURM
WRCURLL
XRWRDLL

FIG 12c

FIG 12d


TO FIG 12e
1222
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
XRWRDLL
8D 8Q
7D 7Q
2D 2Q
1D 1Q
5D 5Q
6D 6Q
4D 4Q
3D 3Q
OE
B4 A4 4Y 3Y 2Y 1Y
B3 A3
B2 A2
B1 A1
S G
1226
1225
1224
1223
D07
D06
D05
D04
D03
D02
D01
D00
B8 A8
B7 A7
B6 A6
B5 A5
B4 A4
B3 A3
B2 A2
B1 A1
DIR EN
1220
1221
TO FIG 12e
RDA
ANY10
XRWRDLU
DUP11
XRSEL1
XR2ND
SEL STB

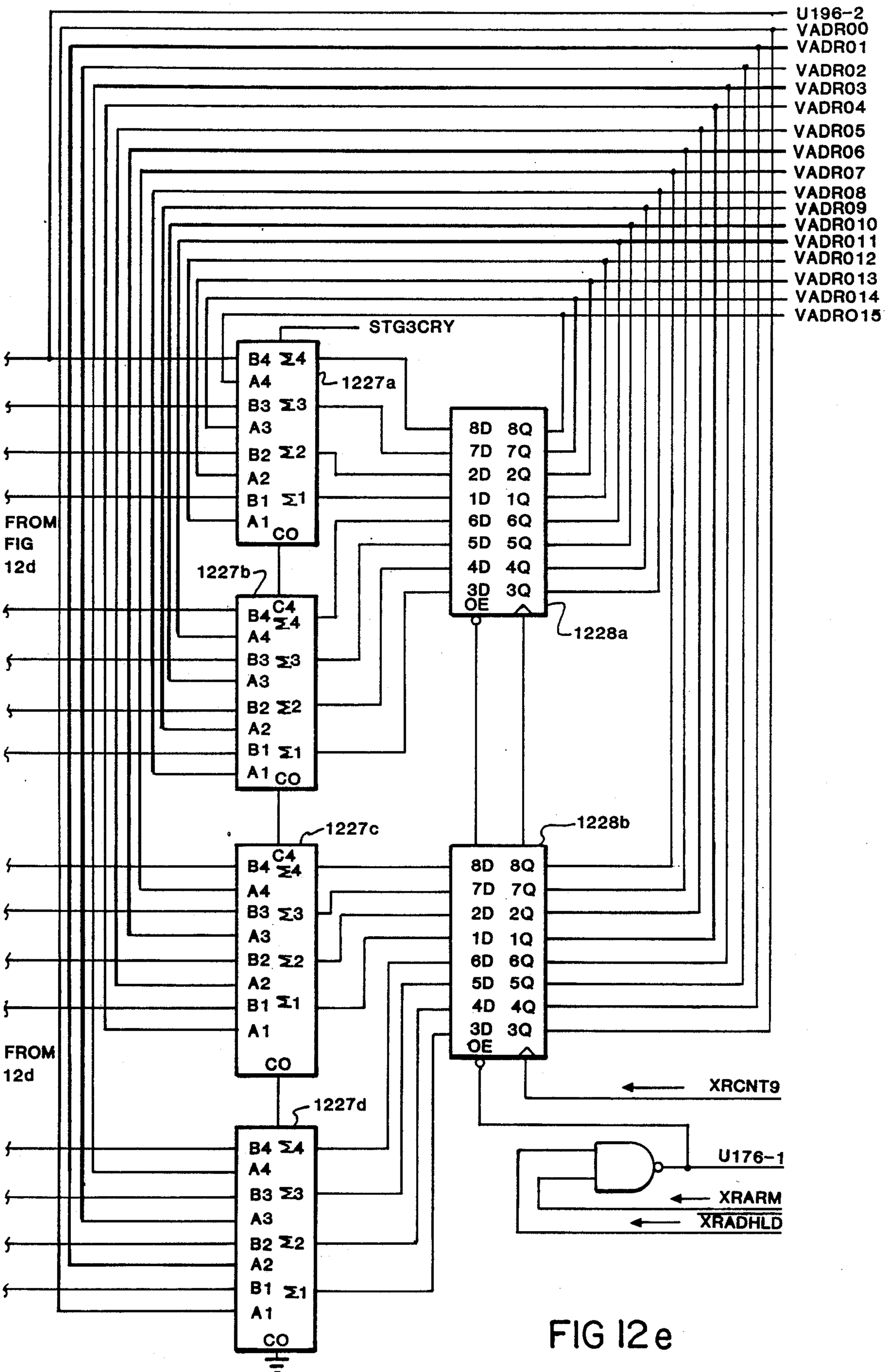

U196-2
VADR00
VADR01
VADR02
VADR03
VADR04
VADR05
VADR06
VADR07
VADR08
VADR09
VADR010
VADR011
VADR012
VADR013
VADR014
VADRO15
STG3CRY
B4 Σ4
A4
B3 Σ3
A3
B2 Σ2
A2
B1 Σ1
A1
CO
1227a
1227b
1227c
1227d
8D 8Q
7D 7Q
2D 2Q
1D 1Q
6D 6Q
5D 5Q
4D 4Q
3D 3Q
OE
1228a
1228b
C4
FROM FIG 12d
FROM 12d
XRCNT9
U176-1
XRARM
XRADHLD

FIG 12e

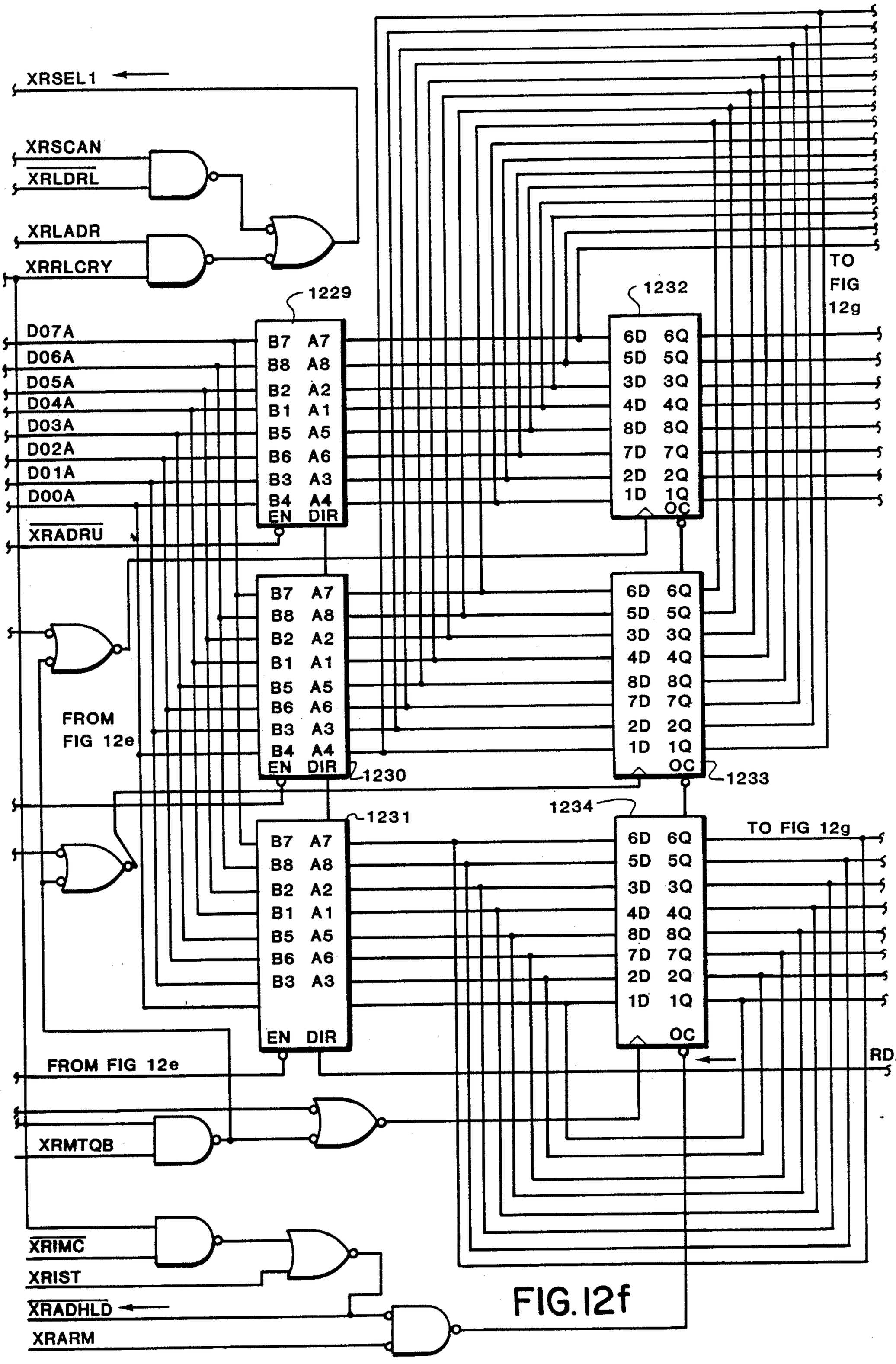

XRSEL1
XRSCAN
XRLDRL
XRLADR
XRRLCRY
1229
1232
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
XRADRU
B7 A7
B8 A8
B2 A2
B1 A1
B5 A5
B6 A6
B3 A3
B4 A4
EN DIR
6D 6Q
5D 5Q
3D 3Q
4D 4Q
8D 8Q
7D 7Q
2D 2Q
1D 1Q
OC
TO FIG 12g
FROM FIG 12e
1230
1231
1233
1234
TO FIG 12g
RDA
FROM FIG 12e
XRMTQB
XRIMC
XRIST
XRADHLD
XRARM

FIG. 12f

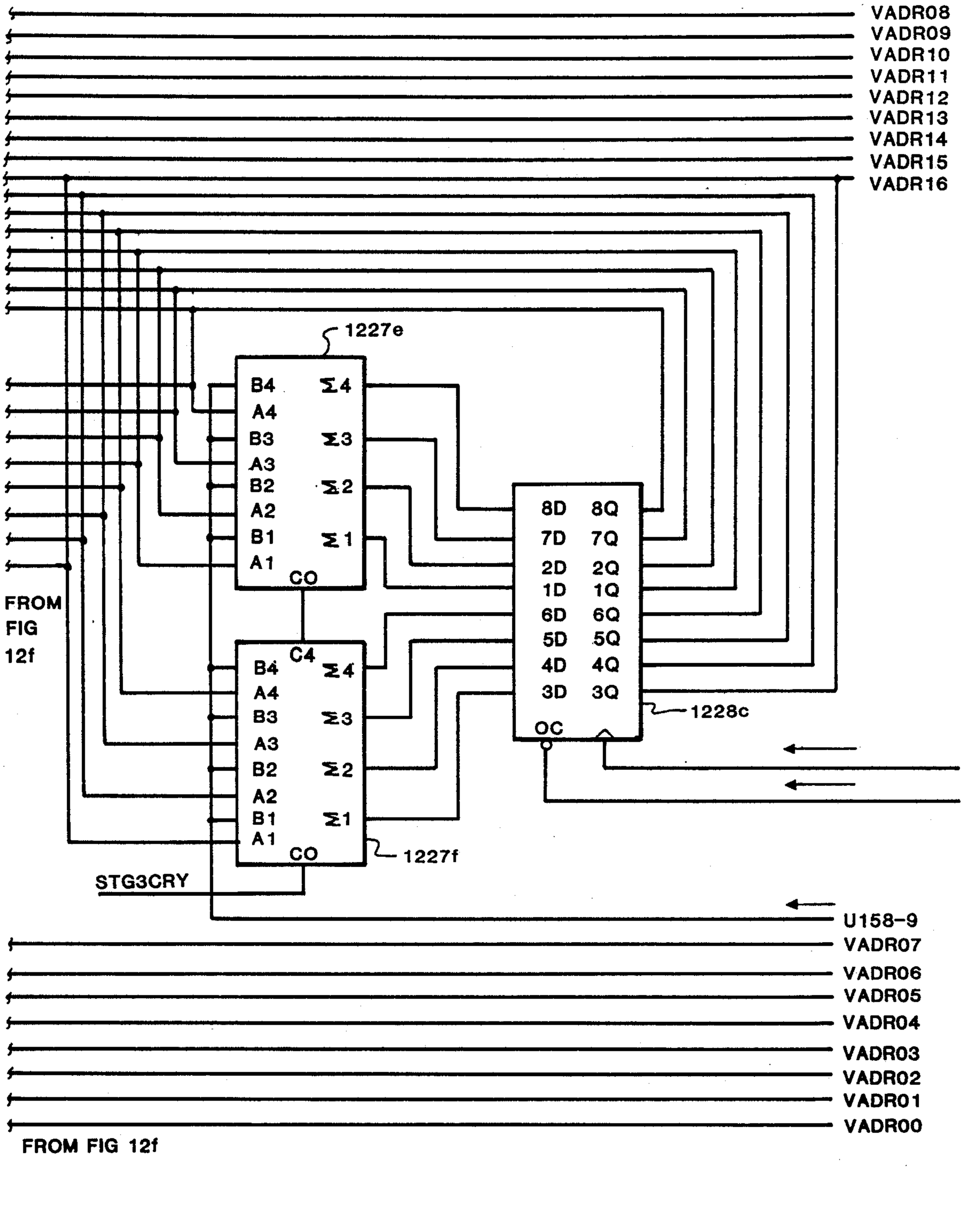

VADR08
VADR09
VADR10
VADR11
VADR12
VADR13
VADR14
VADR15
VADR16
1227e
B4
A4
B3
A3
B2
A2
B1
A1
Σ4
Σ3
Σ2
Σ1
CO
FROM FIG 12f
C4
8D
7D
2D
1D
6D
5D
4D
3D
8Q
7Q
2Q
1Q
6Q
5Q
4Q
3Q
OC
1228c
1227f
STG3CRY
U158-9
VADR07
VADR06
VADR05
VADR04
VADR03
VADR02
VADR01
VADR00
FROM FIG 12f

FIG 12g

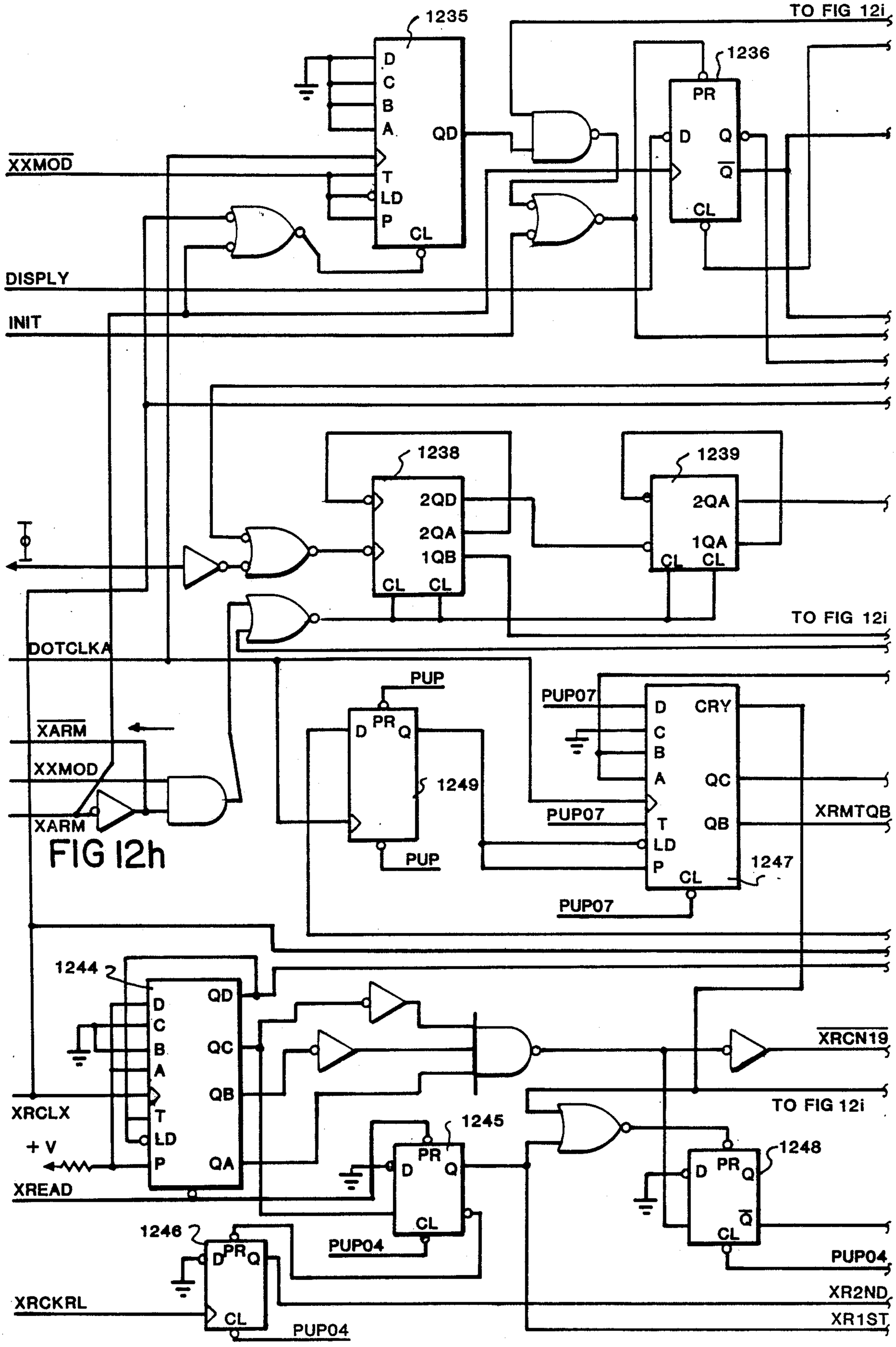

TO FIG 12i
1235
D
C
B
A
QD
T
LD
P
CL
1236
PR
D
Q
Q
CL
XXMOD
DISPLY
INIT
1238
2QD
2QA
1QB
CL CL
1239
2QA
1QA
CL CL
TO FIG 12i
DOTCLKA
PUP
D PR Q
PUP
1249
PUP07
D
C
B
A
T
LD
P
CRY
QC
QB
CL
1247
XRMTQB
PUP07
PUP07
XARM
XXMOD
XARM
1244
D
C
B
A
T
LD
P
QD
QC
QB
QA
XRCLX
+V
XREAD
1245
PR
D Q
CL
PUP04
1246
PR
D Q
CL
XRCKRL
PUP04
XRCN19
TO FIG 12i
1248
D PR Q
Q
CL
PUP04
XR2ND
XR1ST

