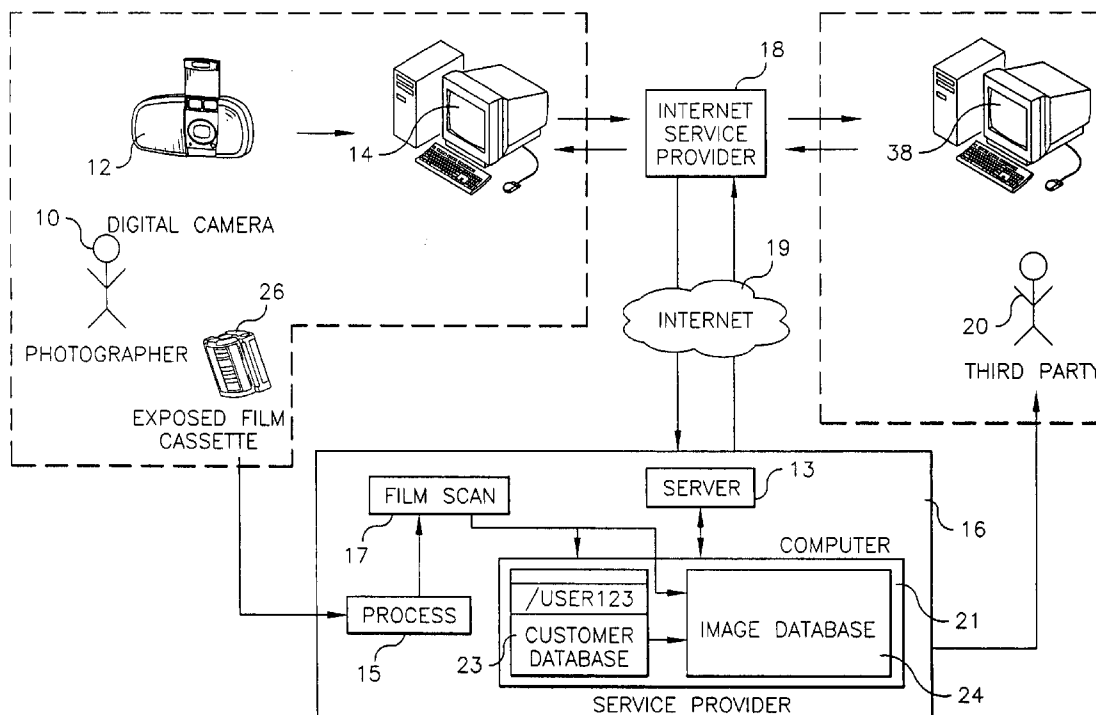




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A method of providing image goods and/or services to more than one party located at different locations. The method includes providing a camera for substantially simultaneously capturing an image both electronically and on a photosensitive media by a customer and transmitting the electronic image to a third party at a location remote from the customer along with additional data. The additional data identifying the image with respect to the photosensitive media. The customer and/or the third party placing an order with a service provider for at least one good and/or service with respect to the image. The service provider assembles the order upon receipt of the photosensitive media.

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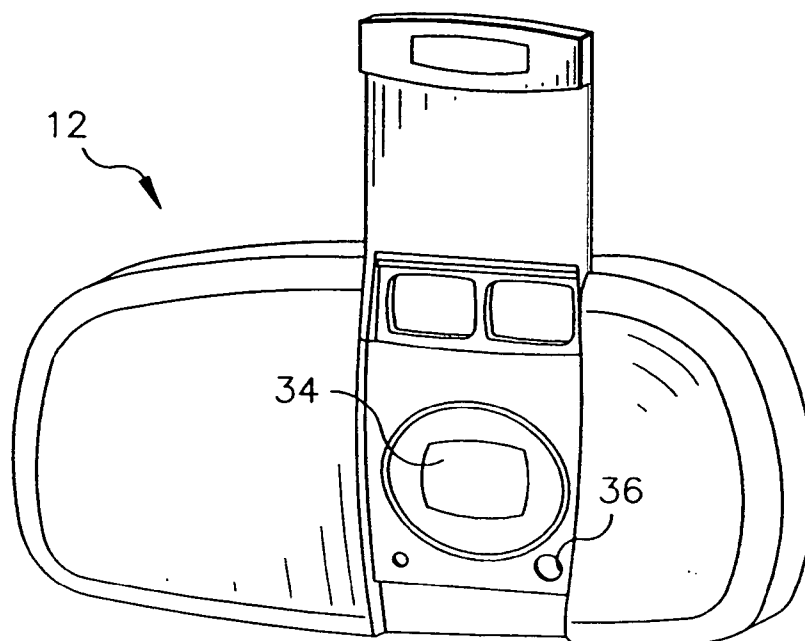


