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- (54) **Title:** DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER
- (57) **Abstract:** An apparatus for recording multimedia content transmitted over a network including a reception interface for receiving the multimedia content from the network, a user input interface for receiving user inputs, and a storage resource including executable instructions including a recording module for recording the multimedia content in accordance with the user inputs. The user inputs also include a multimedia selection signal for indicating the multimedia content to be recorded, and a segmenting signal for indicating a size of at least one of a plurality of segments in which the multimedia content is recorded.

DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER

BACKGROUND

Field of the Disclosure

[0001] The present disclosure relates to multimedia services and more particularly to recording multimedia content provided over a network.

Description of the Related Art

[0002] Service providers may provide their subscribers with various services including multimedia services by which viewers obtain television and other multimedia content, data services such as Internet access, and telephony services including local and/or long distance telephone and/or video phone services. Multimedia services sometimes include a feature enabling subscribers to record a program and play back the recorded program when desired.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0003] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a networked system for providing viewer services;

[0004] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a client suitable for use in the networked system of FIG. 1;

[0005] FIG. 3 is a block diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a multimedia processing resource including a digital video recorder suitable for use in the client of FIG. 2;

[0006] FIGs. 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D are flow diagrams of selected elements of an embodiment of a method and program for recording multimedia content using the digital video recorder;

[0007] FIGs. 5A and 5B are illustrations of exemplary embodiments of user displays suitable for use with the method and program of FIGs. 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D;

[0008] FIGs. 6A and 6B are flow diagrams of selected elements of an embodiment of a method for recording and playing back multimedia content using the multimedia processing resource of FIG. 3;

[0009] FIG. 7 is a flow diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a method and program for delivering multimedia content;

[0010] FIG. 8 is a flow diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a computer program product for delivering multimedia content; and

[0011] FIG. 9 is a flow diagram of selected elements of an embodiment of a computer program product for delivering multimedia content.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENT(S)

[0012] In one aspect, a disclosed apparatus for recording multimedia content includes a reception interface for receiving multimedia content from a network, a user input interface for receiving user inputs, and a computer readable storage resource embedded with computer executable instructions. The instructions include a recording module for recording the multimedia content in accordance with the user inputs. The user inputs supported by the recording module may include a multimedia selection input for indicating the multimedia content, also referred to herein as a program, to be recorded and a segmenting input for indicating a size of at least one of a plurality of content segments, also referred to herein as program segments, in which the multimedia content is recorded.

[0013] In some embodiments of the apparatus for recording a multimedia content, each of the plurality of content segments records a successive transmission segment of the multimedia content. The network may include an internet protocol television network or a coaxial cable-based network.

[0014] In some embodiments, the recording module enables a user to interact with a user display to list the recorded programs in a catalogue by program title and present the catalogue to the user. The recording module may also enable the user to select a program from the catalogue for

viewing, determine whether the program includes or is otherwise associated with program segments, and display the program segments to a user in a separate menu.

[0015] In some embodiments, the recording module includes instructions to determine whether a recorded program has or is otherwise associated with content segments, and, if so, instructions for displaying the content segments in the catalogue to a user. In some embodiments, selecting one content segment causes playback of the selected content segment and each successive content segment. In addition, the user can select any ordered subset of the content segments to view and the selected content segments are then played back in the indicated ordered, skipping over any unselected content segments, altering the chronological order of program segments, or both.

[0016] In another aspect, a disclosed digital video recorder (DVR) is operable to enable a user to select multimedia content for recording, record the multimedia content in content segments, save the content segments in storage, and select a particular content segment or an ordered list of selected content segments for viewing. In some embodiments, the content segments correspond to successive transmission segments of the multimedia content. In some embodiments, a user is enabled to select a size of the particular content segment, to select multiple multimedia content to record, to select the size of content segments applicable to at least some of the multiple multimedia transmissions, to select a content segment from the catalogue, or to erase specific content segments from storage. Each content segment may be listed in a catalogue that is saved in storage.

[0017] In another aspect, a disclosed computer program product including computer executable instructions, stored on a tangible computer readable medium, for recording multimedia content transmitted over a network, provides instructions to transmit a multimedia content selection menu to a user to enable a user to select the multimedia content to record, transmit a content segment selection menu to the user to allow the user to select a content segment size, receive a multimedia content selection signal and the size from the user, record the selected multimedia content in content segments of the size selected by the user, and store the content segments in storage. The computer program product may further include instructions to display content segments to the user, respond to receiving a content selection signal corresponding to a specific

content segment from the user by displaying the specific content segment, list content segments corresponding to a multimedia content in a catalogue by the multimedia content, respond to the user selecting the multimedia content from the catalogue by displaying the content segments to the user, display the catalogue to the user, and/or enable the user to select the multimedia content.