FIG 12h

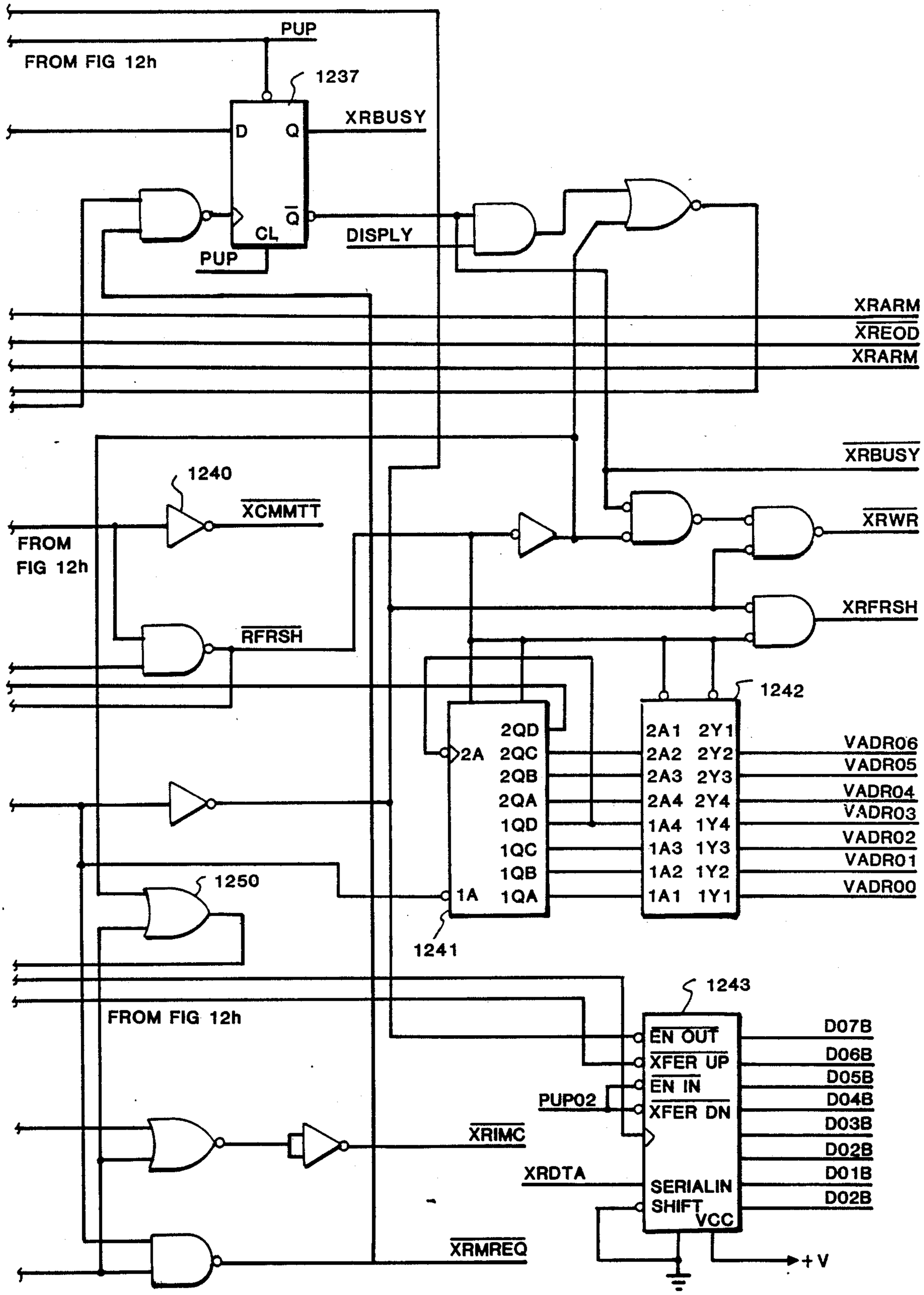

PUP
FROM FIG 12h
1237
D
Q
XRBUSY
CL
Q
DISPLY
PUP
XRARM
XREOD
XRARM
XRBUSY
1240
XCMMTT
FROM
FIG 12h
XRWR
RFRSH
XRFRSH
1242
2QD
2A
2QC
2QB
2QA
1QD
1QC
1QB
1A
1QA
2A1
2Y1
2A2
2Y2
2A3
2Y3
2A4
2Y4
1A4
1Y4
1A3
1Y3
1A2
1Y2
1A1
1Y1
VADR06
VADR05
VADR04
VADR03
VADR02
VADR01
VADR00
1250
1241
1243
FROM FIG 12h
EN OUT
XFER UP
EN IN
PUP02
XFER DN
D07B
D06B
D05B
D04B
D03B
D02B
D01B
D02B
XRIMC
XRDTA
SERIALIN
SHIFT
VCC
+V
XRMREQ
FROM FIG 12h

FIG.12i

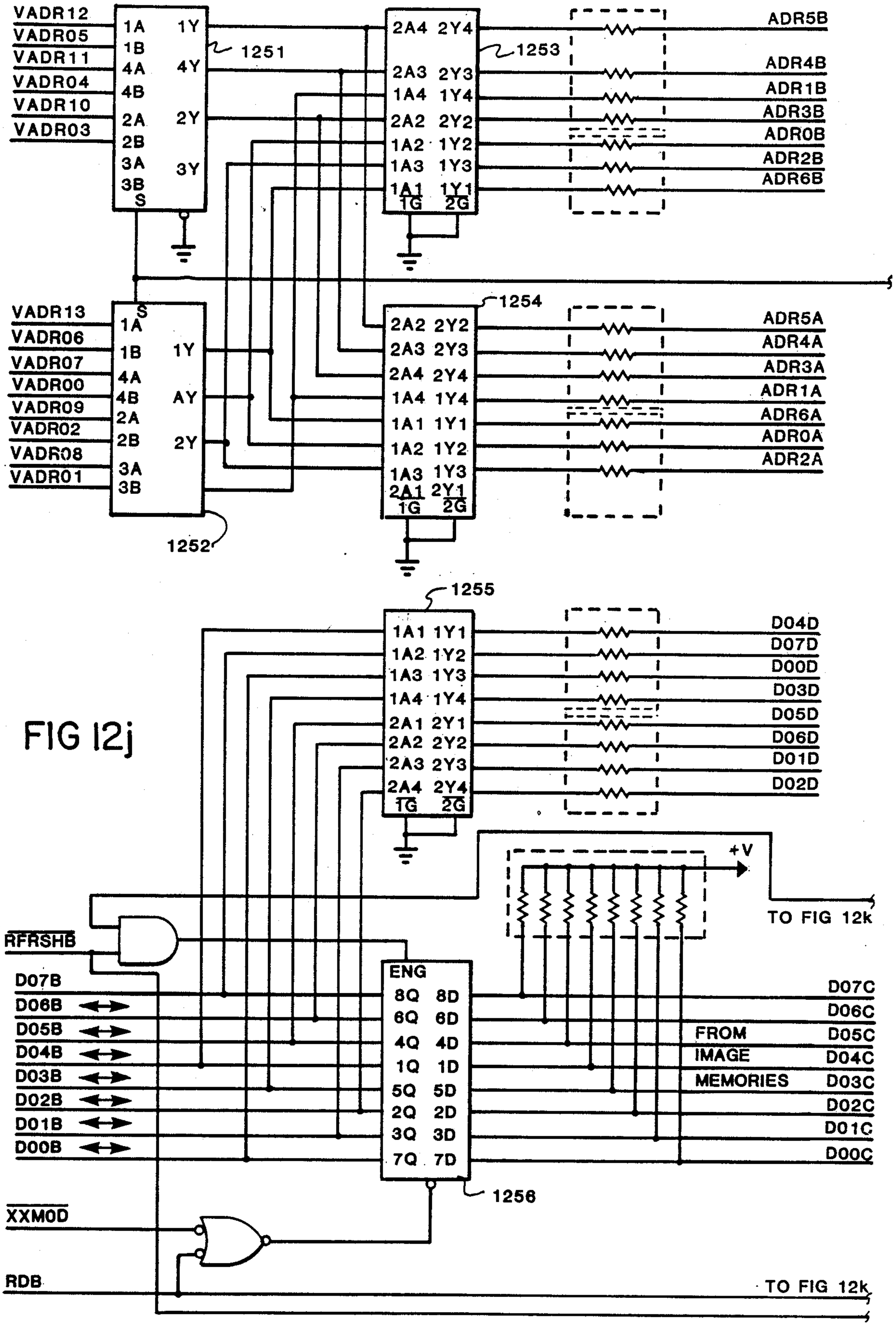
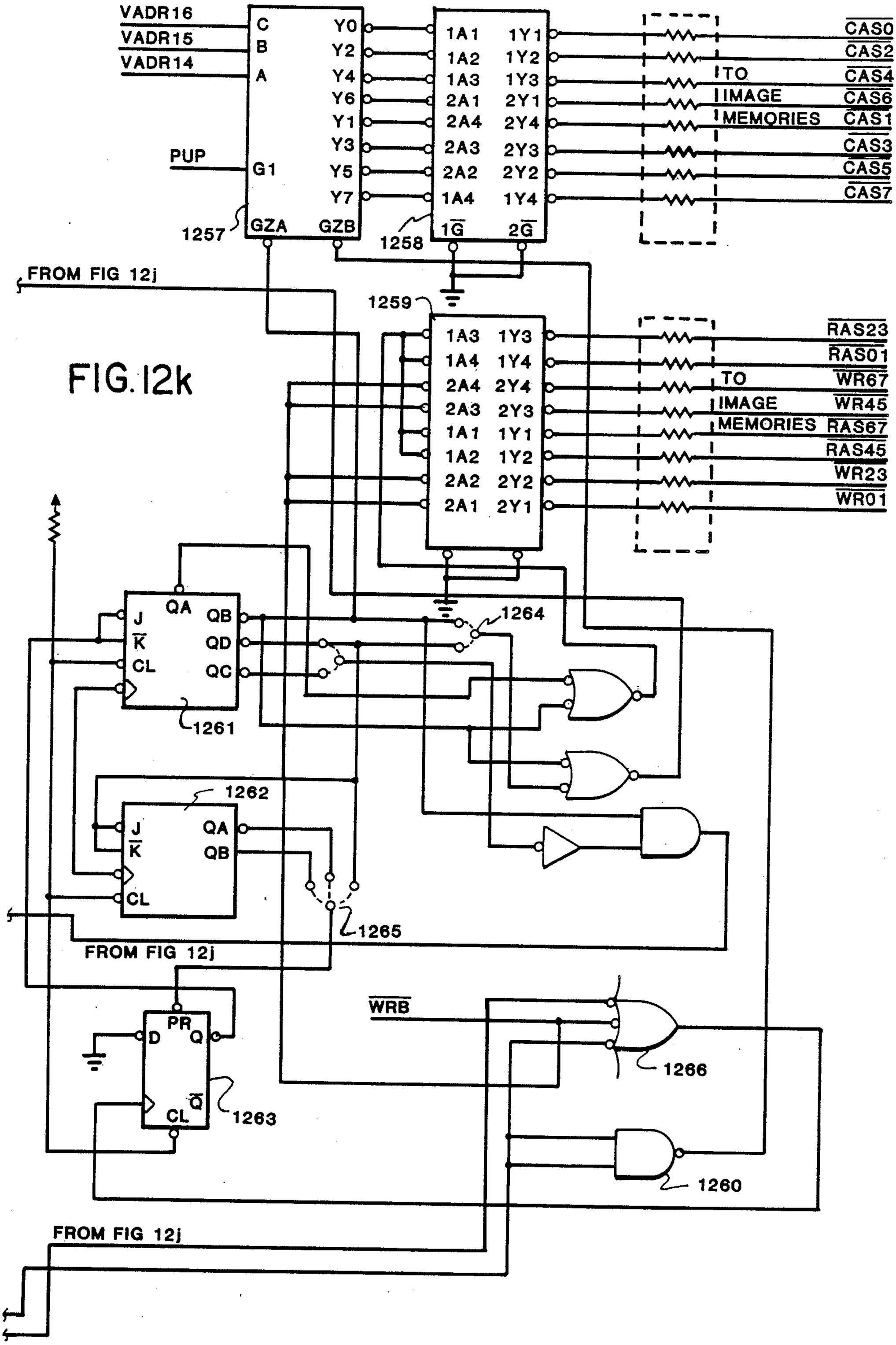

VADR12
VADR05
VADR11
VADR04
VADR10
VADR03
1A
1B
4A
4B
2A
2B
3A
3B
S
1Y
4Y
2Y
3Y
1251
2A4 2Y4
2A3 2Y3
1A4 1Y4
2A2 2Y2
1A2 1Y2
1A3 1Y3
1A1 1Y1
1G 2G
1253
ADR5B
ADR4B
ADR1B
ADR3B
ADR0B
ADR2B
ADR6B
VADR13
VADR06
VADR07
VADR00
VADR09
VADR02
VADR08
VADR01
1A
1B
4A
4B
2A
2B
3A
3B
S
1Y
AY
2Y
1252
1254
2A2 2Y2
2A3 2Y3
2A4 2Y4
1A4 1Y4
1A1 1Y1
1A2 1Y2
1A3 1Y3
2A1 2Y1
1G 2G
ADR5A
ADR4A
ADR3A
ADR1A
ADR6A
ADR0A
ADR2A
1255
1A1 1Y1
1A2 1Y2
1A3 1Y3
1A4 1Y4
2A1 2Y1
2A2 2Y2
2A3 2Y3
2A4 2Y4
1G 2G
D04D
D07D
D00D
D03D
D05D
D06D
D01D
D02D
+V
TO FIG 12k
RFRSHB
D07B
D06B
D05B
D04B
D03B
D02B
D01B
D00B
ENG
8Q 8D
6Q 6D
4Q 4D
1Q 1D
5Q 5D
2Q 2D
3Q 3D
7Q 7D
D07C
D06C
D05C
D04C
D03C
D02C
D01C
D00C
FROM IMAGE MEMORIES
1256
XXMOD
RDB
TO FIG 12k

FIG 12j

FIG. 12k


VADR16
VADR15
VADR14
C
B
A
PUP
G1
GZA
GZB
Y0
Y2
Y4
Y6
Y1
Y3
Y5
Y7
1257
1258
1A1 1Y1
1A2 1Y2
1A3 1Y3
2A1 2Y1
2A4 2Y4
2A3 2Y3
2A2 2Y2
1A4 1Y4
1G
2G
TO IMAGE MEMORIES
CAS0
CAS2
CAS4
CAS6
CAS1
CAS3
CAS5
CAS7
FROM FIG 12j
1259
1A3 1Y3
1A4 1Y4
2A4 2Y4
2A3 2Y3
1A1 1Y1
1A2 1Y2
2A2 2Y2
2A1 2Y1
TO IMAGE MEMORIES
RAS23
RAS01
WR67
WR45
RAS67
RAS45
WR23
WR01
QA
QB
QD
QC
J
K
CL
1261
1264
1262
QA
QB
J
K
CL
1265
FROM FIG 12j
PR
D
Q
Q
CL
1263
WRB
1266
1260
FROM FIG 12j

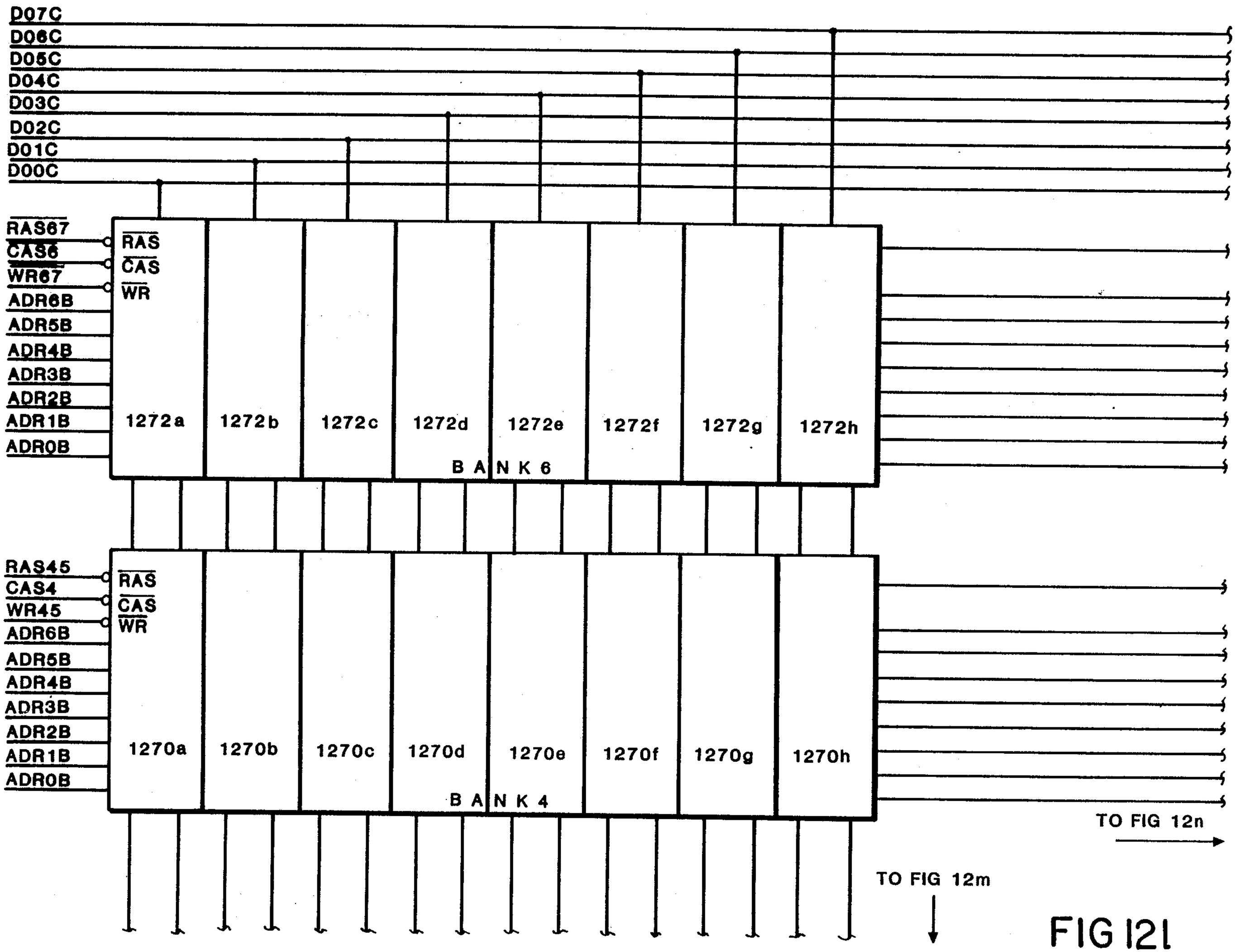

D07C
D06C
D05C
D04C
D03C
D02C
D01C
D00C
TO FIG 12n
RAS67
CAS6
WR67
ADR6B
ADR5B
ADR4B
ADR3B
ADR2B
ADR1B
ADR0B
RAS
CAS
WR
1272a
1272b
1272c
1272d
1272e
1272f
1272g
1272h
BANK 6
RAS45
CAS4
WR45
ADR6B
ADR5B
ADR4B
ADR3B
ADR2B
ADR1B
ADR0B
RAS
CAS
WR
1270a
1270b
1270c
1270d
1270e
1270f
1270g
1270h
BANK 4
TO FIG 12n
TO FIG 12m

FIG 12I

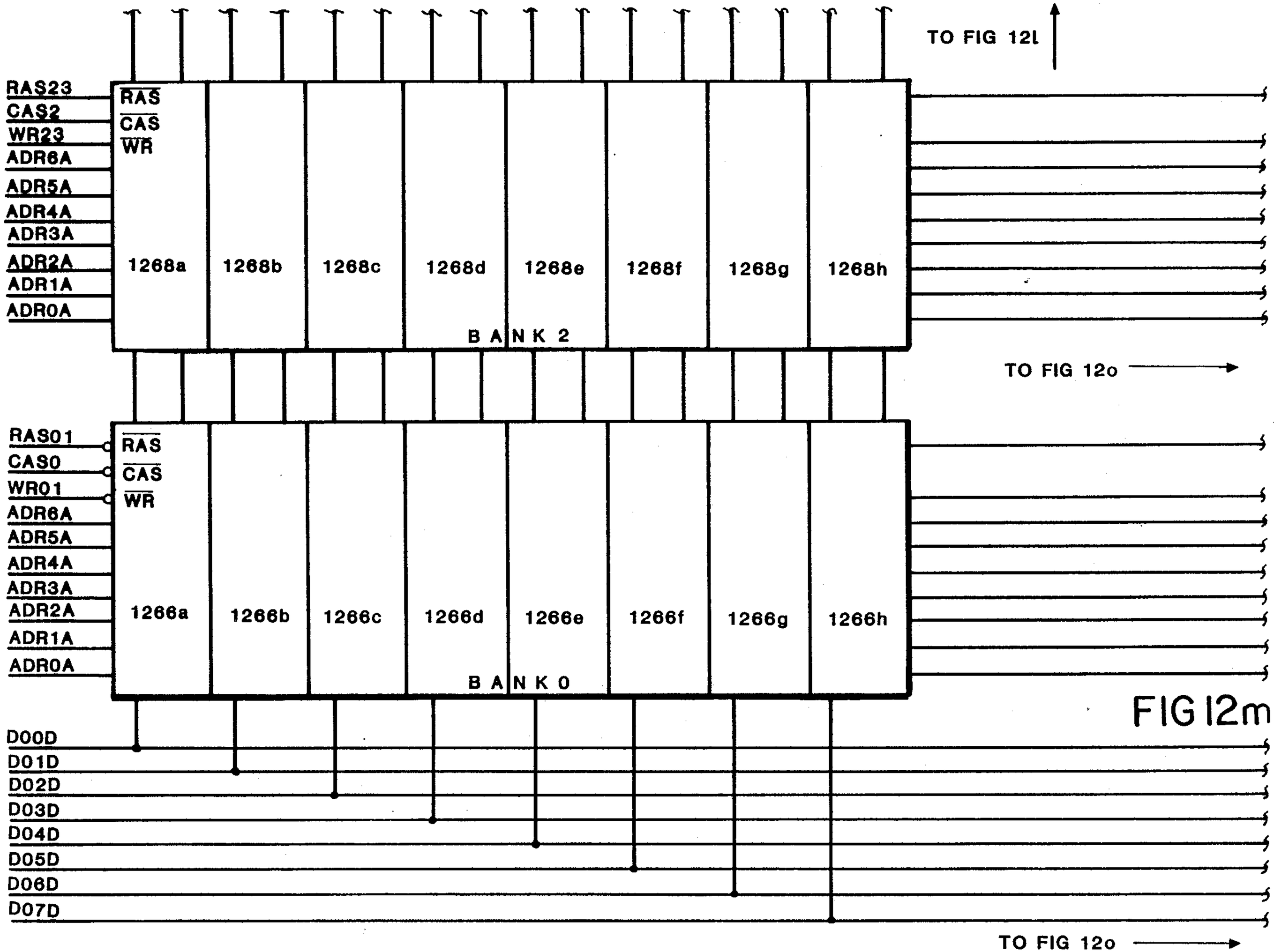

TO FIG 12l
RAS23
CAS2
WR23
ADR6A
ADR5A
ADR4A
ADR3A
ADR2A
ADR1A
ADR0A
RAS
CAS
WR
1268a
1268b
1268c
1268d
1268e
1268f
1268g
1268h
BANK 2
TO FIG 12o
RAS01
CAS0
WR01
ADR6A
ADR5A
ADR4A
ADR3A
ADR2A
ADR1A
ADR0A
RAS
CAS
WR
1266a
1266b
1266c
1266d
1266e
1266f
1266g
1266h
BANK 0
D00D
D01D
D02D
D03D
D04D
D05D
D06D
D07D
TO FIG 12o