FIG. 1A

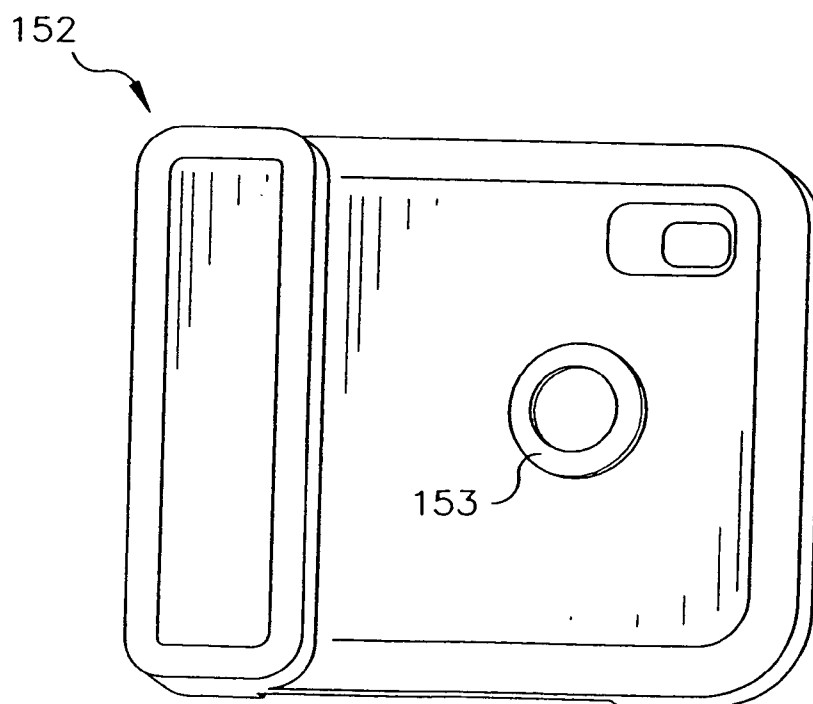


FIG. 1B

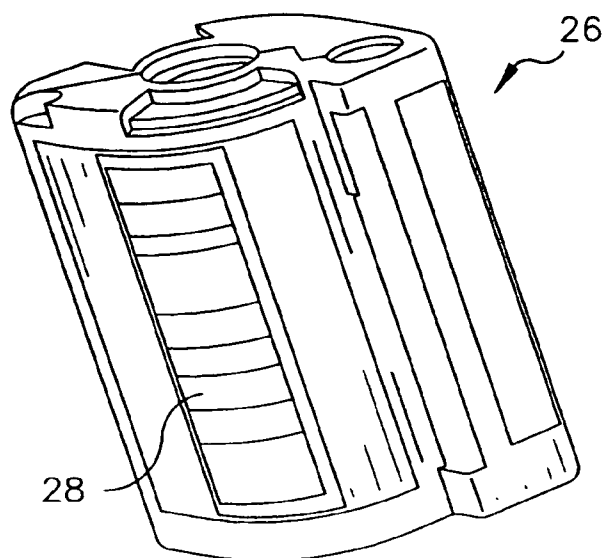


FIG. 2A

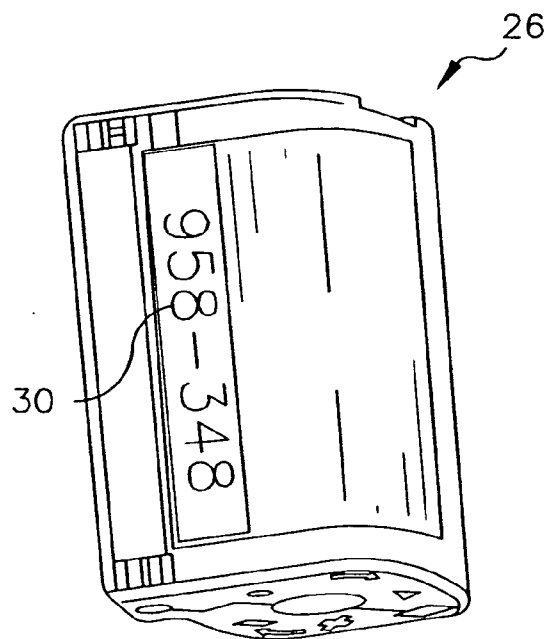
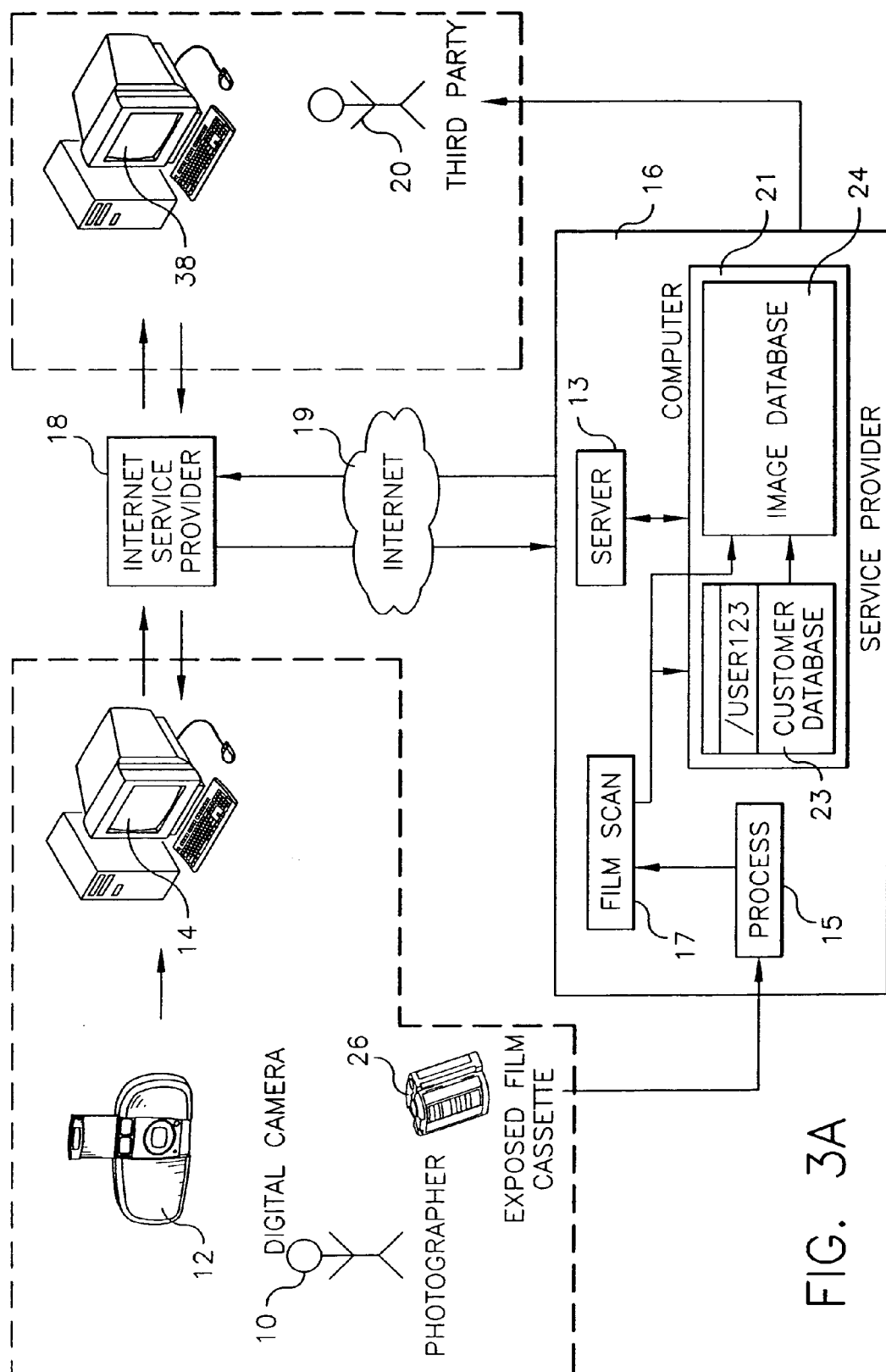


