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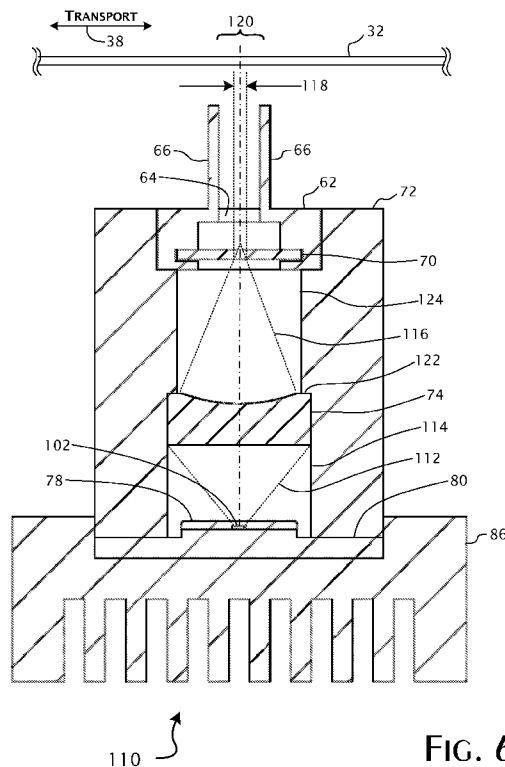


FIG. 6

(57) Abstract: A light source, for use in a high-speed, continuous transport microfilm imaging system, includes an LED emitter element coupled to a heat sink, mounted within a light source housing. An opening in the housing, defined by a narrow width light transfer channel, defines a narrow width active illumination area on the microfilm media. An optical diffusion plate, providing a randomized directional distribution of light, is mounted within the housing in an optical path between the opening and the LED element. A switched current source is coupled to the LED element to enable strobed operation synchronous with the periodic operation of a line imaging camera. The LED element can be a linear micro-strip array of LEDs. A cylindrical lens can be placed in the optical path between the LED element and diffuser to narrow and increase the intensity of light incident on and transmitted through the diffusion plate.

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