FIG 12m

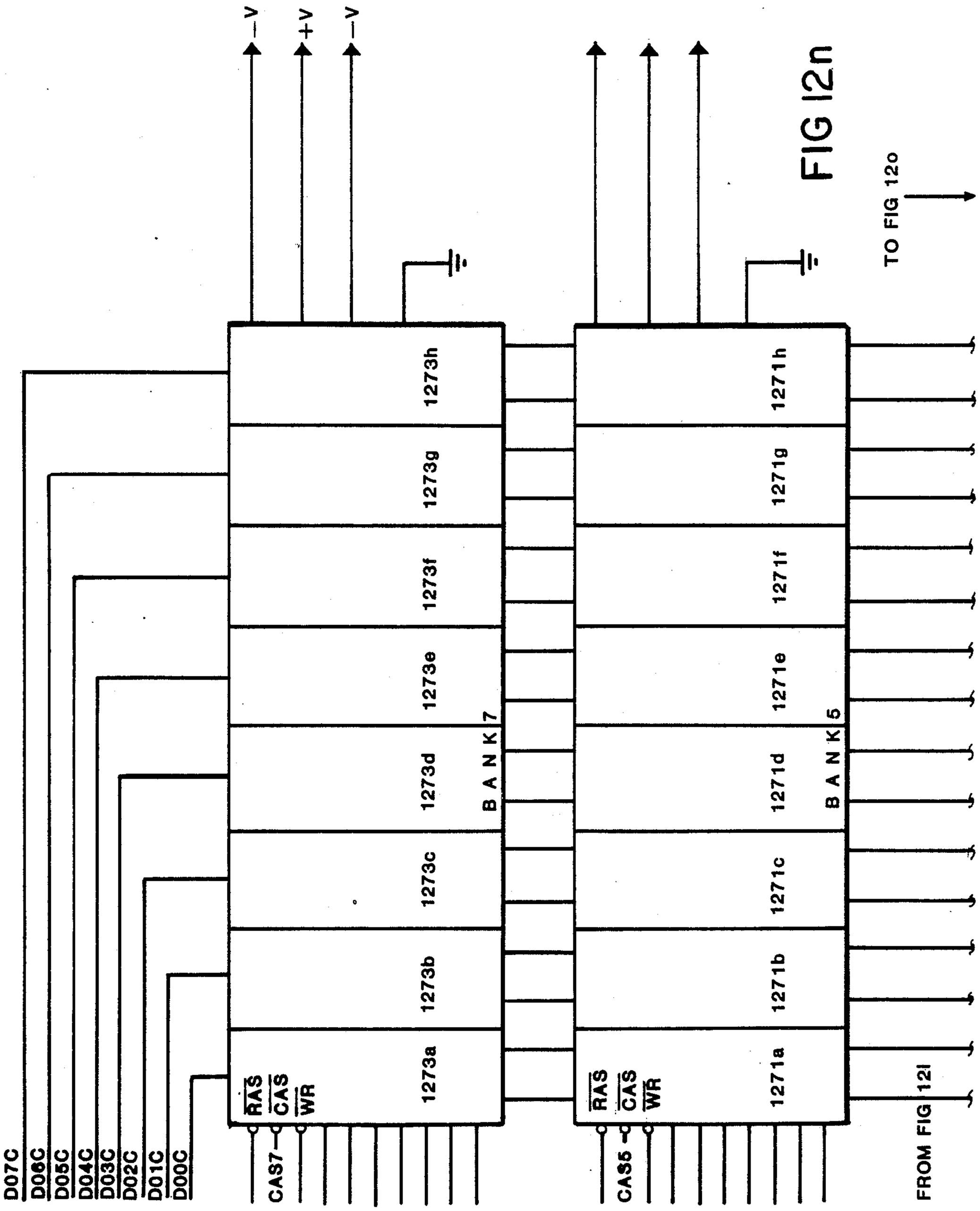


FIG 12n
TO FIG 12o
FROM FIG 12l
-V
+V
-V
1273h
1273g
1273f
1273e
1273d
1273c
1273b
1273a
1271h
1271g
1271f
1271e
1271d
1271c
1271b
1271a
BANK 7
BANK 5
RAS
CAS
WR
CAS7
CAS5
D07C
D06C
D05C
D04C
D03C
D02C
D01C
D00C

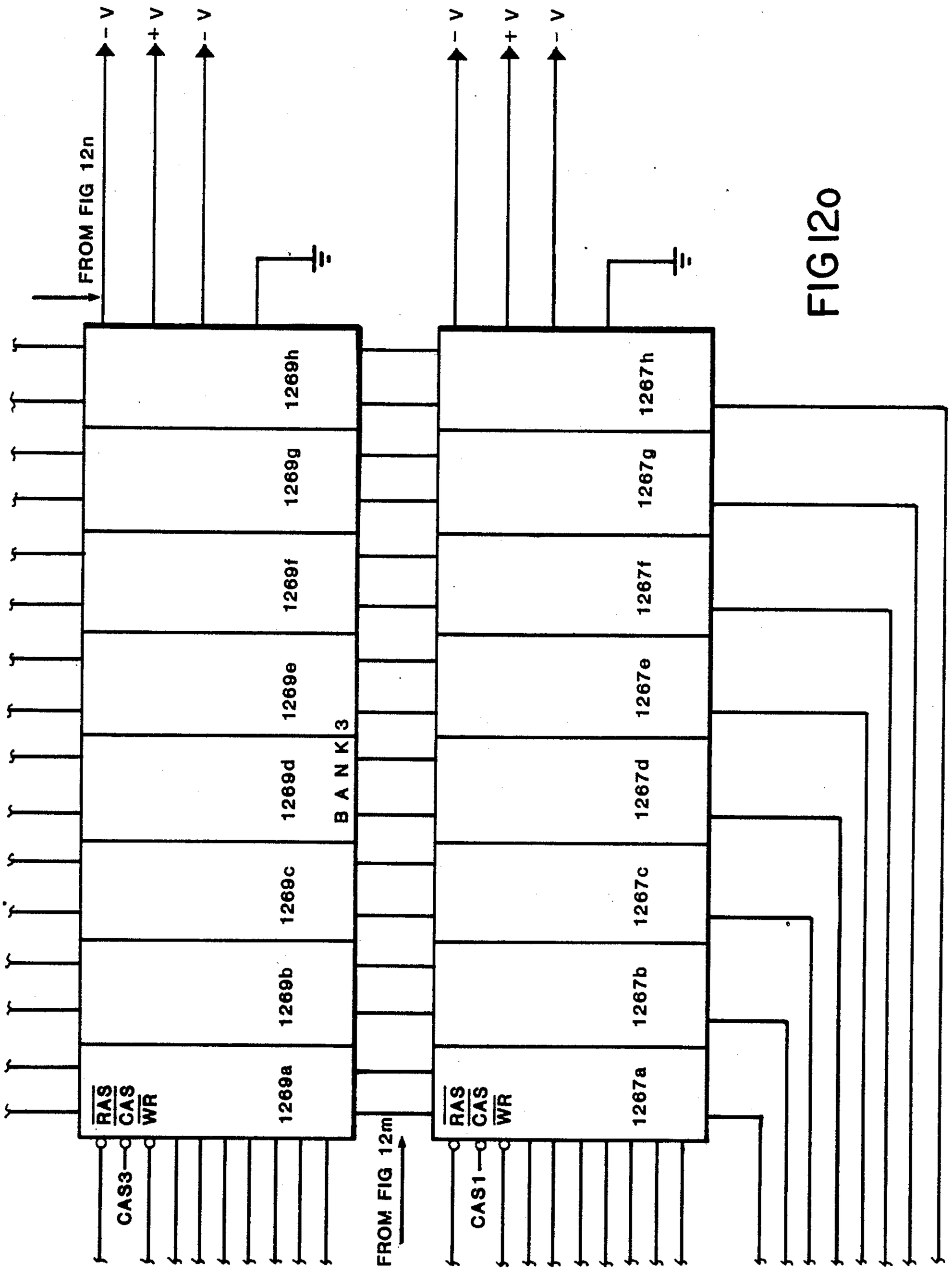

FROM FIG 12n
1269h
1269g
1269f
1269e
1269d
1269c
1269b
1269a
BANK 3
RAS
CAS
WR
CAS3
FROM FIG 12m
1267h
1267g
1267f
1267e
1267d
1267c
1267b
1267a
CAS1

FIG 12o

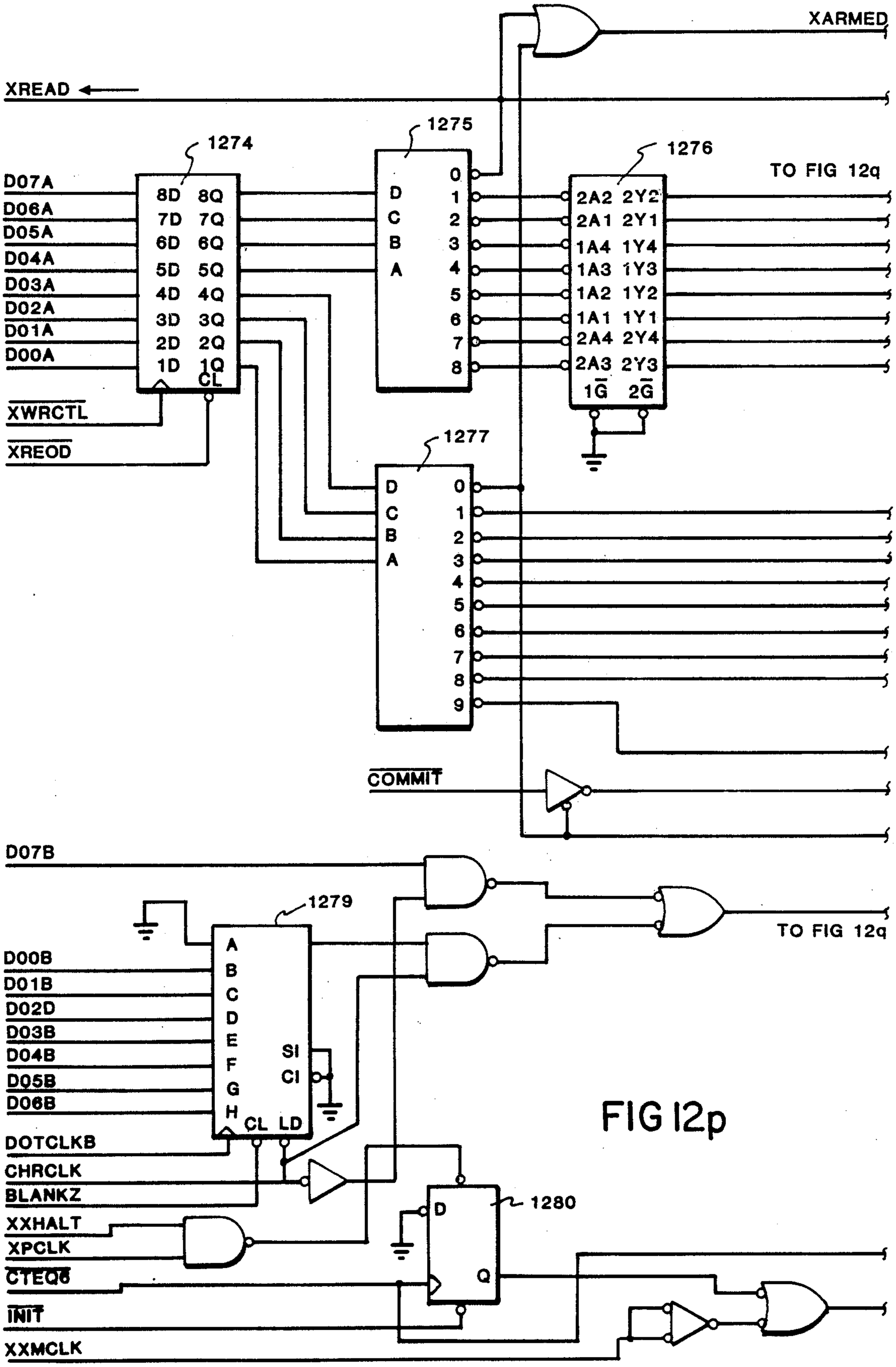

XARMED
XREAD
1274
1275
1276
TO FIG 12q
D07A
D06A
D05A
D04A
D03A
D02A
D01A
D00A
8D 8Q
7D 7Q
6D 6Q
5D 5Q
4D 4Q
3D 3Q
2D 2Q
1D 1Q
CL
XWRCTL
XREOD
D C B A
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2A2 2Y2
2A1 2Y1
1A4 1Y4
1A3 1Y3
1A2 1Y2
1A1 1Y1
2A4 2Y4
2A3 2Y3
1G 2G
1277
D C B A
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
COMMIT
D07B
1279
TO FIG 12q
D00B
D01B
D02D
D03B
D04B
D05B
D06B
A B C D E F G H
SI
CI
CL LD
DOTCLKB
CHRCLK
BLANKZ
XXHALT
XPCLK
CTEQ6
INIT
XXMCLK
1280
D
Q

FIG 12p

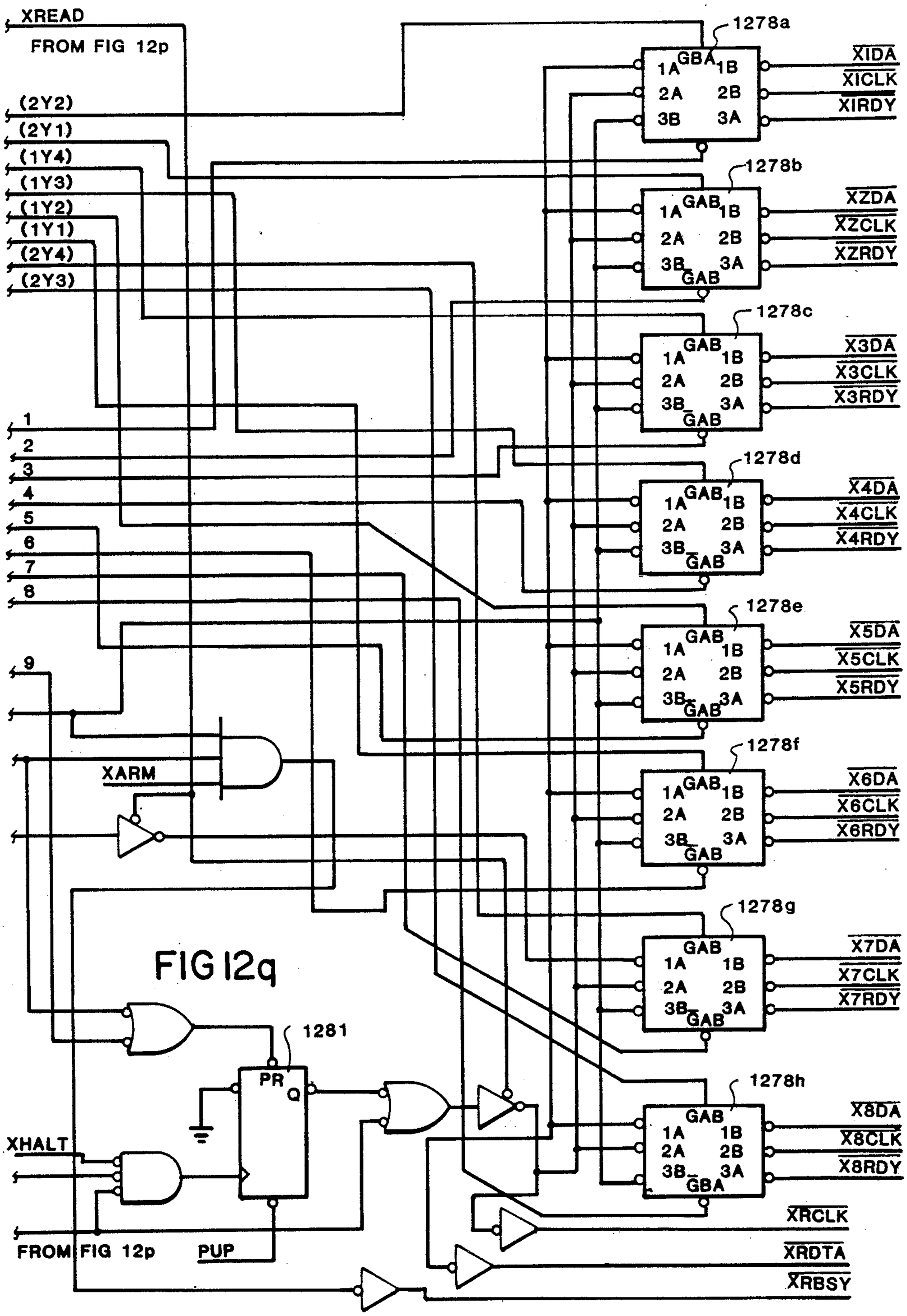

XREAD
FROM FIG 12p
(2Y2)
(2Y1)
(1Y4)
(1Y3)
(1Y2)
(1Y1)
(2Y4)
(2Y3)
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
XARM
XHALT
FROM FIG 12p
PUP
1281
PR
Q
1278a
1278b
1278c
1278d
1278e
1278f
1278g
1278h
GBA
GAB
1A
1B
2A
2B
3B
3A
XIDA
XICLK
XIRDY
XZDA
XZCLK
XZRDY
X3DA
X3CLK
X3RDY
X4DA
X4CLK
X4RDY
X5DA
X5CLK
X5RDY
X6DA
X6CLK
X6RDY
X7DA
X7CLK
X7RDY
X8DA
X8CLK
X8RDY
XRCLK
XRDTA
XRBSY

FIG 12q

HIGH SPEED DOCUMENT ENCODING SYSTEM

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [ ] appears in the original patent but forms no part of this reissue specification; matter printed in italics indicates the additions made by reissue.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to document encoders in general and in particular to document encoders capable of encoding a continuously moving document.

Document encoders which are well known in the art typically fall into two general categories. The first category of encoders includes those encoders which utilize a step function to position the document to be encoded at a particular point. Such encoders function in a manner typically associated with typewriters or other mechanical printers and are not generally compatible with high speed document processors.

A second category of document encoders which is capable of encoding continuously moving douments is nonetheless incompatible with modern financial document processors. The second category of encoders includes laser printers and ink jet printers. While these two types of encoders are capable of encoding a moving document, the magnetic ink required for use with financial documents such as checks is incompatible with current ink jet technology.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide an improved document encoder.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an improved document encoder that is capable of encoding continuously moving documents.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide an improved document encoder that is capable of encoding continuously moving documents utilizing magnetic ink.