FIG. 2B



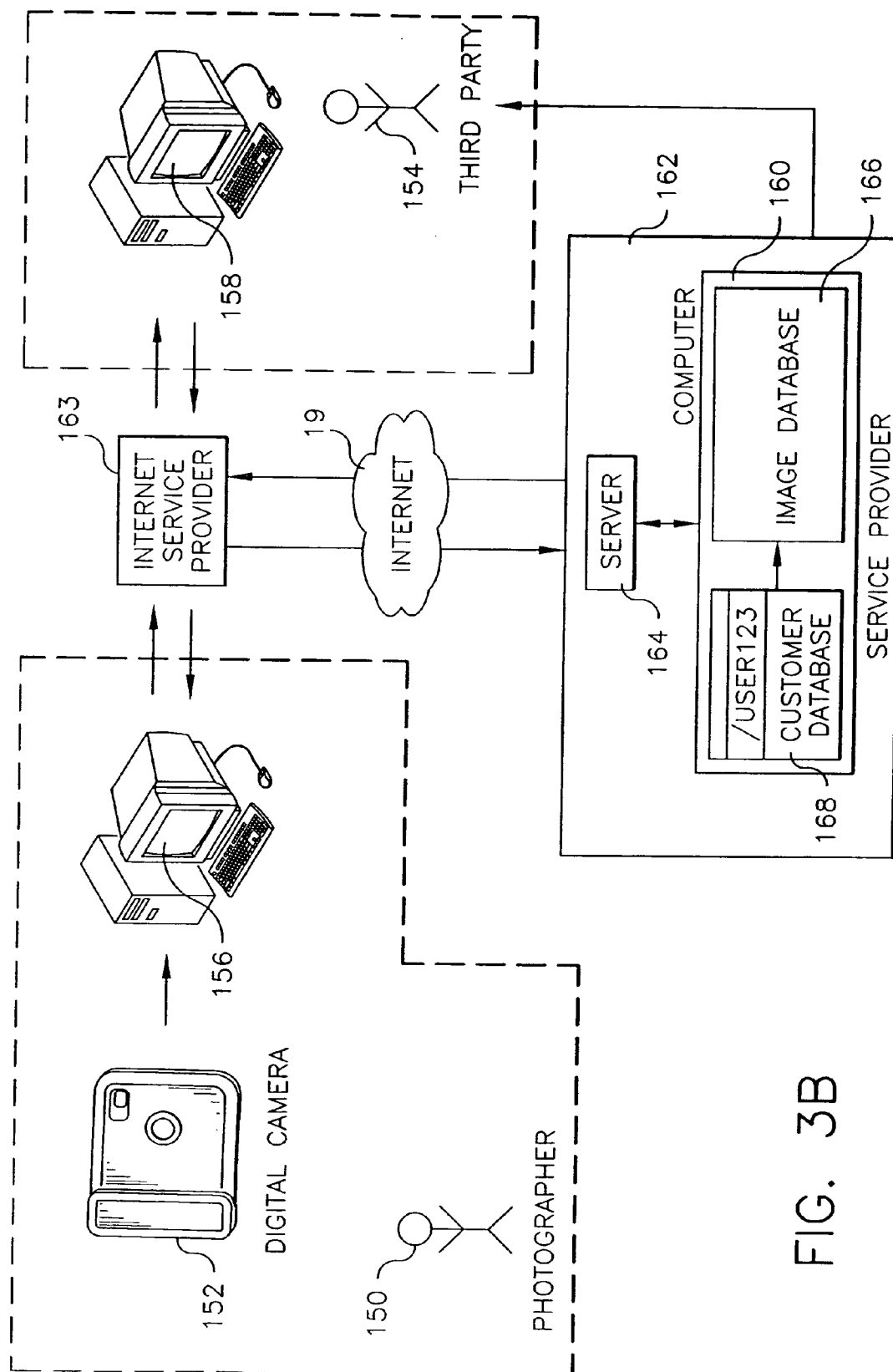


FIG. 3B

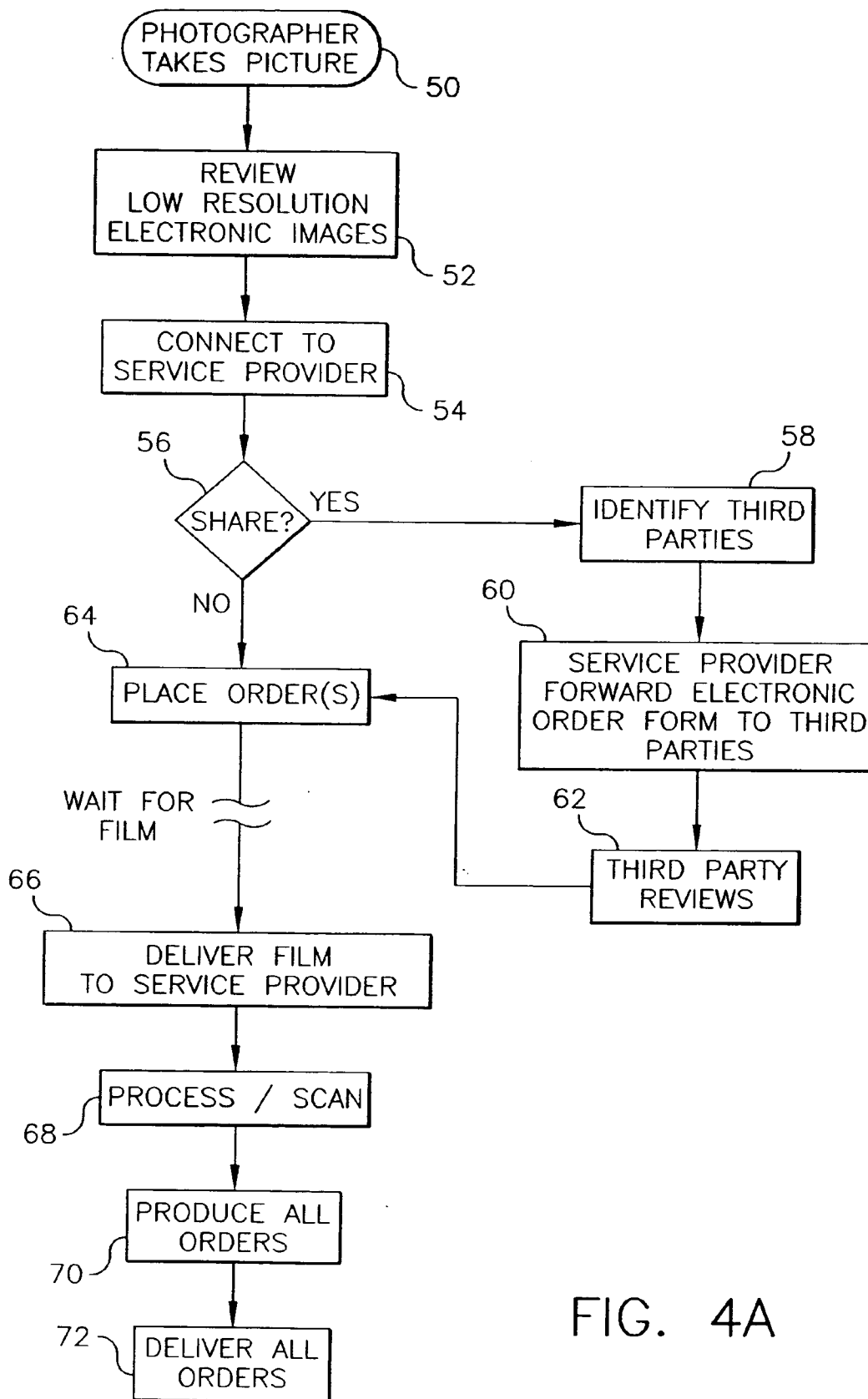


FIG. 4A

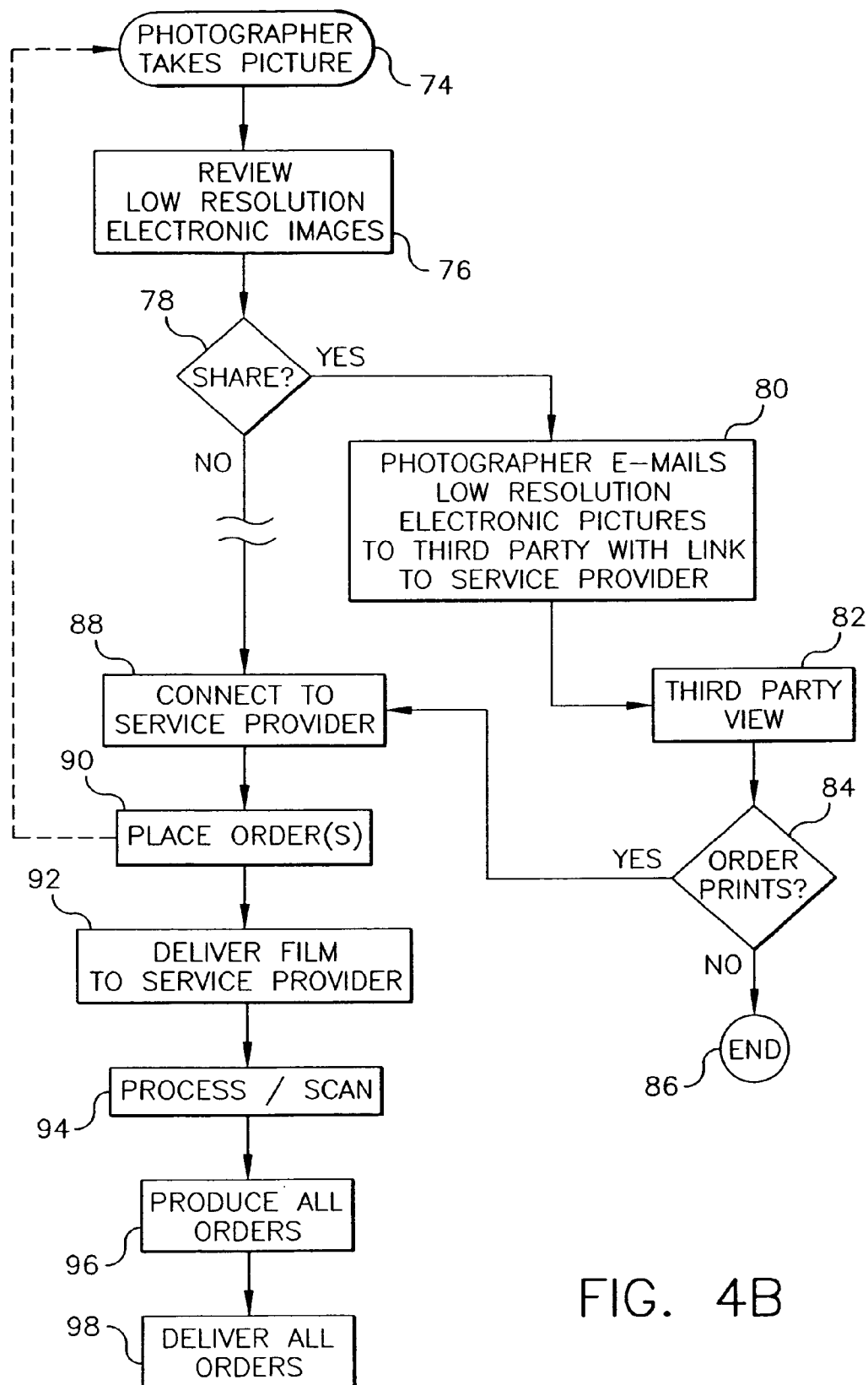


FIG. 4B

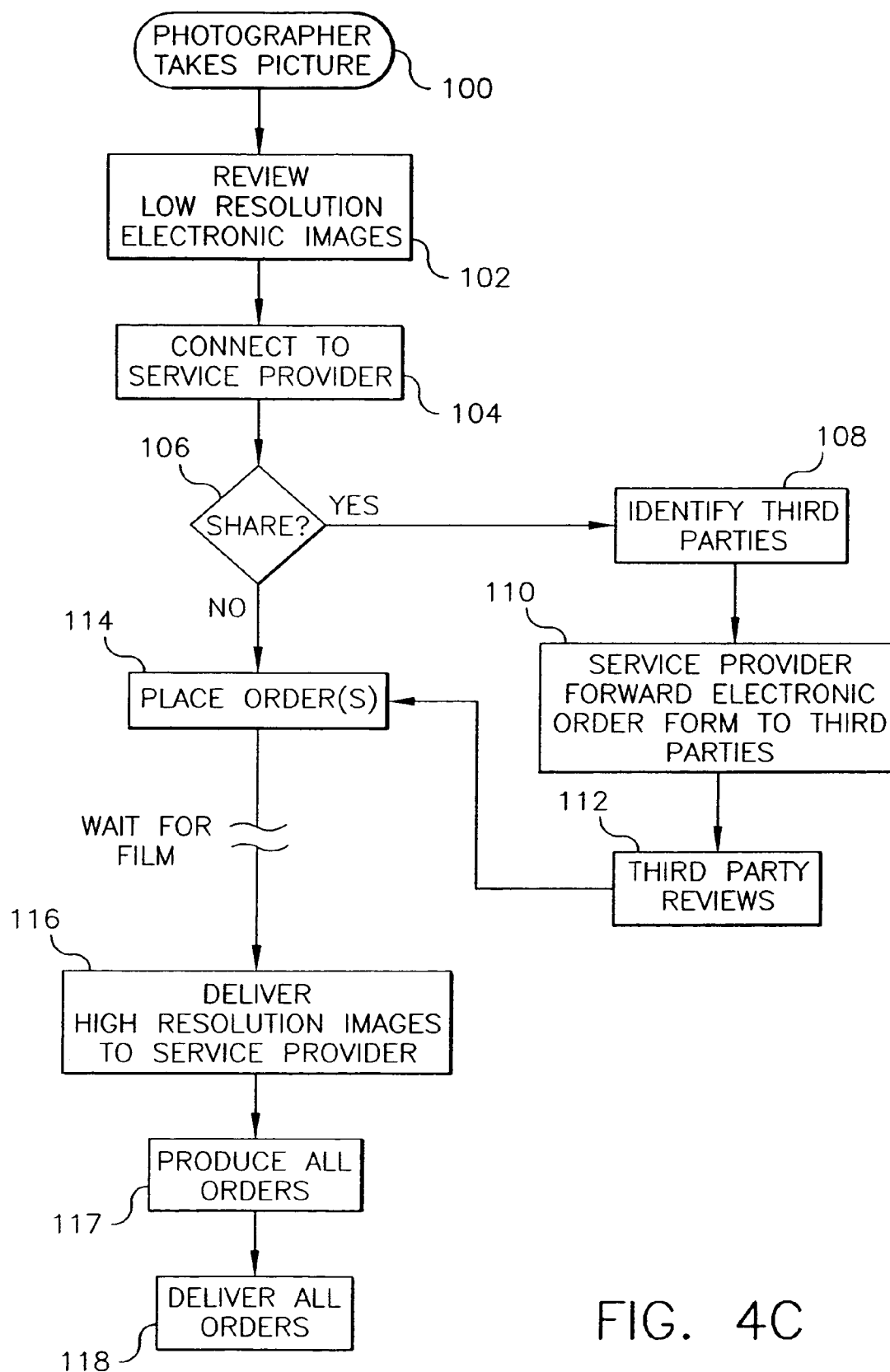


FIG. 4C

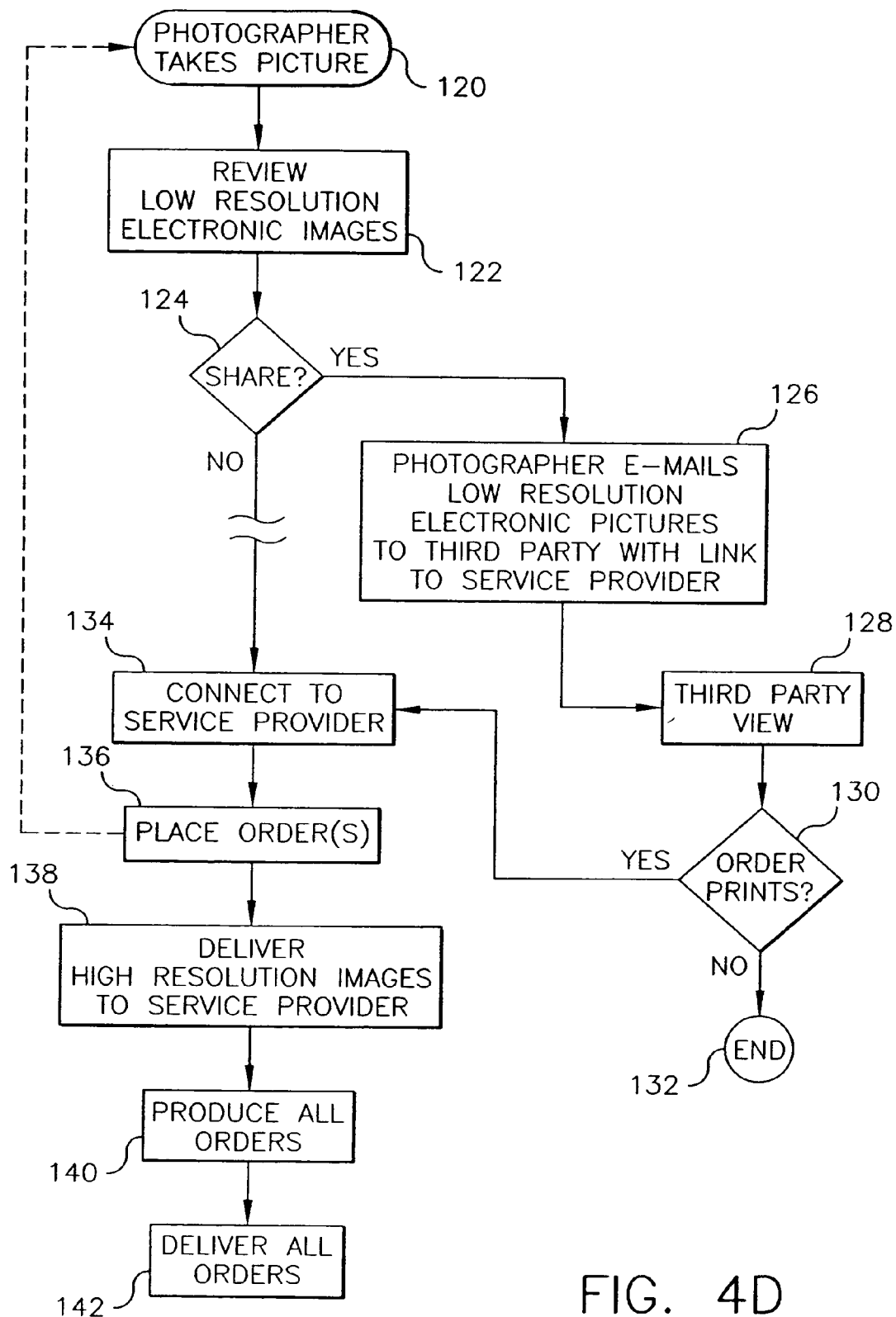


FIG. 4D

40 SERVICE PROVIDER "XYZ"

NAME: JOHN DOE
ADDRESS: 123 PRIMROSE LANE, USA
CASSETTE CID/FID NUMBER: 958-348
CREDIT CARD NUMBER: 1234 4678 9101 1121 EXP.: 1/2003

42 PRINT ORDER: IMAGE QTY COST TOTAL

3X5	5	3	\$0.85	\$2.55
5X7	24	2	\$1.65	\$3.30
8X10				
11X14				
POSTED	8	1	\$24.95	\$24.95
SUBTOTAL				\$ 29.80

44 NOVELTY ITEMS: IMAGE QTY COST TOTAL

T-SHIRT	2	10	\$18.95	\$189.50
CALENDER	15	10	\$7.95	\$ 79.50
MUG	12	10	\$8.95	\$ 89.50
SUBTOTAL				\$358.50
				TOTAL: \$358.50

46 SHARE ATTACHED IMAGES WITH THIRD PARTY:

BILL@XYZ.COM
SONJA@ABC.NET
GRANDMA@CROWSNEST.PYNY

FIG. 5