[0018] In another aspect, another disclosed computer program product includes instructions to include a content segmenting option in at least one interface for selecting multimedia content for recording and to respond to detecting a user selection of the content segmenting option by automatically inserting a plurality of bookmarks at user selectable locations within the recorded content when the content is recorded to demarcate user-defined chapters. The computer program product may include instructions to respond to detecting a request to list recorded content by displaying a listing of recorded content including displaying the recorded content with the chapters displayed hierarchically under the listing the selected content.

[0019] In the following description, details are set forth by way of example to facilitate discussion of the disclosed subject matter. It should be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the field, however, that the disclosed embodiments are exemplary and not exhaustive of all possible embodiments. Throughout this disclosure, a hyphenated form of a reference numeral refers to a specific instance of an element and the un-hyphenated form of the reference numeral refers to the element generically or collectively. Thus, for example, widget 12-1 refers to an instance of a widget class, which may be referred to collectively as widgets 12 and any one of which may be referred to generically as a widget 12.

[0020] Turning now to the drawings, FIG. 1 is a block diagram of selected elements of a multimedia content distribution network **100**, sometimes referred to herein simply as multimedia network **100**. In the depicted embodiment, multimedia network **100** includes a plurality of clients **110** connected to a multimedia service provider **130** by an intervening access network **120**.

[0021] In the embodiment depicted in FIG. 1, multimedia service provider **130** may encompass equipment and/or services operable to provide multimedia content to one or more subscribers. As used in this disclosure, the terms “multimedia” and “multimedia content” encompass motion

video content, whether live or pre-recorded, including conventional television programming content, video-on-demand (VOD) content, pay-per-view (PPV) content, and so forth. The depicted embodiment of multimedia service provider **130** employs a hierarchical structure in which a regional office **131** receives national feed multimedia content **136** from a national headend **140** and supplements the nationally provided content with regional content **138**. The regional offices **131**, in turn, distribute content to clients **110** over access network **120**. Clients **110** represent subscribers to services provided by multimedia service provider **130**.

[0022] As depicted in FIG. 1, the depicted embodiment of regional office **131** includes multimedia acquisition resources **134** and a multimedia delivery server **132**. Multimedia acquisition resources **134** encompass receivers, signal processors, and servers operable to receive multimedia content from one or more providers. As depicted in FIG. 1, for example, multimedia acquisition resources **134** receive national feed multimedia content **136** from national headend **140** via a fiber optic or other type of high bandwidth backbone. National feed multimedia content **136** may include nationally distributed programming such as CNN, TNT, ESPN, and the like. Multimedia acquisition resources **134** as shown also receive regional content **138** from one or more regional broadcasters **142**, one of which is represented by the depicted broadcast transmission tower. Regional content **138** may include over-the-air broadcast content from legacy broadcasters including NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX, and PBS. Multimedia acquisition resources **134** may further receive VOD content **146** from a locally located or remotely located VOD server **144**. In addition to the content received from each of these sources, regional office **131** may inject local advertising, public service announcements, and other additional content into multimedia delivery server **132**.

[0023] Multimedia delivery server **132** encompasses resources that process content requests from clients **110** to provide and route requested content to the requesting client(s). In Internet protocol (IP) based implementations of access network **120**, multimedia delivery server **132** may employ multicasting to deliver “live” content to multiple subscribers. Multicasting conserves bandwidth by transmitting just a single layer to multiple subscribers who have requested the same program. The multimedia delivery server **132** may also employ unicasting to deliver VOD and other “time shifted” content, PPV content, or other content that requires special payment

provisions. Multimedia delivery server **132** may also encompass resources to authenticate requests to ensure that content is provided only to authorized subscribers according to any applicable terms of service.

[0024] Multimedia delivery server **132** may include resources to encode and/or format multimedia content so that the resulting content is suitable for transmission over access network **120**. For example, multimedia delivery server **132** may employ a pervasive or proprietary coder/decoder (codec) to compress and/or encrypt content prior to transmission. Compression is widely used for multimedia content transmission and storage to reduce the amount of data that is transmitted over the network or stored in memory, disk, or another storage resource.

[0025] Referring to FIG. 2, a block diagram illustrates selected elements of an embodiment of client **110**. In some embodiments, client **110** represents devices and/or applications used by a subscriber to multimedia services and/or a user or viewer of multimedia content. In the depicted embodiment, client **110** includes a residential gateway **202**, a multimedia processing resource (MPR) **210**, and a display device **220**. Residential gateway **202** may provide a firewall and/or routing functionality between a local area network (LAN) **203** to which MPR **210** is connected and the access network **120**. One skilled in the art will appreciate that, in other embodiments, including embodiments based on a coaxial access network, gateway **202** may be omitted. In embodiments of client **110** that employ an IP-based access network, gateway **202** receives multimedia content as a series of datagrams or packets. MPR **210** may assemble, decode, and otherwise digitally process multimedia content and convert the multimedia content to analog signals suitable for presentation to display device **220**.