The foregoing objects are achieved as is now described. Documents are transported between a plurality of fixed dies and a plurality of electronically controlled hammers. A magnetic ink bearing ribbon is interposed between the documents and the fixed dies and is transported at the same velocity as the documents. As the documents traverse the plurality of fixed dies, the electronically controlled hammers are cycled, in a selected sequence and at selected positions. In those applications in which the cycle time of the electronically controlled hammer is too slow to allow identical encoding in adjacent positions, a second plurality of fixed dies and associated electronically controlled hammers may be located adjacent to the first plurality or interspersed among the first plurality of fixed dies.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The novel features believed characteristic of the invention are set forth in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, as well as a preferred mode of use, further objects and advantages thereof, will best be understood by reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIGS. **1**a and **1**b form a general block diagram of the document processing system of the present invention;

FIG. **2** depicts a diagrammatic view of the document transport of the document processing system of the present invention;

FIG. **3**a depicts a block diagram of the encoder of the document processing system of the present invention;

FIG. **3**b depicts a diagrammatic view of the encoder of the document processing system of the present invention;

FIG. **4** depicts a diagrammatic view of the endorser of the document processing system of the present invention;

FIG. **5** depicts a diagrammatic view of the camera system of the document processor of the present invention;

FIGS. **6**a–**6**i depict a schematic view of the components of the camera buffer and interface circuitry of the document processor of the present invention;

FIGS. **7**a–**7**o and FIGS. **8**a–**8**o depict a schematic view of the components of the data compression system of the document processor of the present invention;

FIGS. **9**a–**9**b depict a block diagram of the major components of the data expansion system of the document processor of the present invention;

FIG. **10** depicts a detailed block diagram of the video terminal subsystem of the document processor of the present invention; and

FIGS. **11**a–**11**o and FIGS. **12**a–**12**q depict a schematic view of the video formatter of the document processor of the present invention.

GENERAL SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Referring to FIGS. **1**a and **1**b, there is depicted a general block diagram of the various subsystems comprising the document processing system which embodies the present invention.

The document processing system is controlled by digital computer **100**. Digital computer **100** coordinates the storage and retrieval of digitized document images and associated data which are stored, in the disclosed embodiment, in magnetic disk storage. Disk controller **102** controls the actual access of digitized document images via disk drives **104**, **106**, and **108**. Additional data, accounting information or program data may be accessed by digital computer **100** through tape controller **110** which controls magnetic tape drives **112** and **114**. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that disk controller **102** and tape controller **110** may control an increased or decreased number of disk or tape drives, as a matter of design choice. Digital computer **100** may selectively access either magnetic disk storage or magnetic tape storage through channel selector **116**.

Digital computer **100**, in the embodiment disclosed, interfaces with a local operator via the computer I/O bus and printer interface **118**. Printer interface **118** controls line printer **120**. In alternate modes of operation wherein remote communication with digital computer **100** is desired, a modem and appropriate interface circuitry may be utilized.

Digital computer **100** also controls the operation of laser printer subsystem **124**, through laser printer interface **122**. Laser printer subsystem **124** is utilized to provide hard copy of selected digital images and may be utilized to generate account statements, billing statements, or other correspondence comprising any combination of alphanumeric characters and images. The operation of laser subsystem **124** is described in greater detail herein.

Video terminal subsystem **136** is utilized in the document processing system of the present invention to provide a real time, controllable video display of selected documents and alphanumeric information. The display is utilized to facilitate processing of information on each document. Digital computer **100** controls the operation of video terminal subsystem **136** through buffer interface **144** and synchronous data link control master **146**. A plurality of video display terminals may be utilized with each SDLC master, in a manner which will be explained in detail below.

High speed transport subsystem **148** is utilized to transport individual documents through image capture stations, machine readers, encoders and sorters. A plurality of high speed transports may be utilized within each document processing system, thereby increasing the capacity of an individual system. High speed transport system **148** is controlled utilizing buffer interface **156** and synchronous data link control master **158**. High speed transport system **148** will be explained in greater detail with respect to FIG. **2**.

Digital image data obtained from the digital camera or cameras installed in each high speed transport is transferred to camera interface **160**. Camera interface **160** is described in detail with reference to FIGS. **6**a through **6**i and is utilized to couple the image data to digital image compactor **162**. Digital image compactor **162** is utilized to remove any redundancies contained in a selected image and to encode the remaining data. In addition to the specific algorithm taught in the disclosed embodiment, the document processing system of the present invention will function with other known data compaction algorithms, such as, for example, the CCITT standard algorithm. The thus compacted digital image will require substantially less storage space in the document processing system. The compacted image data may be transferred to storage via multiplexed direct memory access **164** and multiplexed direct memory access **166**. Two direct memory systems are utilized in order to provide compatible interfaces between the local X bus and the direct memory addess interface bus of digital computer **100**.

Retrieval and display of a compacted digital image may take place in several ways. A compacted image is transferred to the local X bus via direct memory access **164** and direct memory access **166**. The compacted image is applied to digital image expander **168**. The redundancies present in the original image are restored and the subsequent image is transferred via X bus distributor **170** or X bus distributor **172** to either laser printer subsystem **124** or video terminal subsystem **136** for reproduction of a hard copy or an electronic image.

DIGITAL COMPUTER

The document processing system of the preferred embodiment of the present invention utilizes a digital computer **100**, FIG. **1**, to control the operation of the system and coordinate the storage and retrieval of document images. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, digital computer **100** was actually constructed utilizing a Series 3200 minicomputer, manufactured by the Perkin-Elmer Computer Systems Division of Oceanport, N.J.

The Model 3242 minicomputer utilizes 32-bit architecture and a 32-bit operating system. The main memory storage, in the embodiment disclosed, contains 1536 kilobytes of 150 nanosecond MOS memory. Supplementing the computer's main memory store are disc

drives **104**, **106** and **108**, FIG. **1**, Model 9775 manufactured by Control Data Corporation of Minneapolis, Minn., and tape drives **112** and **114**, FIG. **1**, Model TPAC 4516, manufactured by Perkin-Elmer of Oceanport, N.J.

Digital computer **100** also includes a rechargeable battery backup system (not shown) to sustain the main memory in the event of a power failure. The preferred embodiment of digital computer **100** utilizes a battery rated at 320 megabyte-minutes, which is capable of maintaining the memory integrity of 16 megabytes for twenty minutes.

DOCUMENT TRANSPORT

Referring now to FIG. **2**, there is depicted a diagrammatic plan view of document transport **200**. Document transport **200**, in a preferred embodiment, is a specially built transport which may be modified to include additional equipment or to exclude undesired capabilities. The transport constructed and depicted in FIG. **2** utilizes high speed endless belts which are driven by pinch rollers in the manner well known in the art. The pinch rollers are driven by synchronous AC motors at a nominal speed of 52 inches per second in the disclosed embodiment. Sections of the transport may be driven at different speeds in a manner described below.

Documents are loaded into document transport **200** by means of document hopper **202**. Single documents are loaded from document hopper **202** via feed drum **204**. The documents are then passed along document transport **200** between rollers and the endless belts (not shown).

The first section of document transport **200**, reader section **206**, includes an optical character reader **208** and a magnetic ink character reader **210**. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that a single model optical reader, such as the 30–250 ips read head manufactured by Input Business Machines, Incorporated of Rockville, Md., can function as either on OCR reader or may be utilized to optically read MICR characters with appropriate control electronics. OCR reader **208** may be utilized in the applications wherein the amount field or other information is printed in an OCR format.

The next section of document transport **200** is encoder section **212**. Encoder section **212** includes hammer bank assembly **214** and die and ribbon assembly **216** and is utilized to encode selected documents with selectable indicia, while the document is traversing document transport **200**. The operation of the encoder section will be explained in greater detail with reference to FIG. **3**.

Section **218** of document transport **200** is the endorser section. Endorser section **218** contains ink jet printers **220** and **222** and endorser **224**. Ink jet printers **220** and **222** are standard state of the art ink jet printers that may be utilized, in the disclosed embodiment, to print selected indicia upon each document which passes through document transport **200**. The selected indicia may be utilized to assist in audit trail functions or in any other function desired. Endorser **224** is utilized to endorse documents such as checks. The structure and operation of endorser **224** will be explained in greater detail with respect to FIG. **4**.

The next section in document transport **200**, through which each document is transported is camera section **226**. Camera section **226** contains, in the embodiment disclosed, two digital video cameras, **228** and **234** and two illumination sources, **230** and **232**. Each document

which passes through camera section **226** is scanned on both sides utilizing video cameras **228** and **234**. The operation of camera section **226** is explained below with reference to FIGS. **5** and **6**.

The penultimate section of document transport **200**, microfilm section **236**, contains a microprocessor controlled microfilm recorder **238**. Microfilm recorder **238** is described in greater detail below, and is utilized to provide hard copy of selected documents which have been processed by the system of this invention. Microfilm recorder **238** is capable of accurately recording documents traveling at greater rates of speed than that present in earlier sections of document transport **200**, and as a consequence, the transport speed is increased in microfilm section **236** to a nominal speed of 100 inches per second. This transition is accomplished by utilizing a slipping drive at the interface between microfilm section **236** and camera section **226**. Thus, while a portion of a document is still traveling at a nominal speed of 52 inches per second in camera section **226**, the slipping drive (not shown) in microfilm section **236** allows the document to slip until fully released.

The final section of document transport **200** is stacker section **240**. Stacker section **240**, in any manner well known in the art, sorts the documents processed through document transport **200** into one of several pockets. The number of pockets is, of course a design choice wholly dependent upon the application desired.

As those skilled in the art will appreciate, the modularity of design employed in document transport **200** will allow great flexibility in many applications. Whole sections of document transport **200** may be deleted or rearranged to permit a wide variety of custom applications. Further, the number and type of devices within each module may be increased or decreased as a matter of design choice.

ENCODER

With reference now to FIG. **3a**, there is depicted a schematic view of encoder **300** of the present invention. An important feature of the present invention is an ability to encode continuously moving documents. In known document processing systems document encoding proves to be the major bottleneck to high speed processing. Typical solutions have included a separate slower portion of the document processor in which a document is stepped through an encoder, or a separate off-line encoder. Document encoder **300** is capable of encoding documents which are continuously moving at the rate of the document processing system of the present invention.

Document encoder **300** utilizes, in the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, two identical electromagnetic hammer banks, hammer bank **302** and hammer bank **304**. It will be apparent, however, upon reference to the foregoing explanation, that a fewer or greater number of hammer banks may be utilized in systems wherein slower or faster transport speeds are desired. Hammer banks **302** and **304** are electromagnetic hammers such as part no. CCE-05-306 manufactured by Dataproducts, Woodland Hills, Calif. Each hammer bank is controlled by a hammer driver. In the disclosed embodiment, hammer driver **306** controls hammer bank **302** and hammer driver **308** controls hammer bank **304**. Hammer power supply **310** provides operating power for all hammer drivers and hammer banks.

Positioned opposite each hammer bank is an appropriately encoded die. The selection of characters utilized in a particular application is strictly a design choice and may include OCR characters, MICR characters or any other desired character pattern. The illustrated embodiment includes two substantially identical die sets, die set **312** and die set **314**. However, as a matter of design choice, a single die set may be utilized. Also included in the illustrated embodiment is microprocessor control **316**, which provides control signals to hammer drivers **306** and **308** in response to signals from optical sensor **318**. Optical sensor **318** is utilized to detect the presence of a document along document path **320**. Ribbon mechanism **322** is also depicted in FIG. **3a**, and will be explained in greater detail with reference to FIG. **3b**.

FIG. **3b** depicts a partially diagrammatic view of the major components of document encoder **300**. As explained above, hammer banks **302** and **304** selectively strike portions of die sets **312** and **314**, upon receipt of control signals generated by a microprocessor control **316** (see FIG. **3a**), in conjunction with an item presence signal generated by optical sensor **318**.

Ribbon mechanism **322** (FIG. **3a**) is shown in greater detail in FIG. **3b** and includes a ribbon supply reel **324**, ribbon takeup reel **326**, ribbon tensioning arms **330** and **332** and ribbon capstan **338**. Ribbon supply reel **324** provides a fresh supply of magnetic ink ribbon **340**. Such magnetic ink ribbons are typically single strike ribbons, that is to say the magnetic ink associated with each character is totally removed from the ribbon during the printing of that character and further attempts to print utilizing the same section of ribbon **340** will result in invalid magnetic signatures. Therefore, it is necessary to advance magnetic ink ribbon **340** after each character is printed, and it is advantageous, from an economy standpoint, to advance ribbon **340** only while a document is present in encoder **300**. This is accomplished utilizing ribbon capstan **338** which is electronically controlled by microprocessor control **316** during those periods when a document is detected by optical sensor **318**. For reasons which will be explained below, ribbon **340** is driven by ribbon capstan **338** at the same speed as documents on the transport. The rapid acceleration of ribbon **340** to transport speed is accomplished without damage to ribbon **340** utilizing ribbon tensioning arms **330** and **332**. Ribbon tensioning arms **330** and **332** are pivotally mounted at point **342** and resiliently biased utilizing springs **334** and **336**. A rapid acceleration of ribbon **340** is then absorbed by ribbon tensioning arms **330** and **332** until ribbon supply reel **324** and ribbon takeup reel **326** can compensate.

In operation, encoder **300** utilizes two character sets to compensate for the duty cycle of the hammer bank utilized. Each individual hammer within hammer banks **306** and **308** has a duty cycle of approximately 0.004 seconds. Document encoding standards for MICR require individual characters to be encoded approximately one-eighth inch apart, or one-tenth inch spacing for OCR. At a nominal transport speed of 52 inches per second, a document will travel one-eighth inch in approximately 0.0024 seconds. It should therefore be apparent that with a duty cycle of 0.004 seconds, a single hammer and die combination will be unable to repetitively strike a single character at one-eighth inch intervals. Thus, the use of multiple hammers and substantially identical character sets will allow full encoding at the present duty cycle. Consider a possible worse case

analysis, a desired encoding of eight consecutive identical characters. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that a single hammer and die will be able to encode alternate digit positions at the stated speed of operation. The second group of hammers and characters allows encoder **300** to fill in the missing digits. More specifically, hammer bank **306** and die set **312** may encode the odd digit positions in a desired field, and hammer bank **308** and die set **314** may encode the even digit positions. Thus, it should be apparent that increased or decreased transport speeds may be accommodated by utilizing a greater or fewer number of hammer banks and die sets, without requiring a faster duty cycle for individual hammers. It should also be apparent that since certain portions of a particular digit field may be encoded by one hammer bank while other positions may be encoded by a second hammer bank, it will be advantageous to maintain ribbon **340** at the same speed as the documents passing through encoder **300**. By so doing, the used portion of ribbon **340** associated with a particular character will maintain its relative position directly above that particular character on the document.

ENDORSER

Referring now to FIG. **4**, a cutaway view of the major components of endorser mechanism **400** is depicted. A section of a document **402** is shown on document path **404**. The belt drive mechanism which transports document **402** along document path **404** is not shown.

Ink roller **406** is mounted in bracket **408**, which may be pivoted upward at pivot point **410** to allow replacement of ink roller **406**. Additionally, pressure adjuster **412** may be utilized to adjust the amount of pressure exerted by ink roller **406** upon transfer roller **414**.

Transfer roller **414** is mounted in tangential proximity to endorser plate **416** and is utilized to transfer ink to endorser plate **416** from ink roller **406**. Transfer roller **414**, endorser plate **416** and platen **418** are all driven by belt **420** and belt **422** and drive pulley **424**; however, electronically controlled clutch **426** is utilized to selectively engage endorser plate **416**. Thus, when it is desired to endorse a selected document, ink is transferred to endorser plate **416** and electronic clutch **426** is energized, urging endorser plate **416** into contact with platen **418** and rotating endorser plate **416** and platen **418** at an appropriate speed.

Electronic clutch **426** is controlled, in a preferred embodiment, utilizing an appropriately programmed microprocessor type device. Therefore, documents may be transported through the document processing system of the present invention and be selectively endorsed.

VIDEO CAMERA

FIG. **5** depicts a diagrammatic view of a system utilizing two video cameras **500** and illumination sources **502** whereby the image on both sides of a document may be captured. Each illumination source **502** is comprised of two 500 watt tungsten halogen bulbs, encased in a housing having cooling means and an optical focus assembly **504**. Optical focus assembly **504** comprises a plurality of lenses arranged, in any manner well known in the art, to focus a vertical bar of intense light onto document plane **506**. In the embodiment disclosed, the vertical bar is generally rectangular in shape and is approximately six inches tall and one tenth of an inch wide. As discussed above, documents are transported laterally across this illuminated portion to enable video image capture.

The light reflected from each document passes through each camera lens assembly **508** and is focused on line scanner **510**. Camera lens assembly **508** is a fixed magnification ratio lens typically utilized in fixed working distance applications such as photographie enlargers. Line scanner **510** is a solid state line scanner such as those commercially available from the Reticon Corporation of Sunnyvale, Calif. Line scanner **510** is a high density, monolithic, linear array of silicon photodiodes with integrated scanning circuits for serial readout. The array, in the embodiment disclosed, consists of a row of 768 silicon photodiodes, having a storage capacitor associated therewith upon which may be integrated the photocurrent, and a transistor switch for periodic readout via an integrated scanning circuit. The individual photodiodes of line scanner **510** are one mil square and are spaced center-to-center, one mil apart.

During image capture, a document is transported laterally across the vertical bar of light generated by each illumination source **502**. Each camera lens assembly **508** focuses the reflected light from the document onto line scanner **510**. Each of the 768 silicon photodiodes contained within line scanner **510** produces an electrical signal which is proportional to the intensity of the incident light. The photodiodes are then sampled at a high rate, the line scanner utilized in the preferred embodiment may be sampled at frequencies as high as ten megahertz. The combination of the lateral motion of the document and the vertical action of sequential sampling of the photodiodes in line scanner **510** will produce a two dimensional picture of a document with a resolution with 0.007 of an inch.

The output of line scanner **510** is amplified and coupled to additional circuitry as a series of pulses wherein the area of each pulse is proportional to the intensity of the incident light on each photodiode. This series of pulses is utilized in the camera control circuitry to sense the presence of a document and to dynamically adjust the threshhold level utilized to determine whether a particular value is white or black. The series of pulses is also applied to the data compression system for compression, storage and subsequent retrieval.

CAMERA BUFFER AND INTERFACE CIRCUITRY

With reference now to FIGS. **6a–6i**, there is depicted a schematic view of the major components of the camera buffer and interface circuitry of the document processor of the present invention. While the disclosed embodiment of the present invention utilizes two video cameras, in many cases only one set of buffer and interface circuitry will be depicted. Those ordinarily skilled in the art will appreciate the simple duplication of circuitry necessary to accomodate two video cameras.

Referring now to FIG. **6a**, oscillators **601** and **602** are utilized, in conjunction with the basic clock signal (30.5 megahertz in a preferred embodiment) to provide the scanning pulses to line scanner **606**. Oscillators **601** and **602** are implemented, in a preferred embodiment of the present invention, utilizing standard 74S74 type flip-flop integrated circuits. The control pulses necessary to operate line scanner **606** are applied via amplifiers **603**, **604** and **605**, which are utilized to provide level adjustments. Line scanner **606**, in the illustrated embodiment, is an RL-768C integrated circuit manufactured by the Reticon Corporation of Sunnyvale, Calif. Additional

details concerning the construction of line scanner **606** are disclosed above with respect to the video camera description. Line scanner **606** is scanned at a parallel rate of three megahertz. This is, the odd numbered cells in line scanner **606** are scanned at a three megahertz rate and the even numbered cells and also scanned at a three megahertz rate. Thus line scanner **606**, with proper multiplexing of the dual outputs, is capable of generating video pulses at a six megahertz rate.

Even cell and odd cell outputs of line scanner **606** are applied to amplifiers **611** and **610** respectively. Amplifiers **611** and **610**, in conjunction with capacitors **607** and **608**, are utilized to capture the output of each individual scan cell. Switching transistor **609** is utilized to alternately remove all charge accumulated on capacitors **607** and **608** between sampling times for adjacent cells of line scanner **606**. The RESET signal accomplishes this and is applied to switching transistor **609** through inverter **612**.