METHOD OF SHARING IMAGES ALLOWING THIRD PARTY PRINT ORDERS VIA WEB SITE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This is a continuation application of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/717,448 filed Nov. 20, 2000 by Dale F. McIntyre and Thomas D. Jensen.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] This invention relates to the field of photography, and in particular, to a method of sharing low resolution electronic images to create print orders in advance of a service provider receiving high resolution printable images.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Photographers like to share pictures. In fact, a major reason photographers take pictures is to share them with friends, family and co-workers. One current method to share pictures includes ordering multiple sets of prints giving the user multiple prints of every picture on the roll whether the photographer considers them good enough for sharing or not. This approach is costly for the photographer and limits them to sharing with just a few individuals.

[0004] Another method of sharing pictures is to order reprints of only those pictures desired. This occurs after the original film has been processed, printed, and reviewed by the photographer. The photographer must then return the negatives to a retailer for selective reprints. This is not cost or time efficient. Reprints are usually more expensive than the original prints, in part because of the extra handling of the previously processed film. In addition, time is of the essence when sharing images. Often an inordinate amount of time passes between the original picture taking and the moment the photographer "gets around" to placing the reprint order and finally receiving the reprint. And then occasionally, the original is given away with intention of reprinting the photo later. Many times the process of ordering reprints never happens because it is not convenient, or it is put off so long that it is not as important as it first was. Missing such an opportunity to share memories with others is a moment that can be lost forever.