[0026] In some embodiments, MPR **210** is a special purpose data processing unit that includes, in addition to an embedded or general purpose microprocessor and storage, video processing elements including an audio/visual decoder, and an interface for receiving user input **214** from a remote control **212**. Remote control **212** may employ infrared (IR) or radio frequency (RF) signals to convey user input **214**. Although not shown explicitly, user input **214** may also include signals provided via panel buttons on a chassis of MPR **210**. Display device **220** encompasses any monitor suitable for receiving audio/video content from MPR **210**.

[0027] Selected elements of an embodiment of MPR **210** are illustrated in the block diagram of FIG. 3. In some embodiments, MPR **210** may be implemented as a stand alone unit such as a set top box. In other embodiments, all or portions of MPR **210** may be integrated into the display device **220**, gateway **202**, or another component. In the depicted embodiment, MPR **210** includes a processor **301**, a user input interface **380**, a network interface **320**, a transport / demux resource **330**, a decoder **340**, and a storage resource **310** accessible to processor **301**. Storage resource **310** represents a computer readable storage medium suitable for storing data and executable instructions. Storage resource **310** may include persistent storage resources including, as examples, magnetic disk storage, flash memory storage, and optical storage such as compact disks (CDs) and digital versatile disks (DVDs). Storage resource **310** may also encompass volatile storage elements such as a dynamic or static random access memory (DRAM or SRAM). In the depicted embodiment storage resource **310** includes a program identified as recording module **350** for storage and playback of multimedia content that supports automated segmenting or chaptering as described below.

[0028] The user input interface **380** of MPR **210** is operable to receive user input **214** from remote control **212** or panel buttons on a chassis of MPR **210** and process received input into digital information that may be interpreted by processor **301**. The network interface **320** enables MPR **210** to communicate via access network **120** either directly or through an intervening gateway such as gateway **202** (FIG. 2). Transport / demux resource **330** is employed with packet-based embodiments of access network **120** to process received packets into a stream and segregate audio and video information into separate streams. An audio/video decoder **340** processes the audio and video streams into “native format” video signal **344** and audio signal **342** using any of various decoders including, as examples, a Motion Pictures Expert Group 2 (MPEG-2) decoder, a VC-1 decoder, or an H.264 decoder. Signals **342** and **344** are encoded and/or converted to analog signals by DAC/encoders **360** and **370**. The output of DAC/encoders **360** and **370** is suitable for delivering to a display device **220** that is compliant with a display device standard such as National Television System Committee (NTSC), Phase Alternating Line (PAL), or another suitable standard.

[0029] The depicted embodiment of MPR **210** is suitable for use in packet-based embodiments of access network **120**. In cable-based access network embodiments, transport / demux resource **330** may not need to process packets into a stream. In addition, an MPR **210** suitable for use in cable-based systems may include one or more tuners to filter selected content from other content.

[0030] Referring now to FIG. 4A and FIG. 5A, a flow diagram and screen depiction illustrate selected elements of an embodiment of a method **400** for recording and playing back multimedia content. Method **400** represents functionality supported by recording module **350** depicted in FIG. 3. The depicted embodiment of method **400** includes displaying (block **402**) a main menu **500**. The main menu **500** may be displayed, for example, on display device **220** in response to a particular user input **214**. In the depicted implementation, main menu **500** offers the user three main options, a record option **506** corresponding to block **406**, a playback option **508** corresponding to block **408**, and an exit option **510** corresponding to block **410**. If, in determination block **410**, the method determines that the user of client **110** elects to exit the main menu **500**, method **400** exits or otherwise closes the main menu and returns to regular programming.

[0031] Referring now to FIG. 4B and FIG. 5B, a flow diagram and screen depiction illustrate selected elements of an embodiment of a method **406** for recording multimedia content. The depicted embodiment of method **406** includes displaying (block **412**) a record program menu **512**. In the depicted implementation, the record menu **512** presents the user with multimedia content items or programs **516** that a user may select (block **414**) for recording. When a user selects a program for recording, a segments menu **514** is displayed (block **416**), and a segmenting method **404** is initiated.