The outputs of amplifiers **610** and **611**, representing the relative charge present on capacitors **608** and **607** during each cell scan, are further amplified by amplifiers **613** and **614**, in a manner well known in the art. The outputs of amplifiers **613** and **614** are next applied to two sample and hold circuits. The sample and hold circuits are comprised of switching transistors **617** and **618** and storage capacitors **615** and **616**. Thus, the charge present on capacitors **615** and **616** is indicative of the amount of light striking the corresponding scanning cells of line scanner **606** at any selected time. The signals are then coupled, via lines **620** and **621** to a final stage of amplification, consisting of amplifiers **622** and **623** (see FIG. **6**b).

With reference now to FIG. **6**b, the outputs of amplifiers **622** and **623** are each applied to two points within the dynamic threshold circuitry. Dynamic threshold adjustment is an important feature of the document processing system of the present invention and allows a single system to process multicolored documents without requiring individual level adjustments.

The output of amplifier **622**, representing the amplified outputs of the odd numbered cells of line scanner **606** (See FIG. **6**a) is applied to one input of comparator **633** and to diode **624**. Similarly, the output of amplifier **623**, representing the amplified outputs of the even numbered cells of line scanner **606**, is applied to one input of comparator **634** and to diode **625**.

Diodes **624** and **625** perform an OR function and apply the more positive of their individual inputs to capacitor **626**. Capacitor **626** is, therefore, rapidly charged to the level of the highest signal applied through diodes **624** and **625**. This level is the "white" threshold and represents a reference point for black/-light decisions. The voltage level present on capacitor **626** is applied through diodes **627** and **628** to the second input of comparators **633** and **634**. The voltage drop across diodes **627** and **628** assures that the signal creating charge on capacitor **626** will be greater than the resultant reference signal applied to comparators **633** and **634**.

The charge present on capacitor **626** will eventually discharge slowly through resistors **629** and **630**; however, a reference voltage applied through diode **632** will prevent total discharge and will apply a minimum level which a cell output must exceed in order to be considered "white." Additionally, the time constraints associated with capacitor **626** and resistors **629** and **630**, while chosen to be "slow" with respect to individual cell sample times, are sufficiently "fast" to allow discharge of capacitor **626** between adjacent documents. Thus, a totally white background document, while in process, will result in a high reference signal being generated on capacitor **626**, and result in any signal greater than two diode drops below that level being characterized as "black." However, during the gap between documents, capacitor **626** will discharge sufficiently so that a colored background document (blue, for example) will generate a lower reference level. This system of dynamic reference adjustments allows a single system to process an entire variety of multihued documents without system adjustment, and without the possibility of losing all data contained on a relatively dark background document.

For reasons of circuit design not important to the concept, an inverted output is selected from comparators **633** and **634**. Therefore, a particular cell in line scanner **606** which detects a "black" area will result in a logic 1 or "high" output of the appropriate comparator, and a cell which detects a "white" area will result in a logic 0 or "low" output from the appropriate comparator.

Referring now to FIG. **6**c, the document detection circuitry of the document processor of the present invention is depicted. The odd and even numbered cell outputs from comparators **633** and **634** (See FIG. **6**b) are applied to shift register **635**. Shift register **635** multiplexes the dual three megahertz signals into a single six megahertz video signal. One output of shift register **635** is applied to shift register **636**. Shift register **636** is loaded each time a "black" cell is detected and shifts each time a "white" cell is detected. After eight consecutive "white" cells have been detected, the output of shift register **636** is shifted out and sets latch **640**. Latch **640** is a simple JK type latch and is utilized to generate the signal which indicates the scan is active (ACTSCN1).

The output of shift register **635** is also applied to counters **637** and **638**. Counters **637** and **638** are the leading edge detectors and are reset at the end of each scan through line scanner **606**. Counters **637** and **638** are utilized to count "white" cells in a single scan. If sixty-four "white" cells are detected in a single scan, counters **637** and **638** set latch **639**. Latch **639** is also a simple JK latch and is utilized to set edge detection latch **642**.

The output of edge detection latch **642** is utilized to generate the signal which indicates a document is present (ITMPRS1). The output of latch **639** is also applied to counter **641**.

Counter **641** is the trailing edge detector. Counter **641** is utilized to count the number of complete scans in which less than sixty-four "white" cells are detected. If sixteen such scans are counted, the output of counter **641** is utilized to reset edge detection latch **642**. Header **644** is merely a connection means to allow compatability between systems which utilize a single video camera and systems which utilize two video cameras.

FIG. **6**d depicts a series of counters and registers utilized to provide operating information to a controlling microprocessor type device. Counters **645**a–**645**f are utilized to count the total number of active cells in a particular document. The number counted is latched into registers **464**a–**646**c and is available upon query by the control device. Similarly, in applications utilizing two video cameras, counters **647**a–**647**f are utilized to count the total number of active cells in the second side

of a particular document and registers **648**a–**648**c store the total count.

FIG. **6**e depicts further counters and registers used to provide operating information. Counters **649**a–**649**c count the total number of lines scanned in a particular document and latch that number into registers **650**a, and **650**b. Similarly, counters **651**a–**651**c are utilized to count the total number of lines scanned by the second camera and that number is latched into registers **652**a and **652**b. Thus, by knowing the total number of cells and the total number of scans, a control device may simply divide to calculate the exact dimensions of a particular document.

Also depicted in FIG. **6**e is bus driver **653**. Bus driver **653** is utilized to drive or amplify data being read from any of the interface registers to permit transmittal to a microprocessor type control device.

Referring now to FIG. **6**f, there is depicted a series of input and output latches utilized to provide communications to and from a microprocessor type control device. Latches **654**, **655**, **656** and **657** are utilized to latch in information from the control device to the system. Information and/or commands that test, clear or arm the system are received and latched into the appropriate latch. Information received may be utilized to appropriate commands, such as depicted with logic gates **658**a–**658**d.

Information, device identification, returning test data and busy indications may be latched into latches **659**, **660**, **661** or logic gate **662** for access by a control device.

With reference now to FIG. **6**g, there is depicted additional address and control circuitry. Switch **666** is a multiple position DIP switch which may be set in a unique pattern to specifically identify a particular transport and camera, recalling that a system may include additional transports as a matter of design choice. The positions of the various switches in switch **666** are coupled to comparator **664** for comparison with the eight address bits generated by the microprocessor type control device. Thus, it is possible for the control device to accurately address a single one of a plurality of devices. If comparator **664** indicates an address match, a valid address signal (VALAD) is generated.

Once a valid address has been detected, the first four bits of address, **A0**, **A1**, **A2** and **A3** are utilized to address up to a maximum of sixteen addressable registers on the addressed device. Bus driver **633** is utilized to couple these address bits to the addressable registers. Bus driver **665** is utilized to couple control commands and the **A4** address bit. The **A4** address bit is utilized, in the illustrated embodiment, in conjunction with the valid address signal, to designate either of two video cameras, utilizing logic gates **667**d and **667**e. Logic gates **667**a–**667**c are utilized in conjunction with other decoded commands to generate internal read and write commands.

Referring now to FIG. **6**h, there are depicted six decoders utilized to decode command and address information from the control device. Decoders **669** and **672** are utilized during a memory write command to either video camera. Decoders **670** and **673** are utilized when the control device issues a memory read to either camera. Decoders **671** and **674** decode the commands which access the total cell number and total scan number registers depicted in FIGS. **6**d and **6**e.

Finally now, with reference to FIG. **6**i, there is depicted the output circuitry associated with the video camera of the present invention. The depicted embodiment of the present invention utilizes eight separate video buses to transmit video data between various components of the system. This group of buses is collectively referred to as the X bus, and any single bus may be selected for any single device to utilize.

Control signals from the control device are decoded utilizing decoders **675**, **676**, **677** and **678**. Decoder **675**, **676**, **677** and **678** may be implemented, in a preferred embodiment, by an integrated circuit of the type 74LS138 manufactured by the Signetics Corporation of Sunnyvale, Calif. The outputs of decoders **677** and **678** are utilized to enable selected three state buffers. Three state buffers **679**a–**679**d, in the illustrated embodiment, will couple the data from one camera to one of four video buses, while three state buffers **680**a–**680**d will couple the data from a second camera to one of the four remaining video buses.

DATA COMPRESSION SYSTEM

With reference now to FIGS. **7** and **8**, there is depicted a schematic representation of the circuitry of the data compression system.

Referring now to FIG. **7**a, the system clock and its complements are applied to the inputs of high speed differential comparator **701**, which acts as a high speed line receiver. In the disclosed embodiment, the system clock is a 30.5 megahertz signal generated utilizing a crystal controlled oscillator (not shown). The output of comparator **701** is applied to multivibrators **702** and **733**, where the frequency is halved in a manner well known in the art.

The output of multivibrator **702** is applied to four bit binary counter **704**, where the halved clock frequency is further divided into lower frequencies which are utilized throughout the system.

Cross point switches **705**a, **705**b and **705**c are utilized by a microprocessor type control device to select one of eight bus lines to be coupled to the data compression system. The cross point switches utilized in a preferred embodiment of the present invention are Signetics type SD5301 switches. As previously mentioned, the eight line bus referred to as the X bus is comprised, in one embodiment of the present invention, of eight three wire bus lines. Each bus line has a ready line, a clock line and a data line. The particular bus selected by cross point switches **705**a, **705**b and **705**c is controlled by bus control register **706**, in response to commands from a microprocessor type control device.

Bus control register **706** is utilized to control cross point switches **705**a, **705**b and **705**c in conjunction with shift register **707**. Shift register **707** is a parallel inserial out (PISO) register which is utilized to serialize the command data from register **706** and couple that serialized command data to set up the cross point switches.

Shift registers **708**a and **708**b are utilized in conjunction with logic gates **709**a, **709**b, **709**c and **709**d to enable cross point switches **705**a, **705**b and **705**c and to control register **706** when data is being written into register **706**. By controlling data into register **706** and the clocking of that data out of shift register **707**, the operation of the cross point switches is carefully sequenced.

In the event that the selected X bus line is occupied, or when a pause signal indicates that incoming data must temporarily stop, circuitry is present which will cease data input to the data compression system. A not ready condition out of cross point switch **705**a or an internally generated pause signal at the input of NOR

gate **710** will generate a signal (RBUSY) which will stop the operation of multivibrator **703**, and thence the operation of the output section.

Also depicted in FIG. 7a is end of data clock **711**. Clock **711** is a simple multivibrator which is utilized to generate the end of the output data signal.

Referring now to FIG. 7b, there is depicted the circuitry by which the microprocessor type control device may accurately address the data compression system and various registers within the data compression system.

Jumper wire switches **712**a and **712**b are utilized with various jumper wires to provide a unique address for the data compression system. Buffers **713**a and **713**b are utilized to receive a board address and register address from the control device. Each board may contain up to sixteen separate addressable registers (or thirty-two including read only and write only registers) and therefore four bits of address **A0–A3** are utilized to select a register.

The remaining address bits are coupled to comparators **714**a and **714**b where they are compared to the address of the data compression system board, as determined by the placement of jumper wires in jumper wire switches **712**a and **712**b.

Control signals from the control device are coupled to buffer **715** and one of eight decoders **716**a–**716**d are utilized to decode the selected register address to determine which register will be read or written to by the current command.

Logic gate **717** is utilized to receive the INITIAL signal and is utilized to generate the signals which initialize various other portions of the data compression system.

FIGS. 7c and 7d, when placed side by side in the manner indicated in those two figures, depict a schematic representation of the "spot remover" circuitry of the data compression system of the present invention. The spot remover circuitry is utilized to remove any single black "spot" from the data which corresponds to a particular image. A spot is defined for these purposes as a single black cell detected by line scanner **606** (see FIG. **6**), that is surrounded by white cells.

Referring now to FIGS. 7c and 7d, the data stream representative of a scan through a document is coupled to an input of register **718**a and then out of register **718**a and into delay register **719**a. Delay register **719**a is, in a preferred embodiment, a 1024 bit random access memory that is utilized in the manner of a long shift register.

The data out of register **718**a is written into delay register **719**a at an address determined by address generators **720**a–**720**c. Address generators **720**a–**720**c are initially loaded to a number which correlates with the number of cells in each scan for a particular document or group of documents. Address generators **720**a–**720**c are four bit counters which are utilized to control the addresses in delay registers **719**a and **719**b. Thus, the data from register **718**a is written into an address of delay register **719**a which will result in the leading edge of data exiting delay register **719**a at the end of each scan.

The data exiting delay register **719**a is coupled to register **718**b and to the input of delay register **719**b. As above, the data in delay register **719**b is delayed for the length of a scan and is then coupled to register **718**c. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that this configuration will result in a sample of the current scan being present in register **718**a, a sample of the previous scan being present in register **718**b, and a sample of the next previous scan being present in register **718**c.

It is therefore a simple matter to examine the surrounding cells, utilizing logic gates **721**a and **721**b, and to determine whether or not a particular black cell is a "spot" that should be removed. Logic gate **723** compares the single cell with the surrounding cells and generates the signal which removes the spot. Wire jumper **724** is provided to allow the spot remover circuitry to be disabled, if that is desired in a particular embodiment.

Register **725** is a four bit, parallel access shift register which is utilized, in conjunction with flip-flop **726**, to generate write enable signals and various system clock signals.

With reference now to FIGS. 7e and 7f, which when placed side by side in the manner indicated in the drawings, depict the scan memory address circuitry. The data associated with a plurality of adjacent scans through a document must be stored and examined to permit data compression, and such storage must be accomplished in a precise manner to permit later synthesis of a document image. In order to accomplish this storage in an orderly fashion, the number of scans and the number of cells in each scan must be carefully tracked.

Comparator **725** in FIG. 7f is utilized to compare the number of cells in each scan with an incremented address. The number of cells in each scan is loaded into the data compression system, by a control device, through registers which are not shown. The incremented address which controls the storage location of incoming data is generated by scan memory address generators **726**a, **726**b and **726**c. Address generators **726**a, **726**b and **726**c are four bit binary counters which are initialized and then utilized to count to an address which corresponds to the number of cells in each scan as determined in comparator **725**. When the address thus generated is equal to the number of cells in a scan, the process is repeated.

Each time comparator **725** detects the end of a scan, the output signal is coupled to scan counter **727**. Scan counter **727** is utilized to keep track of the number of scans stored, because, as will be explained below, the data compression system of the present invention operates with twelve scans in temporary storage in scan memory.

Read address generators **728**a and **728**b are utilized to generate the addresses which will be utilized to read the scan data from temporary storage in the scan memory. A separate read address generator is necessary because as will be explained herein, the scan data in temporary storage is read out of the scan memory in a different order than the order in which it was stored.

Multivibrator **729** is utilized to initiate the address generators and read address generators at the beginning of operation. Parallel access shift register **730** and multivibrator **731** are utilized to develop various clocks and reset commands utilized to operate the data compression system of the present invention. Buffers **732** and **733** are utilized to buffer and isolate the clocks and reset signals so generated.

FIGS. 7g and 7h, when positioned side by side in the manner indicated in the figures, form a schematic diagram of the scan memory previously discussed. Each of the memory blocks depicted, **734**a–**734**d, **735**a–**735**d and **736**a–**736**d are implemented utilizing a 1024 bit random access memory. Thus, each memory block may tempo-

rarily store one complete scan through a document, recalling that a scan may consist of up to seven hundred and sixty-eight separate cells of line scanner **606** of FIG. **6**. Further, the scan memory formed by the combination of memory blocks **734**a–**734**d, **735**a–**735**d and **736**a–**736**d may temporarily store twelve individual scans.

FIGS. 7i and 7j, when positioned as indicated in the figures, form a schematic diagram of the address multiplex circuitry of the scan memory of the present invention.

Address multiplex circuitry is necessary because, although the data obtained from the scanner **606** (FIG. **6**) is obtained and written into temporary storage in the scan memory in a vertical format (with respect to the document image), experimentation has shown that maximum data compression will occur with analysis of that data in a horizontal format.

As previously discussed, the scan memory formed by memory blocks **734**a–**734**d, **735**a–**735**d and **736**a–**736**d (FIGS. 7g and 7h) form temporary storage for twelve complete vertical scans. The data within the scan memory is analyzed horizontally in groups of four scans. Therefore, the twelve memory blocks are further broken down into three groups, two of which are being read while the third group is being written into.

The two groups being read are referred to as the current data and previous data. The previous data represents the previous four scans prior to the current four scans read into the system and is maintained in temporary storage to determine what, if any, relationship exists between that data and the current data. This examination is necessary to detect possible redundancies which may be removed and replaced with coded equivalents.

The described system of vertical writing and horizontal reading requires address multiplexing to insure proper operation. Consider the subgroup of four memory blocks into which data is being written. A memory block is enabled, an address is supplied from scan memory address generator **726**a–**726**c (FIG. 7e), and the address is incremented until comparator **725** (FIG. 7f) indicates the address has reached the end of the number of cells in a scan. Next the memory block enable signal is incremented, the address generators are initialized and the process is repeated until four scans are written into the scan memory.

When a subgroup of the memory blocks is being read, an address is generated by read address generators **728**a and **728**b (FIG. 7e) and the memory block enable signal is incremented through a four count. Next, the address is incremented and the memory block enable signal is incremented through the four memory blocks in the subgroup.

Decoder **737** acts as a one of three decoder which enables one of the three subgroups of the scan memory at a time. A subgroup of memory is enabled utilizing address multiplexers. The first subgroup utilizes address multiplexers **738**a–**738**d. Each address multiplexer is a quad two line to one line multiplexer. Address multiplexer **738**a is utilized to provide the chip enable signal (CE) which determines which of the four memory blocks within the subgroup is enabled. Address multiplexers **738**b–d are utilized to provide the address within the enabled memory block, and the signal which determines whether data is being read from or written to the selected address. Address multiplexers **739**a–d and **740**a–d operate identically with respect to the second and third scan memory subgroups.

Decoder **741** is a duel one of four decoder which is utilized to provide the read and write enable signals which serve as the inputs to address multiplexers **738**a, **739**a and **740**a. Multiplexer **742** is a dual four line to one line multiplexer which is utilized to select the output of a particular subgroup of the scan memory to be output as the current data, and the output of a second subgroup to be output as the previous scan data.

With reference now to FIG. 7k, there is depicted the shift registers which allow examination of the scan data temporarily stored in the scan memory. Current scan data is shifted into the sixteen bit shift register formed by eight bit shift registers **743**a and **743**b. Data from the previous scan is simultaneously shifted into the sixteen bit shift register formed by eight bit shift registers **744**a and **744**b. In this manner, current data may be compared to previous data and redundancies in current data may be examined in a bit by bit manner, as the data shifts through the shift registers.

Multivibrator **745** is utilized to enable scan memory address multiplexer **738**a, **739**a and **740**a (FIG. 7i) after the completion of the first scan.

Referring now to FIG. **71**, multivibrators **746** and **747** are utilized to develop the shift enable signals (SFTEN) and $\overline{\text{SFTEN}}$) which are utilized throughout the system to enable various shift clocks and reset signals. Multivibrator **748** is utilized to develop the duplicate enable signal ($\overline{\text{DUPENF}}$) which is utilized during those periods when the scan data is duplicating previous values and the redundancy may be removed. Multivibrator **749** is utilized to generate the BUSY signal in response to the signal indicating the system is armed and that data is being clocked into the system.

Four bit binary counter **750** is utilized as a time out counter. After a signal is received indicating the end of scan data, counter **750** is utilized to provide the signal which shuts down the system. Flip-flops **751** and multivibrator **752** are utilized to provide additional clock signals after the end of data has been detected, to ensure that data within the system is completely processed prior to system shutdown.

FIGS. 7m and 7n, when joined in the manner indicated in the figures, form a schematic diagram of a section of the redundancy removal circuitry of the data compression system of the present invention.

Experimentation in the field of video image data compression has proven that while examining horizontal sections of four scan cells, there exist certain predominant repetitive patterns. These patterns are referred to herein as "Q" codes and the most common three codes are: a black cell followed by three white cells (1000 in binary representation): two black cells followed by two white cells (1100 in binary representation): and three black cells followed by a single white cell (1110 in binary representation).

In view of the above, it will prove beneficial to examine the scan data to determine if a series of these Q codes are present. To that end, current data present in shift registers **743**a and **743**b (FIG. 7k) is coupled to Q code logic array **753**. Logic array **753** is a field programmable logic array such as the 825100, manufactured by Signetics of Sunnyvale, Calif. Logic array **753** is utilized to determine first, whether or not one of the aforementioned three Q codes is present in the first four positions of the sixteen bit logic array, and second, how many repetitions of that code are present. It will be apparent

to those skilled in the art that up to four consecutive four bit Q codes may be present at a single time in logic array **753**.