[0005] More recently, service providers have been offering on-line photographic services. On-line photographic services include image digitization, digital image storage, and distribution of digital image files. These are all currently provided by on-line service providers such as the KODAK PhotoNet™ online service, available on the Internet at <http://kodak.photonet.com>.

[0006] However, this is still not necessarily the most convenient way to share pictures. The on-line process entails communicating to the people you want to share the images with, what and where the web site is, what the password is, where the images you want them to look at reside etc. The process is complex for the average person and may not be intuitive.

[0007] The present invention resolves many of the problems of the prior art in that there is provided a system for easy access to the results of a photographic event and the ability for multiple parties to conveniently order all of the

desired images prior to the first printing of any image thus avoiding the complex reprint process.

[0008] These and other aspects, objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be more clearly understood and appreciated from a review of the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments and appended claims, and by reference to the accompanying drawings.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of providing image goods and/or services to more than one party located at different locations, comprising the steps of:

[0010] capturing a high resolution image by a customer using a camera;

[0011] transmitting a low resolution electronic image of the high resolution image over a communication network to a third party at a location remote from the customer along with additional data, the additional data providing information for identifying the high resolution image;

[0012] placing an order by the third party or the customer over the communication network with a service provider for at least one good and/or service with respect to the high resolution image associated using the low resolution electronic image prior to the service provider receiving the high resolution image; and

[0013] the service provider assembling the order upon obtaining of the high resolution image.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] In the detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the invention presented below, reference is made to the accompanying drawings in which:

[0015] FIG. 1A is a perspective view of a hybrid camera

[0016] FIG. 1B is a perspective view of a digital camera

[0017] FIG. 2A is a back view of an Advanced Photo System film cassette

[0018] FIG. 2B is a front view of an Advanced Photo System film cassette

[0019] FIG. 3A is a system diagram including a hybrid camera in accordance with the present invention;

[0020] FIG. 3B is a system diagram including a digital camera in accordance with the present invention;

[0021] FIG. 4A is a flow chart showing a process for implementing the present invention.

[0022] FIG. 4B is a flow chart showing another process for implementing the present invention.

[0023] FIG. 4C is a flow chart showing another process for implementing the present invention.

[0024] FIG. 4D is a flow chart showing another process for implementing the present invention.

[0025] FIG. 5 is a representation of computer screen wherein an order is placed in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0026] Turning to FIG. 1A, a perspective view of a hybrid camera 12 is shown. Hybrid cameras are described in detail in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,822,625; 5,619,275 and 4,949,117 which are hereby incorporated by reference. Briefly, the hybrid camera 12 includes an optical exposing assembly 34 for focussing and exposing a silver halide filmstrip operationally contained within a film cassette 26 (See FIGS. 2A and 2B). The film cassette 26, of course, is capable of being operationally loaded into hybrid camera 12. Hybrid camera 12 also includes an optical assembly 36 for substantially simultaneously focussing and electronically exposing the same scene as is captured on the silver halide filmstrip via optical exposing assembly 34. Controls (not shown) included in the hybrid camera 12 cause the simultaneous actuation of both assemblies 34 and 36 creating two correlated exposures of the same scene on the two different capture media. It will be understood that the data correlating the film image with the electronic image will be stored with or appended to the electronic image as will be discussed later with respect to FIGS. 2A and 2B. Hybrid camera 12 further includes an electronic display (not shown) which permits the photographer 10 (See FIG. 3) to review the electronic image correlated to the image captured on the silver halide film without the use of a computer or other image display device.

[0027] Turning to FIG. 1B, a perspective view of a digital camera 152 is shown. Briefly, digital cameras are well understood in the art and include an optical assembly 153 for focussing and electronically exposing the scene to be captured on an image sensor (not shown) producing a high resolution electronic image capable of being printed with adequate quality. It will be understood that each captured image is typically given a filename by the digital camera 152 which can be a unique code. For example, the unique code can be generated from the combination of the serial number of the digital camera 152 and the sequential exposure number. The unique code is stored with the high resolution electronic image information in well understood digital picture formats such as EXIF and JPEG2000. Any derivation of the high resolution electronic image such as a thumbnail or low resolution electronic image maintains this unique code which is instrumental in compiling a print order in accordance with the present invention. Typically a low resolution digital image is primarily suitable for display on an electronic device such as a CRT but not well suited for producing high quality prints comparable to standard photographic prints. An example of a low resolution VGA image would comprise 640x480 pixels.

[0028] Turning now to FIG. 2A, a film cassette 26 is shown which is identified by a unique number encoded in a machine readable code 28 such as a bar code found on the exterior of the cartridge. For the sake of clarity, film cassette 26 is shown as an Advantix film cassette sold and marketed by the Eastman Kodak Company as part of the Advanced Photo System. Similarly in FIG. 2B, film cassette 26 also includes a human readable code 30 which represents the same identification of film cassette 26. The machine readable code 28 allows automated scanning and identification

by a computer system while the human readable code 30 allows a manual identification or confirmation of the automated scanning of machine readable code 28. In co-operation with the frame number of the film, these codes identify both the film cassette 26 and the frame number of an image that is desired to be shared, stored or printed. The electronic image captured hybrid camera 12 is stored in a temporary internal memory (not shown) of the hybrid camera 12. As is well understood in the art, many image file formats are possible to use such as EXIF, JPEG2000, and specialized XML descriptions which permit the inclusion of metadata such as the cartridge ID/frame number combination with the actual picture data. In accordance with the present invention, the cartridge ID/frame number combination are stored with the electronic images and are transmitted with those images for use in the creation of a print order.

[0029] Turning to FIG. 3A, photographer 10 begins taking pictures with the hybrid camera 12 exposing the silver halide film contained within film cassette 26. At a point prior to delivering the film cassette 26 for processing at a service provider 16, the photographer 10 chooses to share the electronic images corresponding to the exposed, unprocessed silver halide images with a third party 20 which could be a friend or a relative or other acquaintance of their choosing. The choice of which images to share can be done using the image display included on the camera or with an image display system 14 as shown in FIG. 3A. It will be understood that the image display system 14 may be a personal computer with a monitor such as the various models manufactured by Dell Computer, a cable set top box such as the Explorer 2010 digital set top box manufactured by Scientific Atlanta connected to a television set, or a personal digital assistant such as a Palm IIIc manufactured by Palm Computing Inc. Likewise, image display system 38 belonging to the third party 20 can be any of the aforementioned systems that is operably connected to a network such as the Internet 19. Using image display system 38, third party 20 connects to a computer 21 for the purpose of placing a print order. It should be noted that third party 20 may actually be multiple people at multiple physical locations.

[0030] Continuing with FIG. 3A, a service provider 16 is shown operably connected to the Internet 19 via server 13 and computer 21. Service provider 16 as shown in FIG. 3 includes film processing block 15 for reading the machine readable code 28 and chemically processing the film and film scanning block 17 for creating the high resolution digital image files for fulfilling print orders. It should be noted that service provider 16 does not necessarily need to include film processing and scanning capabilities rather receiving the high resolution digital image files from a remote location such as a retail store with a digital minilab such as the Model 2711 manufactured by Noritsu. Computer 21 further includes an image database 24 for receiving high resolution digital image files and a customer database 23 for receiving information about a customer including print orders, payment information and delivery information.