[0032] Referring now to FIG. 4C and FIG. 5B, a flow diagram and screen depiction illustrate selected elements of an embodiment of a segmenting method **404**. The depicted embodiment of method **404** includes displaying (block **416**) a program segment menu **514**. In some embodiments, program segment menu **514** displays when the user selects a program to record. The depicted embodiment of program segment menu **514** presents the user with the option to select (determination block **432**) segment size suggestions **550** generated from metadata known about the program content, i.e., program length, etc., the option to select (determination block

434) the user's own segment size **518**, and the option **552** to select (determination block **429**) to exit (block **430**) the segments menu **514**. If the user selects the content size suggestions **550**, the segment length is set (block **436**) and stored in, for example, storage **310** and method **404** returns (block **440**) to the main menu **500**. If the user selects to choose their own segment size **518**, a menu is displayed (block **438**) that allows the user to set the segment size in, e.g., minutes. Once a segment size is entered, the content length is set and stored (block **442**) in, for example, storage **310** and method **404** returns (block **440**) to the main menu **500**. If the user selects option **552** to exit the segments menu, method **404** returns (block **440**) to the main menu **500**.

[**0033**] Referring now to FIG. 4D and FIG. 5C, a flow diagram and screen depiction illustrate selected elements of an embodiment of a method **408** for selecting recorded programs or other recorded multimedia content for viewing or play back. The depicted embodiment of method **408** includes displaying (block **444**) a playback menu **544** as a catalogue of recorded programs. In the depicted implementation, play back menu **544** presents the user with the option to select (determination block **446**) a program **546** for viewing, or the option to exit (block **548**) the menu **544** and return to the main menu **500**. When a program is selected, a content title menu **558** is displayed (block **452**), and the user is given the option to select a single segment **526**, an ordered list of multiple segments **560**, or all segments **524** corresponding to determination block **454**, and the option **528** to exit the menu and return to the play back menu **544** corresponding to determination block **456**. If the user selects the exit option **528**, method **408** returns (block **462**) to the main menu **500**. If the user selects a single segment **526**, the selected segment **526** is played back (block **458**) to the user, and method **404** returns (block **462**) to the main menu **500**. If the user selects to view multiple segments **560** or all segment **524**, the selected segments are played back (block **458**) to the user, and method **408** returns (block **462**) to the main menu **500**. This description of the playback method and program are illustrative only, and one skilled in the art will appreciate that there are multiple options for playing back programs that are recorded and segmented, e.g., playing a segment and all successive segments, playing segments starting at one segment and ending at another, playing segments according to an ordered list of some or all of the segments, etc.

[0034] Referring now to FIG. 6A, a flow diagram illustrates an embodiment of an operating method **600** for the MPR **210** of FIG. 3. In the depicted embodiment, a user provides user input **214** to select (block **606**) a program for recording and selects (block **608**) an increment size, e.g., in minutes, for segments, also referred to herein as chapters. The selected program and content size are provided to a DVR scheduler **610** that may be part of recording module **350**. When the program begins, the processor **301** determines (determination block **612**) whether segmenting or chaptering was requested for the selected program, and if not, executes (block **614**) instructions to record the program to a disk or other form of storage resource **310** (FIG. 3) as a single event. If chaptering is requested by the user, method **600** begins recording (block **620**) the program, and periodically determines (determination block **624**) whether a chaptering period has elapsed. If the chaptering period has elapsed, and the program has not ended, as determined in block **630**, a bookmark is inserted (block **632**) into the recorded copy of the program. If the multimedia content transmission has ended, method **600** stops recording multimedia content and ends (block **616**). If no milestones are met, method **600** continues recording the program until a chapter end is reached. Thus, in this embodiment, method **600** enables automated chaptering of recorded programs by automatically inserting bookmarks into the recorded content.

[0035] An embodiment of a method **680** illustrating playback operation of MPR **210** is illustrated in the flow diagram of FIG. 6B. In the depicted embodiment, a user provides user input **214** to a digital video recorder (DVR) player **610** to select (block **640**) a program for viewing. Method **680** determines (block **642**) whether the selected program has segments or chapters and, if not, retrieves and plays back (block **660**) the program as a single event. If the program has chapters or segments, method **680** presents (block **643**) bookmarks to the user as a means for identifying the chapters. The user selects (block **644**) an ordered list of chapters for play back. Method **600** as shown includes generating (block **646**) a playlist that may be stored to disk or another form of storage. The segments in the playlist are then played back (block **648**), for example, to the user display **220** before method **680** returns (block **670**) to the main menu.

[0036] Referring now to FIG. 7, a flow diagram illustrates selected elements of an embodiment of a method **700** for providing automated and segmented DVR functionality to a subscriber or other user. The depicted embodiment of method **700** includes enabling (block **702**) a user to

select a program, e.g., Program “X” for recording and enabling (block **704**) the user to select a segmenting option to define a plurality of segments for Program “X”. The depicted embodiment of method **700** further includes enabling (block **706**) the user to record the defined content segments and associate the content segments with Program “X”. The method **700** further includes enabling (block **707**) the user to view a listing of recorded programs including Program “X” and enabling (block **708**) the user to define an ordered list of the content segments in response to selecting Program “X” from the listing. Method **700** as shown further includes enabling (block **710**) the user to playback content segments according to the defined playlist.