The current data present in shift registers **743**a and **743**b is also simultaneously coupled to black/white logic array **754**. In a manner similar to the operation of logic array **753**, logic array **754** examines the first bit present to determine whether it is black or white, and secondly how many consecutive blacks or whites follow the first bit.

In the preferred embodiment, logic arrays **753** and **754** are utilized to detect the state of the data coupled thereto and to ensure that the redundancy present is at least eight bits in length. This requirement is a design choice; however, since the redundancy to be removed must be replaced with an identifying code and an indication of the length of the redundancy (count), eight bits seems to be a practical minimum length.

The state of the data in logic array **753** and **754** is coupled to transparent latches **755** and **756** respectively. The output of latches **755** and **756** are coupled to latches **757**a and **757**b, each of said latches formed by one half of a single twenty pin latch circuit, and to the address pins of count memories **758** and **759**. Count memories **758** and **759** are utilized, in conjunction with four bit binary counters **760** and **761**, to disable transparent latches **755** and **756** for a selected period of time. Disabling circuitry is necessary to avoid various problems present during data shifting. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that a Q code, as previously defined, loses its identity if shifted one bit Therefore, if four Q codes are detected in logic array **753**, it will be necessary to disable latch **755** until sixteen bits have been clocked through, to determine if additional Q codes are present. To this end, the output of latch **755** will address a value in count memory **758**. Counter **760** will disable latch **755** and continue to do so until the selected count in count memory **758** is achieved.

Similarly the output of latch **756** will be utilized to address a value in count memory **759** and counter **761** will disable latch **756** to allow the identified data to be shifted out of logic array **754**. A slight difference in operation is utilized if logic array **754** contains data which indicates a series of black cells in the scan. In this case, the latch will be disabled until the last three black cells in the previous group have been shifted to the first three positions in logic array **754**. At this point, the data will be examined to determine whether or not the last three black cells comprise the beginning of a Q code. This operation repeats until the last black cell is shifted out.

Multivibrators **762** and **763** are utilized to enable latches **757**a and **757**b. Each time a particular redundancy has been finally coded and output by the data compression system, latches **757**a and **757**b are enabled to latch in the outputs of latches **755** and **756**.

Referring now to FIG. **7**a, two other possible states of scan data may be determined. First, in the event that the stream of data examined by the data compression system is not wholly black and white, or comprised of a group of consecutive Q codes, it is still possible that redundancy exists in that data. The most easily detected redundancy will exist when the data from the current scan, while varying in no discernible pattern, may entirely duplicate the data from a previous scan. One such example may be an intricate but repetitive border or edge design on a check or other document.

Such cases are identified by using logic array **764**. Logic array **764** can simultaneously examine eight bits of current data and eight bits of previous data to determine whether or not the data is duplicative. In a manner similar to that explained above with respect to black or white data, the output of logic array **764** is coupled to transparent latch **765**. The output of transparent latch **765** is coupled to count memory **766** and is utilized to address a value which is coupled to four bit binary counter **767**.

Binary counter **767** is utilized to disable latch **765** while data is being shifted through logic array **764**. In the disclosed embodiment, as a matter of design choice, if the data changes from one code to another and the duplicate code was available at the beginning of the current code the code will be changed to a duplicate code if the data being duplicated also changes and duplicates for at least five additional bits.

If the duplication of previous data does not duplicate for at least five additional bits of scan data, then the data compression system will code out the old code and change to the new code and begin to encode the new values of scan data.

After a previous redundancy has been identified, coded and output from the data compression system of the present invention, latch **768** is enabled, latching in the next type of redundancy to be coded.

Multivibrators **770** and **771** are utilized to latch in the duplicate data mode throughout the data compression system of the present invention and to continue the duplicate data mode beyond a change in state of data if the duplication continues for at least five additional bits of scan data.

As a last resort, if a series of Q codes, black cells, white cells or duplications are not present, the data compression system of the present invention will store actual data, without compression. To overcome such a determination (referred to herein as "mapping" or a "map" function) a minimal amount of redundancy is required before the data compression system will begin encoding data. As a matter of design choice, the disclosed embodiments will cease mapping and begin to encode data if at least eleven black or white cells are detected, at least three consecutive Q codes are detected, or any combination of codes which exceeds eleven bits. Logic array **769** is the mapping termination logic array and is utilized to examine the scan data for the previously enumerated situations which will overcome the mapping function.

Referring now to FIGS. **8**a and **8**b, which when joined in the manner indicated in the figures, form a schematic diagram of the count and code out circuitry of the data compression system of the present invention.

Logic gates **801**a, **801**b and **801**c are utilized in conjunction with the logic gates associated therewith, to encode the output of latches **757**a and **757**b of FIG. **7**m, and couple that data to quad two input multiplex **803**. It should be recalled that the data in registers **757**a and **757**b represent the code currently being utilized in the data compression system.

Similarly, logic gates **802**a, **802**b and **802**c are utilized, in conjunction with the logic gates associated therewith, to encode the outputs of latches **755** and **756** of FIG. **7**m. Latches **755** and **756** are the transparent latches utilized to hold the data which represents the next data to be utilized in the data compression system. Thus, when a section of data is output by the system, the

next data to be coded out is switched through multiplex **803**.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that in addition to the type of redundancy being removed from the data stream, it will be necessary to include the length of the redundancy in order to allow eventual reconstruction of the redundancy. To this end, counter **804**, **805** and **806** form a twelve bit binary counter. The counter thus formed provides inputs to the field programmable logic array **807** which controls the coded count counters. Again, as a matter of design choice, the data compression system of the present invention includes certain maximum data counts in each type of redundancy (see Table I). The selection of a particular maximum count is based upon requirements of the code selected and the physical liklihood that certain redundancies occur with greater length than other redundancies. The longest count acceptable in the disclosed embodiment of the present invention is 4096 bits in either the white cell mode or the duplicate mode. Each of the other modes has a lower maximum count, as indicated in Table I.

When the counter formed by four bit counters **804**, **805** and **806** reaches the maximum count of 4095, rollover multivibrator **808** is set on the next clock, and the output of multivibrator **808** is utilized to ensure various actions.

The lower maximum counts available for black cell mode or Q code mode make it advisable from a data compression viewpoint, to operate in duplicate mode or white cell mode if possible. Multivibrator **809** is utilized, to force the data compression system into the duplicate mode, if a code length overflow condition is reached by counters **804**, **805** and **806** in other than the white cell mode (white cell mode maximum count being equal to duplicate mode maximum count), and the duplicate mode is set. The forced duplicate mode will also occur if a code change occurs (black to white, for example) and the duplicate mode could have been utilized. Multivibrator **810** is utilized, for similar purposes, to keep track of the cell count in a mapping mode of operation. If a map count occurs which is greater than five cells and less than eight, and the duplicate mode could have been utilized at the beginning of the count, the duplicate mode will be forced, rather than allow a map code.

Referring now to the figure formed by joining FIGS. 8c and 8d in the manner indicated, there is depicted a schematic diagram of additional circuitry including the duplicate mode circuitry of the data compression system of the present invention.

Multivibrator **811** is the circuit element utilized to keep the data compression system in the mapping mode of operation, until one of the aforementioned special map termination conditions occurs. Multivibrator **812** is the circuit element utilized to enable a change to duplicate code when the maximum data count occurs for a redundancy type other than white cell (white cell maximum count being equal to duplicate cell maximum count).

The group of logic gates labeled **813**, and the inputs associated therewith, are utilized to enable logic array **814** after a sufficient time period has elapsed to allow the previously identified data to be clocked through. The output of logic gates **813** is then utilized to enable logic array **814**, the decision logic array. Logic array **814** is utilized to determine whether or not the code present should be coded out.

Logic array **815** is utilized to control four bit counters **816**, **817** and **818**, which are utilized to generate the coded count of the section of data. Counter **819** is the duplicate mode load counter and is utilized to count the number of times the duplicate counter has been loaded.

Quad multiplexers **820**, **821** and **822** are utilized to output the duplicate mode cell coded count or the coded count of the number of cells in a black or white cell count, a Q code count or a mapping count, as selected by logic gate **823**.

With reference now to the figure formed by joining FIG. 8e and 8f in the manner indicated, there is depicted buffers **824** and **825**. Buffers **824** and **825** are first in-first out (FIFO) buffers that are utilized to control the cell count during a mapping function, to determine how many cells are utilized during a particular mapping function.

Multivibrator **826** is utilized to provide additional bits to fill up a four bit word in the FIFO data buffers in order to permit transfer of the cells stored therein. Output control counters **828** and **829** are four bit counters which are utilized to count the number of cells output from the buffers during the mapping mode of operation. Comparator **827** checks the output of buffers **824** and **825** against a reference signal to determine if the maximum map count was coded. Comparator **827** is then utilized to prevent multivibrators **831** and **832** from flushing out the remaining data stored in the map data buffer, if the mapping function has been coded out due to a maximum count. If the mapping function has been terminated due to other than a maximum count (a forced duplicate mode, or a code change) multivibrators **831** and **832** are utilized to flush out a single four bit byte in the data buffer to indicate the end of a mapping function data stream.

Logic gates **833** and multiple multivibrator **834** are utilized to generate and latch out a terminal count at the end of transmitted data. This artificial count is referred to as a terminal count and is utilized to allow completion of the compression of the final bits of data.

Referring now to FIGS. 8g and 8h, when joined in the manner indicated in the figures, there is detected multivibrator **835**, which is utilized to delay the data entering buffer **836**. Buffer **836** is a four by sixteen bit FIFO buffer that is utilized to temporarily store data during a mapping function. Recalling that a mapping cell count of greater than five cells and less than eight cells may result in a forced duplicate mode, if duplication is possible, it should be apparent to those skilled in the art that at least eight cells in a mapping function mode must be examined before a map code is possible. Thus, buffer **836** is utilized to provide temporary storage until such a decision is made. Logic gate **838** is utilized to reset buffer **836** if a forced duplicate mode occurs.

In the event that eight mapping function mode cells are encountered, and the forced duplicate mode is not utilized, multivibrator **839** is utilized to dump the data from buffer **836** into four by sixty-four buffer **837**. Buffer **837** is utilized as a first in-first out buffer which stores the data utilized during a map mode of operation. Multivibrator **839** will also cause the data in buffer **836** to dump into buffer **837** if the data terminates prior to eight bits and is coded out as a map code.

Quad multivibrator **840** is utilized in conjunction with multivibrator **834** (see FIG. 8f) to provide additional delayed terminal count signals in the manner explained above. Multivibrator **841** is the serial out clock enable

circuit and is utilized to enable the output of buffer **837** when it is desired to output the map data.

Multivibrator **842** is the master serial output enable latch which enables the various code, count and map buffer outputs. Multivibrator **843** is the load output counter latch which is utilized to detect the fact that data is present at the various counter control buffers, such as buffers **824** and **825** (see FIG. **8**e) and to load the counters. Multivibrator **844** is the transfer out parallel latch which is utilized to detect the terminal count signals which indicate that each counter has reached the end of the count desired. After all terminal counts are detected, the data in storage is transferred out in parallel, and latch **843** is then utilized to latch in new counter control data. Multivibrator **845** is utilized to disable the output of multivibrator **844**, at logic gate **846**, after the data has been transferred out, to ensure that only one set of data is transferred out.

Multivibrator **847** is utilized to generate the serial output clock to the code buffer and multivibrator **848** is utilized to generate the serial output clock to the count buffer. These two multivibrators are then responsible for serially outputting both the specific code and the count of cells within that code.

With reference now to FIG. **8**i, there is depicted a schematic representation of the count bit shifter circuitry of the present invention. Referring again to Table I, it can be seen that the number of bits in a particular count may vary from a maximum of eleven bits to a minimum of two bits. In order to accurately keep track of the count in a particular code, it is necessary to keep track of the most significant bit of the count. The least significant bit of the count is fixed and relatively easy to obtain, however, the most significant bit must be ascertained.

Logic array **852** is utilized to determine how many bits are present in a particular code. The inputs to logic array **852** include the particular code encountered and the number of times the count has been loaded. Utilizing this input data, logic array **852** is coupled to bit shifters **853–858**, to control the position of the most significant bit of the count.

Bit shifters **853–858** are four bit shifters with three state outputs that shift each four bit word from zero to three places. Thus, under the control of logic array **852**, it is possible to shift the most significant bit of the count to a desired position. In the preferred embodiment, the most significant bit of the output count is shifted into the first bit to be serially output.

Referring now to FIGS. **8**j and **8**k, when joined in the manner indicated in the figures form a schematic diagram of a section of the output circuitry of the data compression system of the present invention. Logic array **859** generates the control information for the code and count logic arrays. The outputs of logic array **859** are coupled to four by sixteen bit buffers **860** and **861**. The data thus stored in buffers **860** and **861** is utilized to control four bit counters **862** and **863** respectively. Counters **862** and **863** are utilized to generate selected terminal count signals.

Logic arrays **864** and **865** are also coupled to the code and load count signals and are utilized to generate the actual code to be serially output (see Table I). The actual code is loaded into buffers **866–869** for serial outputting. Buffers **866–869** are all four by sixteen bit first in-first out buffer memories. Buffers **866–869** give the system the capability of utilizing up to sixteen bits of code: however, in the disclosed embodiment not all bits are utilized.

Buffers **870–872** are the count buffers. The count data output from bit shifters **853–858** (FIG. **8**i) is coupled to buffers **870–872** to be serially output from the system. As above, buffers **870–872** are four by sixteen bit first in-first out buffer memories. Logic gates **873** are utilized, in conjunction with certain outputs of counter **863** to generate an additional terminal count signal.

Referring now to FIG. **81**, there is depicted a schematic representation of the section of the data compression system that is utilized to determine the size of the document image. Four bit counters **874** and **875** are utilized to divide the coded output of the data compression system by thirty-two. Each time counters **874** and **875** reach thirty-two, the total in four bit counters **876–879** is incremented. Thus, the data in counters **876–879** represents how many thirty-two bit words are present in each image.

The outputs of counters **876–879** are coupled to registers **880** and **881** where the control device may access the data. Multivibrator **882** is utilized to store the count at the end of an image. Multivibrator **882** is reset when its contents are read. Multivibrator **883** is utilized to initialize the counters by forcing the counters to a load condition until receipt of a first data clock.

Referring now to FIG. **8**m, there is depicted a schematic representation of the logic circuitry which allows a coded representation to be output from the data compression system. Logic gate **884** will allow a code out whenever a code change is allowed (CNGAL) or the end of data has been reached. Logic gate **885** will allow a code out during a map function if the code is changed to a duplicate mode.

Logic gate **886** will allow a code out if one of these special map mode termination sequences is encountered, as previously discussed. Logic gate **887** is the logic gate which allows black cell codes to be terminated early to begin Q code mode of operation, as discussed herein. In conjunction with logic gate **887**, multivibrator **888** is utilized to ensure that greater than seven black cells have ben detected prior to allowing a early termination of black cell mode of operation to code Q codes.

Multivibrator **889** is utilized to detect the overflow condition which will result when the bit counters exceed the maximum count for a particular mode of operation. In such event, the code in question is output and the system begins counting anew.

Each of the previously discussed code out signal are applied to multivibrator **890**, which is utilized to generate the parallel load signal which is utilized to load out the current code and count. Multivibrator **891** is triggered along with multivibrator **890** and is utilized to select certain multiplexers which allow a look ahead function for the various logic arrays. Multivibrator **892** is utilized to generate a buffer overflow error signal if the data compression system of the present invention attempts to load additional data into the output buffers while these buffers are full.

Referring now to FIG. **8**n, there is depicted the coded counters for the data compression system of the present invention. Counter **893** is the load counter which is utilized to determine how many times counters **894**a–**894**c have been loaded. Counters **894**a–**894**c are utilized to generate the coded count of the number of cells in a current black, white, Q code or mapping mode of operation. Referring finally to FIG. **8**o, logic gate

895 and the logic gates associated therewith are utilized to generate an internal register full signal in the event that any one of the first in-first out buffers is full. The internal register full signal is utilized to generate an error signal if additional data is loaded into a full register.

Multivibrators 896 and 897a–897d are utilized to generate a four phase clock signal for utilization in the operation of the data compression system. Multivibrator 896 is utilized to double the GX/2 clock from multivibrators 702 and 733 (FIG. 8a) from 15.25 megahertz back up to 30.5 megahertz. In turn, multivibrators 897a–897d are then utilized to divide the 30.5 megahertz clock down into a four phase clock in a manner well known in the art.

MICROFILM SYSTEM

The document processor of the present invention incorporates a microfilm recorder 238(See FIG. 2) which allows selective microfilming of documents during the same pass in which several other processing functions occur. Thus, a particular document may be read, encoded, endorsed, image captured, sorted and filmed during a single pass through the document processor.

The microfilm system utilized within the present invention is based upon the SMR-200B Scannermate microfilm recorder, manufactured by the Terminal Data Corporation of Woodland Hills, Calif. It will be appreciated by those ordinarily skilled in the art that other microfilm recorders will find use in the present system, as a matter of design choice.

Microfilm recorder 238 films both sides of a document, at a speed of up to one hundred inches per second. The film motion is synchronized with the document transport and a document detector, stopping between documents so that interimage spacing is independent of other processing, thereby ensuring maximum film usage and format continuity.

Microfilm recorder 238, in a preferred embodiment, also records a program controlled sequence number and an image count mark (commonly known as a "blip") above each recorded image. Approximately 14,000 documents may be microfilmed on one hundred feet of 16 mm. film, assuming an average document length of seven inches. The sequence numbers and image count marks allow rapid addressing and accessing of individual documents. The microfilmed copies of the documents being processed may provide either a backup system for the digital image system, or may be utilized as hard copy archival storage for the documents in question.

DATA EXPANSION SYSTEM

Referring now to FIGS. 9a and 9b, and the joint figure formed thereby, there is depicted a block diagram of the major components of the data expansion system of the present invention.

X bus receiver 901 is utilized to receive data from the specific X bus channel selected by X bus select 902. The data thus received is coupled to serial in-parallel out register 903, and then latched into latch 904 and parallel in-serial out register 905. The additional latch and register circuitry is required to allow the receipt of up to eight more bits of data after the input register of the data expansion system is full. Logic gates 906 and 907 are coupled to latch 904 and register 905 and are utilized in conjunction with X bus select 908 and X bus transmitter 909 to stop data flow during periods when the aforementioned latch and register are full.

The data in register 905 is coupled to a sixteen bit, serial in-parallel out working register 910. The number of bits shifted into register 910 is controlled by shift counter 911. Shift counter 911 operates based upon the content of sixteen bit adder 912. The initial count in sixteen bit adder 912 is applied to ROM address generator 914 which is utilized to address data within code ROM 915.

Code ROM 915 outputs additional data which is applied to sixteen bit adder 912. The new content of sixteen bit adder 912 is utilized to control shift counter 911, and thus control the number of bits shifted into working register 910.

Examining the contents of Table I, it can be seen that in the disclosed embodiment, the minimum number of bits in a code is three. Therefore, it should be apparent to those skilled in the art, that if adder 912 is empty, that condition should cause ROM generator 914 to select a code within code ROM 915 that will cause three bits to be shifted into register 910.

As the contents of adder 912 are recognized as an identifiable code, code ROM 915 will generate data which will allow the correct number of bits to be clocked into register 910 and provide the bins necessary for the correct count. By way of example, when the system recognizes the 1110111 code, code ROM 915 will provide data to adder 912 to allow eleven additional bits of data to enter register 910. (see Table I, White Cell Mode) As Eleven bits of count are coupled to adder 912, a bias of 1024 is coupled into adder 912 to be summed with the eleven bit number. The bias value may be coupled directly to adder 912, or, should the value be higher than eight bits, by means of high bias latch 916.

Code ROM 915 also generates a function code based upon the translation of the code initially entered into adder 912. The function code is applied to function latch 917, where it is applied to data multiplex 918. Data multiplex 918 is utilized to select a voltage potential (black cells in this embodiment), a ground potential (white cells) a duplicate function pin, a mapping function pin, or Q code register 919. Q code register 919 is a recirculating register which contains each of the three Q codes previously discussed, and may be accessed repeatedly to provide a stream of repetitive Q codes.

During a mapping function, no data compression was possible and the actual data has ben stored. When data multiplex 918 selects the mapping function pin, data multiplex 918 is coupled to the input of register 910, and receives actual data received from the X bus. During a duplicate function data multiplex 918 is coupled to the output of duplicate buffer 920, the operation of which will be explained below.