[0031] Turning to FIG. 3B like parts indicating like operation, photographer 150 begins taking pictures with the digital camera 152. At a point prior to uploading the high resolution images captured by digital camera 152 for processing at a service provider 162, the photographer 150 chooses to share the low resolution electronic images typi-

cally referred to as thumbnail images with a third party **154** which could be a friend or a relative or other acquaintance of their choosing. The low resolution electronic images are tagged by the digital camera **152** with a unique code that can be generated, for example, by a combination of the camera's serial number and the sequential exposure number. This unique code may also include customer identification and/or customer address. This unique code stored and transmitted with the low resolution electronic images is also maintained with the high resolution electronic images for identification later of the specific images that belong to a print order. It is of course understood that any other information may also be provided as desired for associating an order with the customer and/or third party recipient of the image order.

[0032] The choice of which images to share can be done using the image display (not shown) included on the digital camera **152** or with an image display system **156** as shown in **FIG. 3B**. It will be understood that the image display system **156** may be a personal computer with a monitor such as the various models manufactured by Dell Computer, a cable set top box such as the Explorer 2010 digital set top box manufactured by Scientific Atlanta connected to a television set or a personal digital assistant such as a Palm IIIc manufactured by Palm Computing Inc. Likewise, image display system **158** belonging to the third party **154** can be any of the aforementioned systems that is operably connected to a network such as the Internet **19**. Using image display system **158**, third party **154** connects to a computer **160** for the purpose of placing a print order. It should be noted that third party **154** might actually be multiple people at multiple physical locations.

[0033] Continuing with **FIG. 3B**, a service provider **162** is shown operably connected to the Internet **19** via server **164** and computer **160**. Service provider **162** as shown in **FIG. 3B** includes computer **160** for receiving the high resolution electronic images from the photographer **150** for fulfilling print orders. Computer **160** further includes an image database **166** for receiving high resolution digital image files and a customer database **168** for receiving information about a customer including print orders, payment information and delivery information.

[0034] Turning to **FIG. 4A**, the process begins with photographer **10** taking a picture in step **50**. At a future point in time, the photographer **10** chooses to review the low resolution electronic images in step **52** with the display on the hybrid camera **12** or on the image display system **14**. Deciding to order prints, photographer **10** connects to service provider **16** in step **54** and has to decide in step **56** whether he intends to share the pictures with third party **20**. If so, he inputs the electronic addresses of the intended third parties **20** at step **58**. This permits the service provider **16** to create an electronic order form in step **60** to forward to the identified third parties on behalf of photographer **10**. The forwarded electronic order form, typically in HTML or XML format, makes it very easy for third parties **20** to reply to and thus create a print order (step **64**) with a minimal amount of work after reviewing the shared images in step **62**. It is important to note that the print order just created by third party **20** is in advance of service provider **16** receiving APS film cassette **26**. Creating the print order in this manner allows service provider **16** to produce the additional prints ordered by third party **20** at the same time as the original print order from photographer **10**. This eliminates the need

for sharing hardcopy prints and then returning with the negatives to reorder prints at some future date thus saving the photographer **10** a lot of time.

[0035] Similarly in **FIG. 4A**, photographer **10** places his print order in step **64**. After receiving film cassette **26** in step **66**, service provider **16** processes the film in the knowledge of the unique machine readable code **28** attached to the cartridge in step **68**. If optically printing the processed negatives, service provider **16** must look in the customer database **23** (indexing using the unique machine readable code **28**) to collect and adjust the print quantity of a high speed optical printer in step **70** to produce all the orders. If printing digitally, step **68** must scan the film and create the high resolution electronic image files needed to create a satisfactory hard copy print. Finally, again indexing the customer database **23** by the unique machine readable code **28** included on the film cassette **26**, the service provider **16** sets up the delivery of the print order and delivers the print order in step **72** to the photographer **10** and third parties **20**.

[0036] Turning to **FIG. 4B**, the process begins with photographer **10** taking a picture in step **74**. At a future point in time, the photographer **10** chooses to review the low resolution electronic images in step **76** with the display on the hybrid camera **12** or on the image display system **14**. Deciding to share (step **78**) these images with third party **20**, photographer **10** attaches the low resolution electronic images to an email message to third party **20** in step **80**. Upon receiving the email attachments, third party **20** views the low resolution electronic images on image display system **38** (step **82**) and decides whether or not to order prints in step **84**. If the decision is to order prints, third party **20** connects to the service provider **16** which has been identified in the email message (step **88**). An order is placed at step **90** by third party **20** and/or photographer **10**.

[0037] Continuing with **FIG. 4B** at step **78**, photographer **10** has decided not to share and connects to service provider **16** in step **88** and places an order in step **90** with the unique combination of machine readable code and frame number identifying the pictures to print. It is again important to note that the print order just created by third party **20** and/or photographer **10** is in advance of service provider **16** receiving APS film cassette **26**. Creating the print order in this manner allows service provider **16** to produce the additional prints ordered by third party **20** at the same time as the original print order from photographer **10**. This eliminates the need for sharing hardcopy prints and then returning with the negatives to reorder prints at some future date thus saving the photographer **10** a lot of time. After, receiving film cassette **26** in step **92**, service provider **16** processes the film (step **94**) in the knowledge of the unique machine readable code **28** attached to the cartridge. If optically printing the processed negatives, service provider **16** must look in the customer database **23** (indexing using the unique machine readable code **28**) to collect and adjust the print quantity of a high speed optical printer in step **96** to produce all the orders. If printing digitally, step **94** must also scan the film and create the high resolution electronic image files needed to create a satisfactory hard copy print. Finally, again indexing the customer database **23** by the unique machine readable code **28** included on the film cassette **26**, the service provider **16** sets up the delivery of the print order and delivers the print order in step **98** to the photographer **10** and third parties **20**.

[0038] Turning to FIG. 4C, the process begins with photographer 150 taking a picture in step 100. At a future point in time, the photographer 150 chooses to review the low resolution electronic images in step 102 with the display on the digital camera 152 or on the image display system 156. Deciding to order prints, photographer 150 connects to service provider 162 in step 104 and has to decide in step 106 whether he intends to share the pictures with third party 154. If so, he inputs the electronic addresses of the intended third parties 154 at step 108. This permits the service provider 162 to create an electronic order form in step 110 to forward to the identified third parties 154 on behalf of photographer 150. The forwarded electronic order form, typically in HTML or XML format, makes it very easy for third parties 154 to reply to and thus create a print order (step 114) with a minimal amount of work after reviewing the shared images on image display system 158 in step 112. It is important to note that the print order just created by third party 154 is in advance of service provider 162 receiving the high resolution electronic images from the digital camera 152. Creating the print order in this manner allows service provider 162 to produce the additional prints ordered by third party 154 at the same time as the original print order from photographer 150. This eliminates the need for sharing hardcopy prints and then reloading the high resolution electronic images to reorder prints at some future date thus saving the photographer 150 a lot of time.