[0037] Referring now to FIG. 8, a flow diagram illustrates selected elements of an embodiment of a method **800** for recording and playing back multimedia content. The depicted embodiment of method **800** includes transmitting (block **802**) a program selection menu and receiving (block **803**) a program selection input that identifies a particular program (Program X). A segment definition menu is then transmitted (block **804**) and segment definition input is received (block **806**) from the user. The segments selected or defined by the user are then recorded (block **808**) and associated with Program X so that, when Program X is subsequently selected for play back, it is identifiable as a segmented program.

[0038] Method **800** as shown further includes receiving (block **810**) a playback input from the user when the user wants to playback a recorded program. A listing of the recorded programs including Program X is then transmitted to the user in block **812**. Method **800** includes receiving (block **814**) a segment selection input from the user that identifies Program X as the program to be played back. A listing of the recorded segments associated with Program X is then transmitted (block **816**) to the user. The method then receives (block **818**) input defining an ordered list of the recorded segments and plays back (block **820**) recorded segments according to the ordered list defined by the user.

[0039] Referring now to FIG. 9, a flow diagram illustrates selected elements of another embodiment of a method **900** for recording multimedia content. The depicted embodiment of method **900** includes receiving (block **901**) user input selecting a particular program (Program X) for recording and presenting (block **902**) the user with a content segmenting option. Input selecting the segmenting option is received (block **903**) and defining the segments of Program X

by, for example, defining the size in minutes of each segment. Method **900** as shown then automatically inserts (block **904**) bookmarks within the recorded copy of Program X to demarcate the defined segments.

[0040] Method **900** then includes receiving (block **906**) a playback input and presenting (block **908**) a list of recorded programs. A selection input identifying Program X is then received (block **910**) and the bookmarks inserted within Program X are detected (block **912**). A listing of the segments demarcated by the bookmarks is then presented (block **914**) to the user enabling the user to identify one or more segments for playback.

[0041] The above disclosed subject matter is to be considered illustrative, and not restrictive, and the appended claims are intended to cover all such modifications, enhancements, and other embodiments which fall within the true spirit and scope of the present disclosure. Thus, to the maximum extent allowed by law, the scope of the present disclosure is to be determined by the broadest permissible interpretation of the following claims and their equivalents, and shall not be restricted or limited by the foregoing detailed description.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for recording multimedia content transmitted over a network, comprising:
 - a reception interface for receiving the multimedia content from the network;
 - a user input interface for receiving user inputs; and
 - a storage resource comprising executable instructions including recording module instructions for recording the multimedia content in accordance with the user inputs; wherein the user inputs comprise:
 - a multimedia selection signal for indicating the multimedia content to be recorded, and
 - a segmenting signal for indicating a size of at least one of a plurality of segments in which the multimedia content is recorded.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of segments records a successive transmission segment of the multimedia content.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network is an internet protocol television network.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the network is a coaxial cable-based network.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising instructions, in the storage resources, for enabling a user to interact with a user display.
6. The digital recording apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:
 - instructions for listing the recorded multimedia content in a catalogue by program,
 - instructions in the storage resource for presenting the catalogue to the user, and
 - enabling the user to select multimedia content from the catalogue for viewing.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:
 - instructions to determine whether the multimedia item has segments associated with the program; and
 - instructions for displaying a separate menu of the segments to a user when segments are associated with the content title.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:
 - instructions to determine whether the multimedia item has segments associated with the program; and
 - instructions for displaying the segments in the catalogue to a user when segments are associated with the content title.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein when one segment is selected, the display displays the selected segment and each successive segment to the user.

10. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the user can select any subset of the segments to view and the selected subset of segments is played back in order, skipping over any unselected segments.

11. A method for recording program comprising:
 - enabling a user to select program for recording;
 - enabling the user to record the program in segments;
 - enabling the user to save the segments in storage; and
 - enabling the user to select a particular segment for viewing.

12. The method for recording program of claim 11, wherein segments correspond to successive transmission segments of the program.

13. The method for recording program of claim 12, further comprising enabling the user to select a size of the particular segment.