The output of data multiplex 918, representing expanded image data, is coupled through serial in-parallel out latch 925 and 926 onto a four bit wide data bus. The image data is then coupled simultaneously to four scan buffers 923 and 924, and four scan dupe buffer 920. Up to eight complete scans of data are selectively stored in buffers 923 and 924, as sequenced by the operation of multiplexes 927 and 928. Four scan dupe buffer 920 stores the most current four previous scans of data and thus permits duplication. The output of buffer 920 is coupled back to data multiplex 918 by means of register 922.

The data contained in buffers **923** and **924** may now be selectively accessed by multiplex **930** to provide at least two formats of data. The data stored in buffers **923** and **924** may be output in the "scan" mode, that is, in the manner in which the data was captured by the digital scanning circuitry. This method of data output is obtained by accessing buffer **923** and reading out an entire scan, then incrementing the scan number.

In other applications, it is more advantageous to output image data in the "ladder" mode. In the ladder mode, data is obtained from the first address in each scan and the scan number is then incremented. After the first cell or address has been read out of each of the four scans in buffer **923**, buffer **924** is accessed in a similar manner. Thus, the ladder mode provides eight bits of data, each bit from a different scan of the digital scanning circuitry. The next eight bits provided are from the next address in each scan. The process of restoring eight scans of data, at one cell per scan resembles the structure of a ladder, and therefore is described as the "ladder" mode.

As a final variation and possible image data manipulation, latches **932** and **933** may be utilized to reverse the order of each byte of eight bits. This technique may be utilized to provide mirror imaging. In systems which utilized two digital cameras to capture the image of each side of a document, one side will invariably be mirrored from the other. Latches **932** and **933** are utilized to correct the situation when restoring the mirrored image.

The data out of latches **932** and **933** is coupled through buffer **936** to output control circuitry **937**. Output control circuitry **937** is utilized to select an appropriate X bus channel and transmit the data. Output control circuitry **937** is also utilized to control the receipt of signals from the X bus to indicate the availability of a particular channel.

VIDEO TERMINAL SUBSYSTEM

Referring now to FIG. **10**, there is depicted a more detailed block diagram of video terminal subsystem **136** (see FIG. **1b**). Video terminal subsystem **136** is utilized, in the document processing system of the present invention, to provide video images of selected documents along with alphanumeric information. Video terminal subsystem **136** provides the selected video images by means of digital image data captured by the digital camera, in one embodiment, and is utilized to allow processing of data present on documents which is not in machine readable format. For example, video images may be utilized to examine signatures, to compare two signatures or to examine handwritten amount fields on documents such as checks. Video terminal subsystem **136** will also find broad application in other areas wherein it is desired to present a video image generated by digital data, with or without the additional of alphanumeric characters. Digital facsimile transmission, digital document storage and word processing are a few of the many uses such a system may find.

Video image data is transferred to video terminal subsystem **136** by means of X bus distributor **142**. Control or program information is transferred to video terminal subsystem **136** via synchronous data link control slave **138** and is mapped by way of direct memory access **1002** into microprocessor **1004** and memory **1006**. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, microprocessor **1004** is a high level device capable of addressing external memory **1006** for program instructions.

The video image data transferred via X bus distributor **142** is coupled to an appropriate video formatter. In the embodiment disclosed, up to four video formatters are utilized with each video terminal subsystem: however, additional subsystems may be utilized and/or the number of terminal controllers may be modified as a matter of design choice. Each video formatter contains a substantial amount of memory and is capable of storing sufficient digital data to support an entire image for the appropriate video terminal. The detailed description of the circuitry and capability of the video formatters will be explained in greater depth with reference to FIGS. **11a–11o** and **12a–12o**. Video formatters **1008**, **1010**, **1012** and **1014** each correspond to a single video terminal, namely, video terminals **1018**, **1020**, **1022** and **1024**.

Each video terminal is coupled to an appropriate video formatter and keyboard by means of dual terminal controller I/O devices **1016** and **1017** and terminal I/O devices **1019**, **1021**, **1023** and **1025**. Dual terminal controller I/O devices **1016** and **1017** each differentially drive video to two terminals and provide differential receivers and serial to parallel conversion for inputs from two keyboards. Terminal I/O devices **1019**, **1021**, **1023** and **1025** each receive differentially driven video for one terminal and provide parallel to serial conversion and differential drive for data from one terminal keyboard to the appropriate dual terminal controller I/O port.

VIDEO FORMATTER

With reference now to FIGS. **11a–110** and **12a–12o**, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the circuit components of the video formatter of the present invention. The video formatter of the present invention is utilized to provide image data and control to the video terminals of video terminal subsystem **136** and image data to the laser printer of laser printer subsystem **124**. In alternate embodiments, the video formatter of the present invention will find wide application in various areas wherein images are required to be stored or manipulated in digital format. Applications such as digital facsimile transmission/reception and word processing equipment are but a few of the many application such a device fill find.

Referring now particularly to FIGS. **11a** and **11b**, which, when joined in the manner indicated in the figures, depict a schematic diagram of the device control registers and memory address generation circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention. Multivibrator **1101** is utilized to provide a power up master clear signal to initialize the video formatter. Control register **1102** is utilized to receive control signals from an appropriately programmed external control device. The outputs of control register **1102** are coupled to the logic gates associated therewith and are utilized to generate various internal control signals. The control signals thus generated are utilized throughout the system to ready the bus, select a bank of internal memory for access by the control device, determine in what sequence data will be transferred and to generate an interlace synchronized signal for image display.

Buffer **1103** is the device identification buffer and is utilized by the external control device to determine what type of device is coupled to the bus. Similarly, buffer **1104** is utilized by the control device to test the

status of the video formatter during and before operation.

In the discussion of the video subsystem it was stated that the video formatter could subdivide the display into up to nine separate display zones. Multivibrators **1105** through **1108** are utilized to address these zones. Multivibrators **1105** and **1106** form the band counter, which is utilized to determine a horizontal band across the display. Multivibrators **1107** and **1108** form the zone counters which are utilized to determine the address of the section within a particular band. Those skilled in the are will recognize that by utilizing two bit binary numbers to characterize both the band and zone address the system will have the capability of defining up to sixteen separate zones. Indeed, although only nine zones are visible in the disclosed embodiment, the remaining seven zones are utilized for horizontal and vertical retrace. In alternate embodiments, utilizing laser printers or other non-display devices, all sixteen zones may be utilized to provide visible image.

Quad multivibrator **1109** is utilized simply to provide a shift delay in order to coordinate with a video attribute circuit which will be discussed below.

Octal transceiver **1110** is utilized to couple data to and from the internal memory bus and inverter buffer **1111** acts as a bus receiver to the internal control memory of the video formatter.

One of eight decoder **1112** is utilized to select a particular integrated circuit memory chip in the internal control memory and buffer **1113** is utilized to couple the appropriate memory address to the selected integrated circuit control memory chip.

Referring now to the joint figure formed by FIGS. **11c** and **11d** there is depicted a schematic representation of the main timing circuitry and display memory timing circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention.

The main timing signal is generated by crystal oscillator **1114** which provides an extremely stable 30.5 megahertz clock signal. The main clock signal is then divided by two utilizing multivibrator **1115**. Serial inparallel out register **1116** is utilized to provide the individual bit timing signal. Register **1116** is operated in the manner of a counter, propagating a pulse through the register.

The video formatter of the present invention may be utilized to supply formatted video to a display terminal or other device such as a laser printer. In those applications in which it is desired to supply video to a remote device it will be necessary to provide the image data over a bus, such as the aforementioned X bus. In such applications, it is imperative that the data transmission begin at a known point, such as the upper left corner of the image in the disclosed embodiment. To that end, multivibrators **1117** and **1118** are utilized to ensure data transmission begins at the appropriate point. Multivibrator **1117** is utilized to enable the transmit pause as the appropriate portion of the data approaches. Multivibrator **1118** is then utilized to establish the synchronization of data transmission at that point.

Similarly, multivibrators **1119** and **1120** are utilized to temporarily pause during transmission of image data if the image memory must be refreshed or the device receiving the image data is not ready to receive additional data. Multivibrator **1119** is utilized to enable the clock pause which will eventually stop transmission of the image data. Multivibrator **1120** then synchronizes the paused data transmission with fetches of data from image memory.

Multivibrator **1121** is the memory timing multivibrator and generates the timing signals utilized to retrieve data from the image memory to be displayed or transmitted to a remote device. Multivibrator **1122** is a slightly faster reacting multivibrator which is utilized to signal the end of a byte of image data to the video display controller circuit, thus triggering the reading and displaying of that byte of data. Multivibrator **1123** is the address advance vibrator, which is utilized to load or increment the address counters which are utilized to access image data.

Referring now to FIGS. **11e**, **11f** and **11g**, which, when joined in the manner indicated in the figures, form a schematic diagram of the video screen format timing circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention. The circuitry thus depicted is that circuitry which allows the definition of the discrete display area previously discussed. Each of the display areas or zones is defined by an operator in terms of certain parameters. These parameters include the zone width and height. The zone height is defined by an arbitrary dimension called "rows" and each "row" is further defined as a particular number of scans by the control device.

Recalling that although nine discrete display area are possible in the disclosed embodiment, an additional seven areas are also defined and are utilized for horizontal and vertical retrace in the video terminal application. The data defining these 16 zones is stored in counter control memories which serve to control associated counters. Each of the counter control memories is comprised of a sixty-four bit random access memory, organized into sixteen four bit words.

Thus, counter control memories **1124** and **1125** are loaded with data specifying the number of scans of the display system per row of height. In actual practice, the data loaded into counter control memories **1124** and **1125** represents the two's complement of the desired number. The two's complement is utilized to permit simplified operation of four bit counters **1126** and **1127**, which are loaded with the two's complement number and allowed to count to a carry condition.

In similar fashion, counter control memories **1128** and **1129** are loaded with data specifying the zone height in rows, and serve to control four bit counters **1130** and **1131**. Additionally, counter control memories **1132** and **1133** are loaded with data specifying the width of the zone and serve to control four bit counters **1134** and **1135**. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the sixteen four bit words stored in each counter control memory will serve to define sixteen separate zones.

Multivibrator **1136** is utilized to keep track of whether the current frame is odd or even in number, to permit control of the interlace circuitry utilized to increase image resolution. Four bit counter **1137** is utilized in conjunction with the video display controller circuitry when alphanumeric characters are being generated. A particular code specifying a selected alphanumeric character is utilized to enable the video display controller circuitry to generate the selected character; however, it is still necessary to keep track of what scan through the display device the system is currently displaying. Individual characters, in the disclosed embodiment of the present invention, are typically twelve scans in height and the image generated to perform a particular character will vary with each scan. Four bit counter **1137** is thus utilized to count the number of scans during character generation. Those skilled in the

art will appreciate this as being standard dot-matrix character generation.

Multivibrators **1138** and **1139** are utilized to cause the initial loading of counters **1126, 1127, 1130, 1131, 1134, 1135** and **1137** from their respective control memories, during startup. Once operating, the aforementioned counters are reloaded during each carry condition, however, initially this load must be forced as no carry exists. Multivibrator **1140** is utilized during alphanumeric character generation to ensure that an address bump by delta (explained below) does not occur until after twelve scans are complete, thus ensuring continuity of alphanumeric characters. Multivibrator **1141** is utilized to enable the address control memories during the first scan in each band of the display. Multivibrators **1142** and **1143** are coupled to the carry outputs of counters **1134** and **1135** and are utilized to generate various zone width carry signals (ZWCRY) for utilization throughout the video formatter.

Logic gates **1144a–1144d** are coupled to the outputs of zone width counters **1134** and **1135** and the mode select signal and are utilized to generate wait signals to a control device.

Referring now to FIGS. **11h** and **11i**, and the joint figure formed thereby, there is depicted the display address circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention.

Having previously defined the parameters of each of the sixteen zones (nine of which are display zones and seven of which are utilized for retrace signals) in terms of zone width and zone height in the arbitrary dimension of "rows" and the number of scans through the display per "row," it is now necessary to provide two additional parameters to operate the video formatter in the manner described.

First, it is necessary to define a starting address within the image memory to determine what section of the image will be contained within a selected zone. Secondly, it is likely that the zone width may not be sufficiently wide to encompass the entire image, and therefore simple unitary address image incrementing will not suffice. As the end of the zone width is reached, the address of the next byte of image data displayed must be determined by incrementing with a selected number, which is dependent upon the width of the entire image. This selected number is referred to variously herein as the "delta" or "bump" increment. The bump increment is calculated by examining the width of the image and what number must be added to the starting address to arrive at the start of the next scan through that zone.

The starting address of each of the zones within the display may be stored within control memories **1145–1149**. Control memories **1145–1149** are also sixty-four bit random access memories, organized into sixteen four bit words. As a matter of design choice, the address of image data stored within image memories in the video formatter of the present invention typically contains seventeen bits. Thus, control memories **1145–1149** are capable of storing the seventeen bit starting address of each of the sixteen display zones as written into the control memories by a control device.

Control memories **1150–1152** are utilized in a similar manner to receive and store the "delta" or "bump" number by which the address of the next byte of image to be displayed is determined. The starting address of each scan through the zone is incremented by the bump increment to address the first bit of image necessary for the next scan through a selected zone. Quad two input multiplexers **1153–1155** are utilized to shift the "delta" number and thereby multiply it by two. This shifting is necessary during interlace in the non alphanumeric (image) mode. Interlace is utilized to increase resolution of the image, and is accomplished by skipping a line of the image and then utilizing the skipped image data during the next complete frame of the image. In order to skip a line of image data, the increment number must be twice the normal number to arrive at the address of the beginning of the scan following the next scan.

Having defined each zone by size and starting address within the image memory, and by knowing the increment or address necessary to address the first bit in the next scan through the zone, it is possible to display a variable window within the display which may be easily scrolled in either axis (by incrementing the starting address) or enlarged (by changing zone dimensions) and may be utilized to visually display a selected portion of an image. Further, as will be explained below, certain zones may be dedicated to alphanumeric characters indicative of operating parameters, prompting cues or other pertinent data.

Referring now to the joint figure formed by FIGS. **11j** and **11k** and to FIG. **11l**, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the display address generation circuitry of the present invention.

As discussed above, during operation of display devices, as the beginning of a zone occurs, the previous starting address must be incremented by a value equal to that of the width of the image to ensure that appropriate data is available during the next scan through a zone (or by twice the width of the image if image interlace is desired). Since this increment must take place at the beginning of each scan through a zone, it is convenient to conduct such an incrementation at each scan, including the first scan. Since the increment would then be added to the starting address for each zone, a compensation offset to each starting address is necessary.

The aforementioned compensated starting address is stored as previously discussed, in control memories **1145–1149** and is coupled to the inputs of four bit full adders **1156–1160**. Also coupled to adders **1156–1160** are the outputs of multiplexers **1153–1155**, representing the "delta" increment. Thus, adders **1156–1160** add the delta increment to the compensated starting address and couple the sum to four bit by four bit registers **1161–1165**. The data thus stored represents the actual starting address of image data to be displayed in each zone.

The outputs of registers **1161–1165** are coupled to four bit counters **1166–1170**. Counters **1166–1170** are four bit counters with three state outputs which are utilized to increment the address data. The initial data clocked into counters **1166–1170** is immediately clocked out onto the bus and around to adders **1156–1160** to be incremented by the delta increment again. As the new starting address (for the next scan) is coupled into registers **1161–1165**, counters **1166–1170** begin unitary incrementation of the previous starting address. It is therefore possible, with the depicted circuitry, to generate a starting address, increment that address until the zone boundary is reached, add a delta increment to the previous starting address to obtain the next starting address, and being incrementing again when the zone is next entered. Also depicted in FIG. **11k** are buffers **1171** and **1172** which are utilized to couple the control device into the internal bus.

Referring now to the joint figure formed by FIGS. **11**m, **11**n and **11**o, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the video generation and video display controller circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention.

Central to the video generation and video attribute circuitry is video generator **1173**. Video generator **1173** is comprised of, in the illustrated embodiment, an SMC 8002 video display controller manufactured by the SMC Microsystems Corporation of Hauppauge, N.Y., and contains a mask programmable on chip, one hundred twenty-eight character generator which utilizes a seven by eleven dot matrix block. Video generator **1173** also includes attribute logic including reverse video, character blank, character blink, underline and strike-through. Additionally, video generator **73** has four cursor modes including underline, blinking underline, reverse video and blinking reverse video.

Attribute control signals are coupled to video generator **1173** by means of multiplexers **1174** and **1175**. Multiplexers **1174** and **1175** receive their inputs from either attribute latch **1176** or from the data bus. If a global attribute is selected, the correct attribute code is written into attribute control memories **1177** and **1178** by the control device. Attribute control memories **1177** and **1178** are sixty-four bit random access memories and are utilized to store the attribute codes for each of the display zones. During field attribute operation (available only in the alphanumeric mode), selected data from the data bus is utilized to generate specific attributes for selected portions (fields) of the display zone, rather than the entire zone as in global attribute operations. The selected field attribute data is applied to video generator **1173** by means of multiplexers **1174** and **1175**. Additional data from the data bus is applied to pins A0–A6 of video generator **1173** and is utilized to select a specific character from the character generator.

Logic gates **1179** and **1180**, and the logic gates associated therewith, are utilized as a gating function for the attribute capability. Logic gate **1180** is utilized to enable multiplexers **1174** and **1175** and the output of logic gate **1179** is applied to the attribute enable pin (ATTBE) of video generator **1173**, thus controlling the generation of video attributes.

Retriggerable single shot multivibrators **1181**, **1182** and **1183** are utilized in conjunction with four bit counter **1184** to time and generate horizontal and vertical sync pulses. Multivibrator **1181** triggers for approximately 2.5 microseconds after the beginning of horizontal retrace to provide what is commonly referred to as the "front porch" of the horizontal retrace pulse. One output of multivibrator **1181** is utilized to trigger multivibrator **1182** which provides a five microsecond horizontal sync, the remaining period of horizontal retrace is the "back porch".

Multivibrator **1183** is utilized to provide interlace holdoff of the vertical sync pulse. Vertical sync is delayed for approximately one-half of the horizontal sweep time to cause interlace and thereby increase image resolution. Four bit counter **1184** is then utilized to generate the vertical sync pulse and the "front porch" and back porch" periods.

Multivibrators **1185** and **1186** are utilized to provide a delay before the application of horizontal retrace blanking to compensate for delay encountered due to pipelined internal operation during character generation by video generator **1173**. Interface **1187** is provided to interconnect the video formatter of the present invention to a video terminal interface for use in a video subsystem.

Referring now to FIG. **12**a, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the cursor control circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention. Memory locations within the image memory of the video formatter of the present invention are, as a matter of design choice, characterized by seventeen bit addresses. Since a typical microprocessor type control device utilizes an eight bit bus, three separate write commands must be generated to load in seventeen bits. The cursor address is loaded into multivibrator **1201** and eight bit registers **1204** and **1205**. The additional circuitry depicted is coupled to the video address bus and is utilized to compare the cursor address with each video address and generate the cursor signal when the correct address is reached.

Logic gate **1207** is utilized to compare one bit of cursor address with one bit of video address, and to enable eight bit comparators **1202** and **1203**. If the comparator circuitry indicates a match, and the video display terminal is not in the image mode (no cursor being utilized during image mode) then logic gate **1206** is utilized to generate the cursor signal.

With reference now to FIGS. **12**b and **12**c, and the joint figure formed thereby, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the intra device addressing circuitry and run length counters of the video formatter of the present invention. As discussed with respect to the data compression system, it is possible to have up to sixteen separate addressable registers per system which may be directly addressed by a control device.

The address of a selected register is coupled from a microprocessor type control device through buffers **1208** and **1209**, while various control signals are coupled through buffer **1210**. Wire strap option **1211** is utilized to specifically identify a particular video formatter, and the register address is applied to field programmable logic arrays **1212** and **1213**, where the actual address data is decoded and utilized to access desired registers.

Also depicted in FIG. **12**c are the run length counters and controllers. Recalling that the video image data being generated by the data expansion circuitry may be generated in either a ladder or scan mode, it is necessary to keep track of the length of each "run" of data through the image in order to accurately reconstruct an original image as the data is loaded into display memory.