[0039] Similarly in FIG. 4C, photographer 150 places his print order in step 114. After receiving the high resolution electronic images from the digital camera 152 in step 116, service provider 162 processes the print orders as stored in customer database 168 by correlating the unique code attached to the low resolution electronic images used to place the order with the uploaded high resolution electronic images which share the same code. Finally, again indexing the customer database 168 by the unique code, the service provider 162 sets up the delivery of the print order and delivers the print order in step 118 to the photographer 150 and third parties 154.

[0040] Turning to FIG. 4D, the process begins with photographer 150 taking a picture in step 120. At a future point in time, the photographer 150 chooses to review the low resolution electronic images in step 122 with the display on the digital camera 152 or on the image display system 156. Deciding to share (step 124) these images with third party 154, photographer 150 attaches the low resolution electronic images to an email message to third party 154 in step 126. Upon receiving the email attachments, third party 154 views the low resolution electronic images on image display system 158 (step 128) and decides whether or not to order prints in step 130. If the decision is to order prints, third party 154 connects to the service provider 162 (step 134) which has been identified in the email message. An order is placed at step 136 by third party 154 and/or photographer 150.

[0041] Continuing with FIG. 4B at step 124, photographer 150 has decided not to share and connects to service provider 162 in step 134 and places an order in step 136 with the unique code identifying the high resolution electronic images to print. It is again important to note that the print order just created by third party 154 and/or photographer 150 is in advance of service provider 162 receiving the high resolution electronic images. Creating the print order in this

manner allows service provider 162 to produce the additional prints ordered by third party 154 at the same time as the original print order from photographer 150. This eliminates the need for sharing hardcopy prints and then reloading the high resolution electronic images at some future date thus saving the photographer 150 a lot of time. After receiving the high resolution electronic images in step 138, service provider 162 produces the orders (step 140) using the unique code attached to the low resolution electronic images comprising the print order to correlate to the high resolution electronic images that are actually used to produce the print. Finally, again indexing the customer database 168 by the unique code attached to the low resolution electronic images, the service provider 162 sets up the delivery of the print order (s) and delivers the print order(s) in step 142 to the photographer 150 and third parties 154.

[0042] Referring to FIG. 5, there is illustrated a representation of an HTML order form is shown which is displayed on image display system 14. The form has four main sections 40, 42, 44, 46 for inputting information. The first section 40 contains information about the photographer 10 necessary to identify a shipping address, the human readable code 30 to identify the film cassette 26, and the credit card number used to purchase the goods and/or services such as prints. The second section 42 contains ordering information for the specific image and requested print size and quantity etc. The third section 44 provides the opportunity to order additional goods and services and the fourth section 46 provides the opportunity to list third parties 20 with whom images are to be shared.

[0043] In the event that the service provider 16 does not receive any order information from the third parties 20 identified in section 46, an automatic notification of intent to print the order can be communicated to the third parties 20 after a predetermined time, prompting them for a print order after which the opportunity will not exist. For example, they may decline participation, or place an order in the prescribed time frame.

[0044] The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to certain preferred embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Parts List

- [0045] 10 photographer
- [0046] 12 hybrid camera
- [0047] 13 server
- [0048] 14 image display system
- [0049] 15 film processing block
- [0050] 16 service provider
- [0051] 17 film scanning block
- [0052] 19 Internet
- [0053] 20 third party
- [0054] 21 computer
- [0055] 23 customer database
- [0056] 24 image database

[0057] 26 film cassette
 [0058] 28 machine readable code
 [0059] 30 human readable code
 [0060] 34 optical exposing assembly
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 [0062] 38 image display system
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 [0112] 154 third party
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 [0115] 160 computer
 [0116] 162 service provider
 [0117] 164 server
 [0118] 166 image database
 [0119] 168 customer database

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing image goods and/or services to more than one party located at different locations, comprising the steps of:

capturing a high resolution image by a customer using a camera;

transmitting a low resolution electronic image of said high resolution image over a communication network to a third party at a location remote from said customer along with additional data, said additional data providing information for identifying said high resolution image;

placing an order by said third party or said customer over said communication network with a service provider for at least one good and/or service with respect to said high resolution image associated using said low resolution electronic image prior to said service provider receiving said high resolution image; and

said service provider assembling the order upon obtaining of said high resolution image.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said additional data comprises a database location at which said order may be electronically accessed by said service provider for determining if additional orders exist with respect to said images.

3. A method according to claim 1 wherein said customer advises said service provider that said low resolution image has been forwarded to said third party for potential placement of an order with respect to said high resolution image.

4. A method according to claim 3 wherein said customer forwards to said service provider the e-mail address of said third party to which said digital image has been forwarded.

5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said service provider forwards electronically to said customer or said third party confirmation that said order has been received.

6. A method according to claim 1 wherein said customer provides a predetermined amount of credit which may be charged to said customer with respect to the ordering of goods and/or services by said third party.

7. A method according to claim 1 wherein said information forwarded to said third party further includes a computer software program whereby the order can be automatically forwarded to said service provider by said third party by selecting from pre-designated options provided in addition to said images.

8. A method according to claim 1 wherein said high resolution image is forwarded to said service provider by said customer.

9. A method according to claim 1 wherein said additional data comprises a database location at which said order may be electronically accessed by said service provider for obtaining said high resolution image.

10. A system for providing image goods and/or services by a service provider to more than one party located at different locations, comprising the steps of:

receiving a low resolution electronic image of a high resolution image over a communication network from a first party at a location remote along with additional data, said first party having received said low resolution image and said additional data from a second party having said high resolution image, said additional data providing information for identifying said high resolution image;

said first party having the ability for placing an order with said service provider for at least one good and/or service with respect to said high resolution image associated using said low resolution electronic image and said additional data prior to said service provider receiving said high resolution image from said second party; and

said service provider assembling the order upon receipt of said high resolution image.

11. A method according to claim 10 wherein said additional data comprises a database location at which said order may be electronically accessed by said service provider for determining if additional orders exist with respect to said images.

12. A method according to claim 10 wherein said second party advises said service provider that said low resolution image has been forwarded to said first party for potential placement of an order with respect to said image.

13. A method according to claim 12 wherein said second party forwards to said service provider the e-mail address of said first party to which said digital image has been forwarded.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said service provider forwards electronically to said first party or said second party confirmation that said order has been received.

15. A method according to claim 10 wherein said second party provides a predetermined amount of credit which may be charged to second party customer with respect to the ordering of goods and/or services by said first party.

16. A method according to claim 10 wherein said information forwarded to said first party further includes a computer software program whereby the order can be automatically forwarded to said service provider by said third party by selecting from pre-designated options provided in addition to said images.

17. A method according to claim 10 wherein said high resolution image is forwarded to said service provider by said second party.

18. A method according to claim 10 wherein said additional data comprises a database location at which said order may be electronically accessed by said service provider for obtaining said high resolution image.

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