14. The method for recording program of claim 13, further comprising enabling the user to select multiple program to record.
15. The method for recording program of claim 14 further comprising, enabling the user to select the size of segments applicable to at least some of the multiple multimedia transmissions.
16. The method for recording program of claim 11 further comprising, enabling the user to erase specific segments from storage.
17. The method for recording program of claim 11, wherein each segment is listed in a catalogue and the catalogue is saved in storage.
18. The method for recording program of claim 17 further comprising, enabling the user to select a segment from the catalogue.
19. A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions, stored on a tangible computer readable medium, for recording multimedia content transmitted over a network, the instructions comprising instructions to:
- transmit a multimedia content selection menu to a user to enable the user to select the multimedia content to record;
 - transmit a segment selection menu to the user to allow the user to select a size of segments to store the multimedia content;
 - receive a multimedia content selection signal and the size from the user;
 - record the selected multimedia content in segments of the size selected by the user; and
 - store the segments in storage.
20. The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising instructions to:
- display segments to the user; and
 - respond to receiving a content selection signal corresponding to a specific segment from the user by displaying the specific segment.

21. The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising instructions to:
- list segments corresponding to a multimedia content in a catalogue by the multimedia content;
 - display the catalogue to the user; and
 - enable the user to select the multimedia content.
22. The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising instructions to respond to the user selecting the multimedia content from the catalogue by displaying the segments to the user.
23. A computer program product, comprising instructions, stored on a computer readable medium of a multimedia processing resource, the instructions including instructions to:
- include a segmenting option in at least one interface for selecting a program for recording; and
 - respond to detecting a user selection of the segmenting option by automatically inserting a plurality of bookmarks at user selectable locations within a recorded copy of a selected program when the selected program is recorded to demarcate chapters.
24. The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising instructions to respond to detecting a playback input by displaying a listing of recorded programs including displaying the selected programs with the chapters displayed hierarchically under the selected program.