As in previous similar circuits, the run length is loaded into counter control registers **1214** and **1215**, in two's complement form. The contents of registers **1214** and **1215** are then loaded into four bit counters **1216–1219**, and counters **1216–1219** are incremented until they reach a carry condition, thus indicating the end of a run of data.

Referring now to the joint figures formed by joining FIGS. **12**d and **12**e and by joining FIGS. **12**f and **12**g, there is depicted the address generation circuitry whereby the image data coupled to the video formatter is stored in image memory within the video formatter. Recalling the discussion of ladder format versus scan format for image data, those skilled in the art will appreciate that coherent storage of image data within the image memory will require that each successive byte of image data, while in the ladder format, will be stored at an address in memory which is either greater than or less than the previous address by a value equal to the width of the image. As counters **1216–1219** enter the

carry condition, indicating the end of a run, the next byte of image data will be stored at an address which is either greater than or less than the previous starting address by one. Conversely, while in the scan format, image data addresses will increment or decrement by one, until a carry condition in counters **1216–1219** indicates the end of a run, at which time the next byte of data will be stored at an address greater than or less than the previous starting address by a value equal to the width of the image.

The determination in either case of whether to increment or decrement the address of the image data is determined by the point in a document image at which the data begins.

Data bus transceiver **1220** is utilized to couple the value of the width of the image to width registers **1221** and **1222**. The two most significant bits in register **1222** (pins 8Q and 7Q) are utilized for the sign bits for the address increments. The outputs of width registers **1121** and **1222** are coupled to multiplexers **1223–1226**. Multiplexers **1223–1226** are utilized to output either a plus or a minus one, or a plus or minus width value, as determined by image orientation.

The output of multiplexers **1123–1126** is then coupled to full adders **1227**a–**1227**f (adders **1227**e and **1227**f are depicted in FIG. **12**g) where, the address increment or decrement is added to the previous address, or previous starting address to determine the storage address for the next byte of image data. The result of this address incrementing is coupled to address registers **1228**a–c (register **1228**c is depicted in FIG. **12**g).

Bus transceivers **1229–1231** are utilized to couple the image data address to the control device. Registers **1232–1234** are utilized to temporarily store the starting address of each run of image data. The starting address is utilized when counters **1216–1219** enter a carry condition, indicating the end of a run. The next data address is determined by incrementing the previous starting address, and registers **1232–1234** are therefore utilized to retain each starting address of a run.

Referring now to FIGS. **12**h and **12**i, and the joint figure formed thereby, there is depicted a schematic representation of certain of the timing circuits of the video formatter of the present invention. Four bit counter **1235** serves as the end of data timer for the video formatter, counting the number of clock signals after data reception on the X bus ceases.

As a matter of design choice, if the X bus clock goes low for eight master clocks, the system will interpret it as an end of data, causing end of data multivibrator **1236** to set. The output of multivibrator **1236** is utilized to clear multivibrator **1237**, but not until the completion of any memory access in progress. Multivibrator **1237** also serves to generate the busy signal when data is being received.

Dual four bit ripple counters **1238** and **1239** are the refresh timers which are utilized to time the periods between each successive refresh operation of the image memory. Refresh takes place every 1.6 milliseconds, and the signal output from logic gate **1240** (XCMMIT) is utilized to cause the incoming data on the X bus to temporarily stop.

The refresh signal ($\overline{\text{RFRSH}}$) is coupled to ripple counter **1241** which is utilized to cycle through the row addresses of the image memories to accomplish refresh. The refresh addresses thus generated are latched out through the three state outputs of buffer **1242**.

Dual serial/parallel latch **1243** is the receive latch for image data input from the X bus. Latch **1243** accepts eight bits serially off the X bus and then shifts the eight bits into an eight bit wide parallel output latch where they are gated to the data bus and written into image memory while the next eight bits are being shifted into latch **1243**. Four bit counter **1244** is utilized to count the input bits from the X bus to determine when an eight bit byte has been input to the system. One output of counter **1244** is utilized to set first byte multivibrator **1245**. First byte multivibrator **1245** is utilized to disable the writing of data into the image memory. Recalling the operation of latch **1243**, those ordinarily skilled in the art will appreciate that as a byte of data is accumulated, the previous byte is being written into memory. Since during accumulation of the first byte, no previous byte exists, the memory write is disabled.

Second byte multivibrator **1246** is cleared at the second byte of image data and is utilized to provide the load pulse which causes the run length to be loaded into counter control registers **1214** and **1215**. (see FIG. **12**c) Further, since the address incrementing circuitry will not be required for the starting address of image data, multivibrator **1246** also is utilized to disable multiplexers **1223–1226** (see FIG. **12**d).

Four bit counter **1247** is the memory timing generator, which is utilized to operate the image memory independently of the X bus clock. Each time an eight bit byte is accumulated in latch **1243**, multivibrator **1248** is utilized to initiate a memory timing cycle, through logic gate **1250** and multivibrator **1249**.

Referring now to FIGS. **12**j and **12**k, and the joint figure formed thereby, there is depicted a schematic representation of the display memory timing and control circuitry of the video formatter of the present invention.

Multiplexers **1251** and **1252** are utilized to multiplex the video address into row and column addresses. The outputs of multiplexers **1251** and **1252** are coupled to buffers **1253** and **1254**, which are utilized to drive the image memory address lines.

Data is written into the image memory via write buffer **1255** and may be read out onto the data bus via buffer **1256**. One of eight decoder **1257** is utilized to decode the highest three bits of video address to select one of the eight banks of image memory. A bank of image memory is selected by selecting the proper column address strobe signal (CAS). The selected bank column address strobe signal is driven by buffer **1258**, which is disabled during refresh by the output of logic gate **1260**, acting as an inverter.

Buffer **1259** is utilized to write the write and row address strobe signals. Shift registers **1261** and **1262** are driven by the 30.5 megahertz clock and are utilized to generate timing signals for the image memory. Wire strap options **1264** and **1265** are utilized to vary the timing signals generated to accommodate various types of integrated circuit memories which may be utilized in the image memory. Multivibrator **1263** is cleared by the output of logic gate **1266** during a read, write or refresh action, and serves to control shift registers **1261** and **1262**.

Referring now to the joint figure formed by joining FIGS. **12**l, **12**m, **12**n and **12**o, there is depicted a schematic representation of the image memory of the video formatter of the present invention. Image memory integrated circuits **1266**a–h, **1267**a–h, **1269**a–h, **1270**a–h, **1271**a–h, **1272**a–h and **1273**a–h are each, in a preferred

embodiment, a 16K bit dynamic random access memory such as the TMS 4116 manufactured by Texas Instruments, Incorporated of Dallas, Tex. The eight banks of memory form a 128K byte image memory which contains sufficient image data to accurately portray an entire display image. Further, in addition to image data, alphanumeric character codes may be stored within the image memory for character generation by means of video generator **1173** (see FIG. **11n**).

Finally now, referring to the joint figures formed by joining FIGS. **12p** and **12q** in the manner indicated in the figures, there is depicted a schematic diagram of the interface circuitry which couples the video formatter of the present invention to the other subsystems in the document processor by means of the X bus.

X bus control register **1274** is an internal video formatter register which is directly addressable by the external control device in the manner described herein. The data input to X bus control register **1274** is utilized to select a particular one of the eight X bus channels, and also specifies whether the video formatter will receive data or transmit data.

The upper four bits in X bus control register **1274** specify a receive condition and are applied to one of ten decoder **1275**. The output of one of ten decoder **1275** is applied to inverter buffer **1276** and is then utilized to select one of the eight X bus transceivers **1278**a–h.

In the transmit mode, the lower four bits of X bus control register **1274** are utilized and specify a transmit condition. The lower four bits are applied to one of ten decoder **1277**, the output of which is utilized to select one of eight X bus transceivers **1278**a–h.

During transmission of data from the video formatter, eight bit wide bytes of data are coupled to parallel in-out shift register **1279** for serialization and application to X bus transceivers **1278**a–h.

Multivibrator **1280** is utilized to temporarily pause transmission of data during refresh cycle, and is gated to ensure that the pause takes place at the end of a clock pulse, to prevent possible split clocks. Multivibrator **1281** is set and holds the clock low when the end of image data is encountered. After the last bit of data in the sixteen display zone has been transmitted, multivibrator **1281** is set and remains set until cleared by the external control device. This provides the end of data signal to the receiving device.

LASER PRINTER SUBSYSTEM

An important feature of the document processing system of the present invention is the ability to produce a facsimile image of the entire image of a processed document, any portion thereof, or multiple portions thereof, for inclusion in a statement, letter, or other document. With reference again to FIG. **1**, the document images for a plurality of documents are stored, in one preferred embodiment, in magnetic disk storage. Digital computer **100** accesses a selected plurality of digital images via disk controller **102** and channel selector **116**.

The selected digital images are transferred through multiplexed direct memory access **166**, a sixteen channel direct memory access designed to be compatible with digital computer **100**. The selected digital images are then transferred to local X bus through multiplexed direct memory access **164**, a four channel direct memory access designed to be compatible with the microprocessor utilized in the local subsystems. If the image data selected is in compacted form, it is transferred via local X bus to digital image expander **162** for expansion. The resultant expanded data is transferrred through X bus distributor **170** and X bus distributor **132** into a video formatter **134** for formatting and interfacing into the sequence required by the specific laser printer system. Video formatter **134** utilizes identical circuitry to that utilized in video formatters **1008**, **1010**, **1012** and **1014** of FIG. **10**, and that circuitry is explained in greater depth with reference to FIGS. **11**a–**11**o and **12**a–**12**q. The properly formatted image data is temporarily stored in image memory **128**, and selectively applied to laser printer **130** by printer controller **126**.

Video formatter **134** may also be utilized to generate alphanumeric characters for use in addition to the digital image data, in those applications wherein a single document is required to have an image and alphanumeric information. In such applications, the image and data required for the alphanumeric characters are both stored in image memory **128**.

Laser printer **130**, in the embodiment disclosed, is a Model ND2 high speed printer manufactured by the Siemens Corporation of Cherry Hill, N.J. Laser printer **130** employs laser technology and electrophotographic techniques. The digital image data is utilized to control a lasar which exposes selected portions of a rotating, photoconductor surfaced drum. Toner will adhere to the exposed portions of the drum and will then be transferred to paper in the manner well known in the art.

It should be appreciated by those skilled in the art that ink jet or other state of the art printing systems may be utilized with the document processing system of the present invention.

Although the invention has been described with reference to a specific embodiment this description is not meant to be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications of the disclosed embodiment as well as alternative embodiments of the invention will become apparent to persons skilled in the art upon reference to the description of the invention. It is therefore contemplated that the appended claims will cover any such modifications or embodiments that fall within the true scope of the invention.

TABLE I

CODE		CODED COUNT LENGTH	ACTUAL CODE LENGTH
000	MAPPING MODE	2 BIT MAP COUNT	1 TO 4 BITS LONG
001		3 BIT MAP COUNT	5 TO 12 BITS LONG
0100		4 BIT MAP COUNT	13 TO 28 BITS LONG
1111000		4 BIT MAP COUNT	29 TO 44 BITS LONG
1111111110		5 BIT MAP COUNT	45 TO 76 BITS LONG
1111101	DUPLICATE MODE	3 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	5 TO 12 BITS LONG
1111010		4 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	13 TO 28 BITS LONG
1111001		5 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	29 TO 60 BITS LONG
1110100		6 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	61 TO 124 BITS LONG
1110110		7 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	125 TO 252 BITS LONG
111000100		10 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	253 TO 1276 BITS LONG
111000101		10 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	1277 TO 2300 BITS LONG

TABLE I-continued

CODE		CODED COUNT LENGTH	ACTUAL CODE LENGTH
1110101		11 BIT DUPLICATE COUNT	2301 TO 4095 BITS LONG
11111111001		4096 DUPLICATES	
0101	BLACK CELL MODE	3 BIT BLACK COUNT	8 TO 15 BITS LONG
1010		4 BIT BLACK COUNT	16 TO 31 BITS LONG
1110010		5 BIT BLACK COUNT	32 TO 63 BITS LONG
1111111101		6 BIT BLACK COUNT	64 TO 127 BITS LONG
11111111000		7 BIT BLACK COUNT	128 TO 255 BITS LONG
1011	WHITE CELL MODE	3 BIT WHITE COUNT	8 TO 15 BITS LONG
1001		4 BIT WHITE COUNT	16 TO 31 BITS LONG
1000		5 BIT WHITE COUNT	32 TO 63 BITS LONG
1100		6 BIT WHITE COUNT	64 TO 127 BITS LONG
1110000		7 BIT WHITE COUNT	128 TO 255 BITS LONG
1110011		8 BIT WHITE COUNT	256 TO 511 BITS LONG
1111111000		9 BIT WHITE COUNT	512 TO 1023 BITS LONG
1110111		11 BIT WHITE COUNT	1024 TO 3071 BITS LONG
111000110		10 BIT WHITE COUNT	3072 TO 4095 BITS LONG
111000111		4096 WHITE	
0110	Q CODE MODE	2 BIT Q1 COUNT	2 TO 5 BITS LONG
1111100		3 BIT Q1 COUNT	6 TO 13 BITS LONG
1111111010		5 BIT Q1 COUNT	14 TO 45 BITS LONG
0111		2 BIT Q2 COUNT	2 TO 5 BITS LONG
1111011		3 BIT Q2 COUNT	6 TO 13 BITS LONG
1111111011		5 BIT Q2 COUNT	14 TO 45 BITS LONG
1101		2 BIT Q3 COUNT	2 TO 5 BITS LONG
111110		3 BIT Q3 COUNT	6 TO 13 BITS LONG
111111001		5 BIT Q3 COUNT	14 TO 45 BITS LONG

What is claimed is:

1. Apparatus disposed at an encoding station for encoding discrete documents continuously moving through said station, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of stationary character imprinters;

a plurality of striking means, each of said plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said plurality of stationary character imprinters;

ink bearing ribbon means disposed between said striking means and said character imprinters for transferring character imprint to said documents, said ribbon means remaining stationary during the absence of a document at said encoding station;

means continuously transporting said discrete documents through said encoding station between said plurality of character imprinters and said plurality of striking means; and

control means for advancing said ribbon in the direction of document travel and for activating particular ones of said plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times only in response to a document being present at said encoding station, thereby to character imprint said document as it is being continuously transported through said encoder station.

2. The apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein said stationary character imprinters comprise engraved dies.

3. The apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein said plurality of striking means comprises a bank of electronically controlled hammers which remain stationary when not activated.

4. The apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein said control means comprises a microprocessor.

5. The apparatus according to claim **1**, further including means for detecting the presence of a document entering the encoding station between said plurality of said character imprinters and said plurality of striking means.

6. Apparatus disposed at an encoding station for encoding continuously moving documents at said station, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of stationary character dies;

a plurality of striking means, each of said plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said plurality of character dies;

a flexible ink bearing medium positioned between said plurality of character dies and said plurality of striking means and adjacent to said plurality of character dies, said ink bearing medium remaining stationary when a document is not passing through said encoding station;

means continuously transporting a series of documents through said encoding station between said plurality of striking means and said flexible ink bearing medium; and

control means for advancing said ink bearing medium and for activating particular ones of said plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times only when a document is present at said encoding station, thereby to imprint said document as it is being continuously transported through said encoder station.

7. The apparatus according to claim **6**, wherein said plurality of stationary character dies comprises multiple characters engraved upon a single die surface.

8. The apparatus according to claim **6**, wherein said plurality of striking means comprises a bank of electronically controlled hammers.

9. The apparatus according to claim **6**, wherein said flexible ink bearing medium comprises a magnetic ink ribbon.

10. The apparatus according to claim **6**, wherein said control means comprises a microprocessor.

11. The apparatus according to claim **6**, further including means for detecting the presence of a document between said plurality of said stationary character dies and said plurality of striking means.

12. An apparatus disposed at an encoding station for encoding documents continuously moving through said station, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of adjacent stationary character dies;

a plurality of striking means, each of said plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said plurality of adjacent stationary charcter dies;

a ribbon advancing mechanism positioning a flexible ink bearing medium between said plurality of adjacent stationary character dies and said plurality of striking means, said ribbon advancing mechanism maintaining said ink bearing medium in a stationary mode during the absence of a document at said encoding station and adapted to longitudinally advance said medium along said plurality of adjacent stationary character dies when a document is at said encoding station;

means continuously transporting documents through said encoding station between said plurality of striking means and said flexible ink bearing medium at a selected rate of speed; means for detecting the presence of a document at said encoding station; and

control means responsive to said detecting means for activating particular ones of said plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times and for activating said ribbon advancing mechanism for momentarily advancing said flexible ink bearing medium at said selected rate of speed in response to the presence of a document at said encoding station.

13. The apparatus according to claim **12**, wherein said plurality of fixed character dies comprises multiple characters engraved upon a single die surface.

14. The apparatus according to claim **12**, wherein said plurality of striking means comprises a bank of electronically controlled hammers which remain stationary when not activated.

15. The apparatus according to claim **12**, wherein said ribbon advancing mechanism comprises supply and take up reels and a ribbon drive roller and said flexible ink bearing medium comprises a magnetic ink ribbon.

16. The apparatus according to claim **12**, wherein said control means comprises a microprocessor.

17. The apparatus according to claim **12**, wherein said means for detecting the presence of a document at said encoding station is an optical sensor.

18. Apparatus disposed at an encoding station for encoding continuously moving documents at said station, said apparatus comprising:

means continuously transporting documents at a selected rate ofspeed along a selected track to and through said encoding station;

a first plurality of stationary character imprinters disposed along a first side of said selected track, each of said first plurality of imprinters bearing a particular one of a set of unique indicia;

a second plurality of stationary character imprinters, substantially identical to said first plurality of stationary character imprinters, disposed along said first side of said selected track, adjacent to said first plurality of character imprinters;

a first plurality of striking means, disposed along the opposite side of said selected track, each of said first plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said first plurality of character imprinters;

A second plurality of striking means, substantially identical to said first plurality of striking means, disposed along the opposite side of said selected track, adjacent to said first plurality of striking means, each of said second plurality of striking means positioned, when actuated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said second plurality of character imprinters;

a ribbon advancing mechanism positioning an ink bearing ribbon between said character imprinters and said striking means, said ribbon advancing mechanism maintaining said ribbon in a stationary mode during the absence of a document of said encoding station and when activated, momentarily advancing said ribbon at said selected rate of speed in the direction of document transport; and

control means for activating said ribbon advancing mechanism and for activating particular ones of said first and second plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times in response to the presence of a document at said encoding station.

19. The apparatus according to claim **18**, wherein said character imprinters comprise engraved dies.

20. The apparatus according to claim **18**, wherein said plurality of striking means comprises a bank of electronically controlled hammers which remain stationary when not activated.

21. The apparatus according to claim **18**, wherein said control means comprises a microprocessor.

22. The apparatus according to claim **18**, further including optical sensor means for detecting the presence of a document at said encoding station and activating said control means.

23. Apparatus disposed at an encoding station for encoding discrete documents moving through said station, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of stationary character imprinters:

a plurality of striking means , each of said plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said plurality of stationary character imprinters;

ink bearing ribbon means disposed between said striking means and said character imprinters for transferring character imprints to said documents;

means transporting said discrete documents through said encoding station between said plurality of character imprinters and said plurality of striking means; and

control means for advancing said ribbon in the direction of document travel and for activating particular ones of said plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times only in response to a document being present at said encoding station, thereby to character imprint said document as it is being transported through said encoder station,

said ribbon not being advanced in the direction of document travel during the absence of a document at said encoding station.

24. Encoder apparatus for encoding discrete documents moving through an encoding station, said encoder apparatus comprising:

a plurality of stationary character imprinters;

a plurality of striking means, each of said plurality of striking means positioned, when activated, to strike a particular and corresponding one of said plurality of stationary character imprinters;

ink bearing ribbon means disposed between said striking means and said character imprinters for transferring character imprints to said documents, said ribbon means remaining stationary during the absence of a document at said encoding station;

means transporting said discrete documents through sand encoding station between said plurality of character imprinters and said plurality of striking means; and

control means for advancing said ribbon in the direction of document travel and for activating particular ones of said plurality of striking means in a preselected sequence and at preselected times only in response to a

document being present at said encoding station, thereby to character imprint said document as it is being transported through said encoder station, said control means advancing said ribbon at the same rate of speed as the rate of speed of transport of said documents.

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