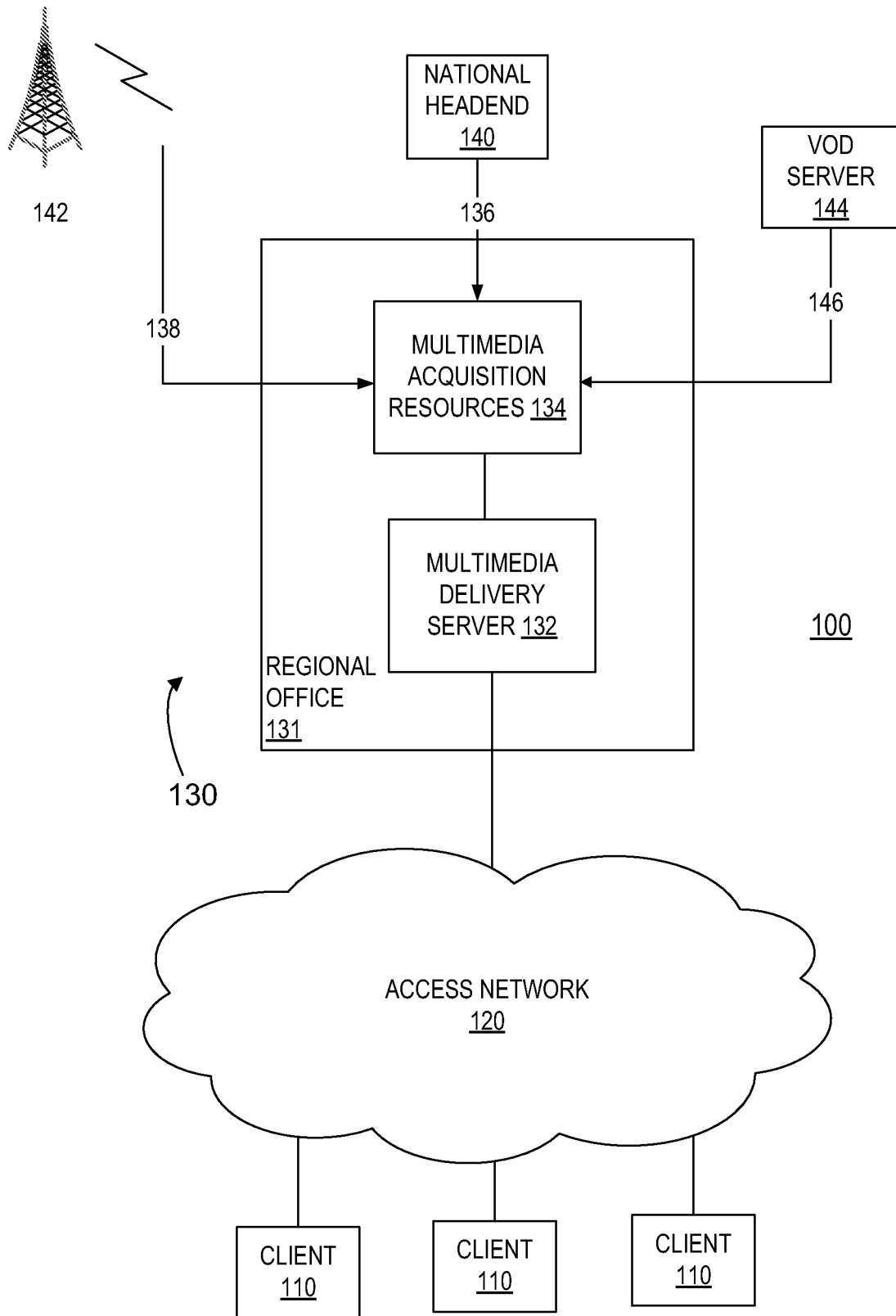


FIG. 1

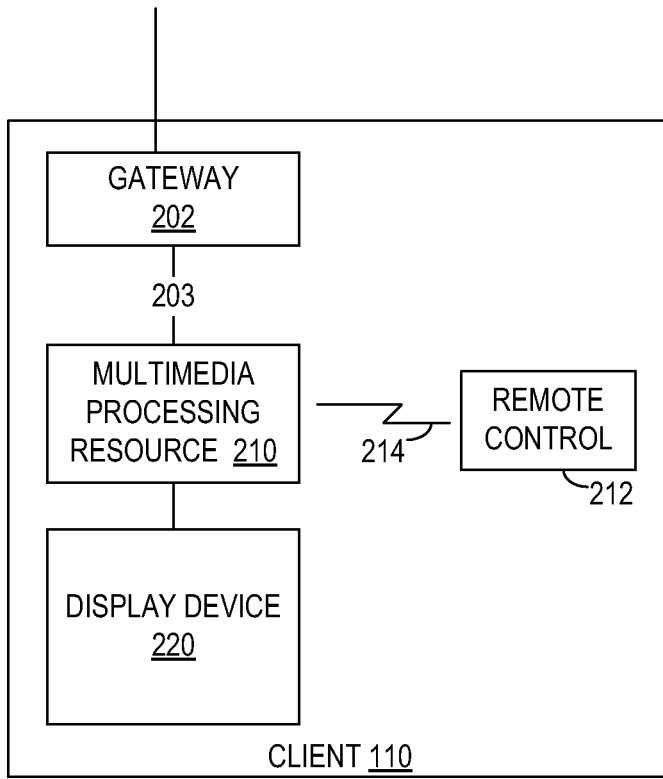


FIG. 2

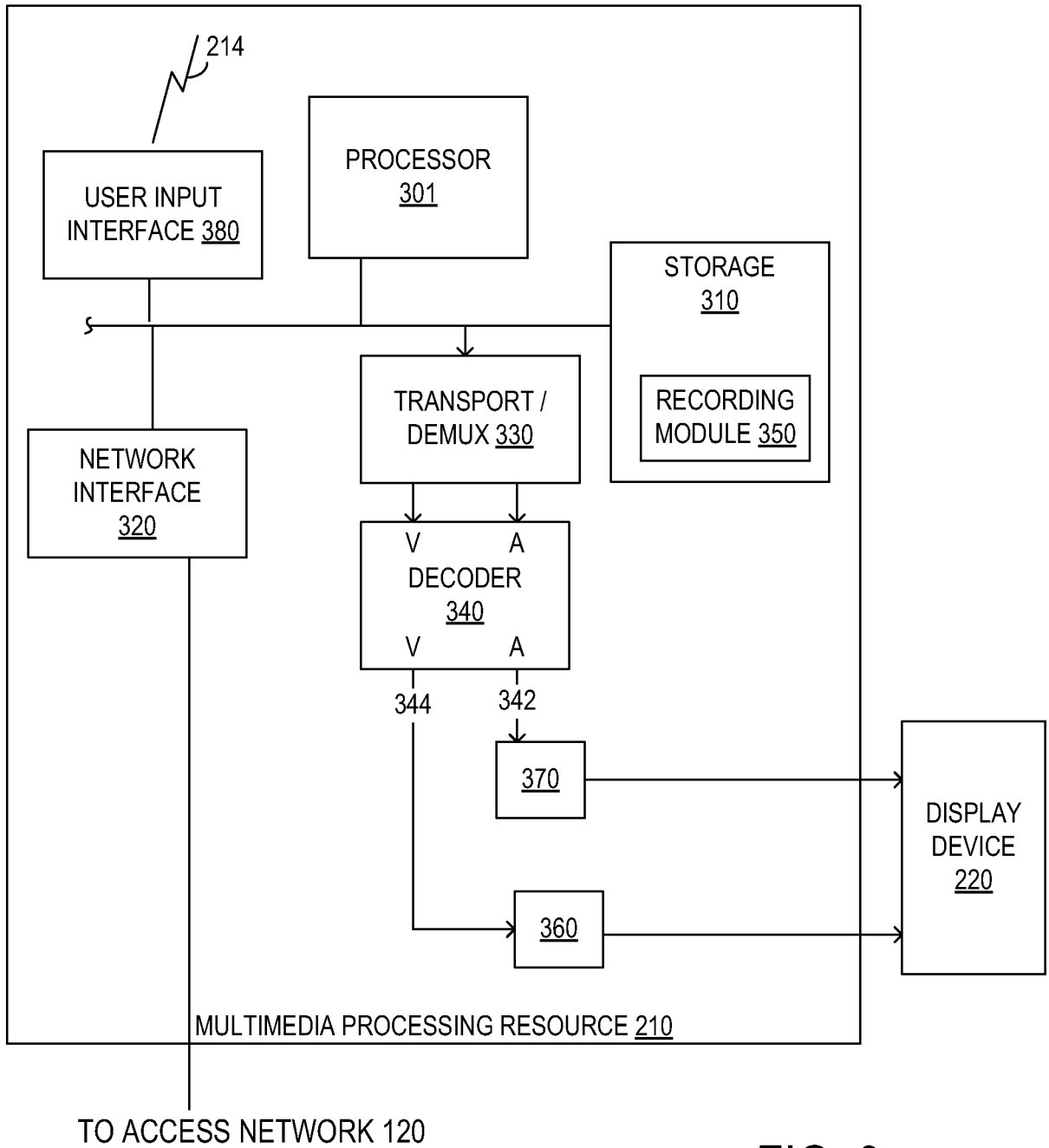


FIG. 3

400

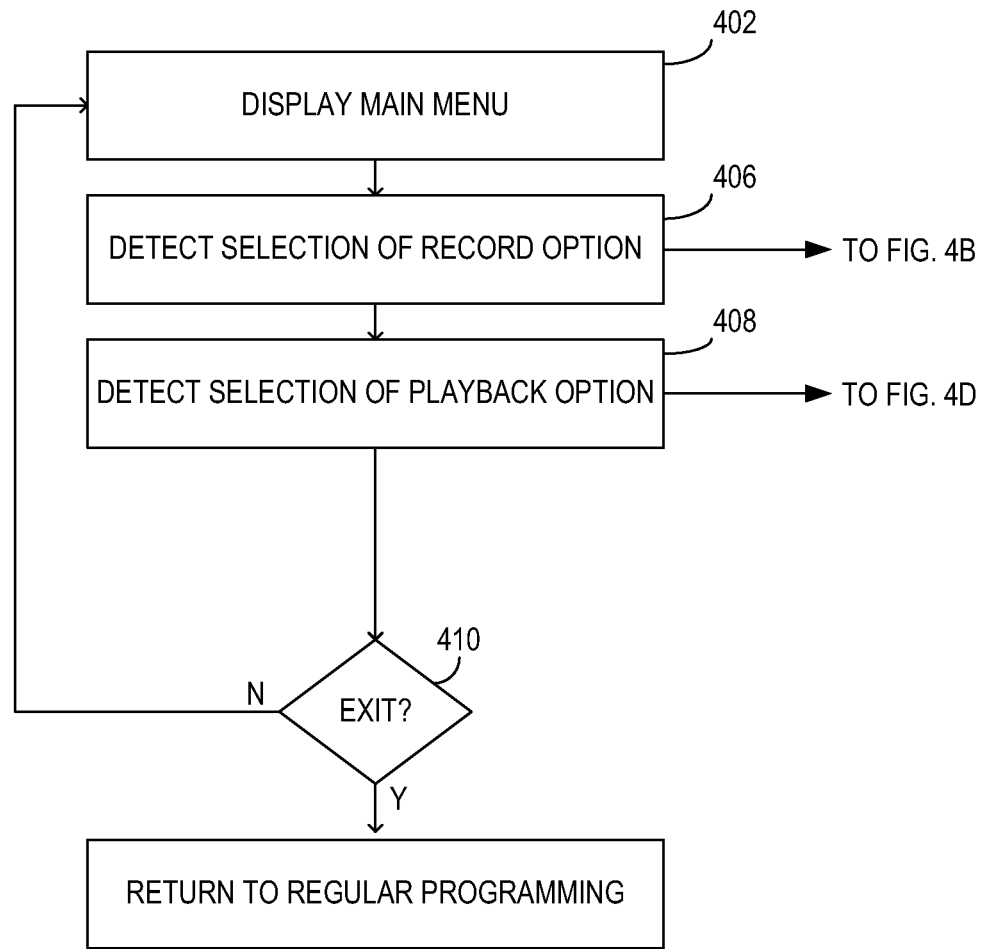


FIG. 4A

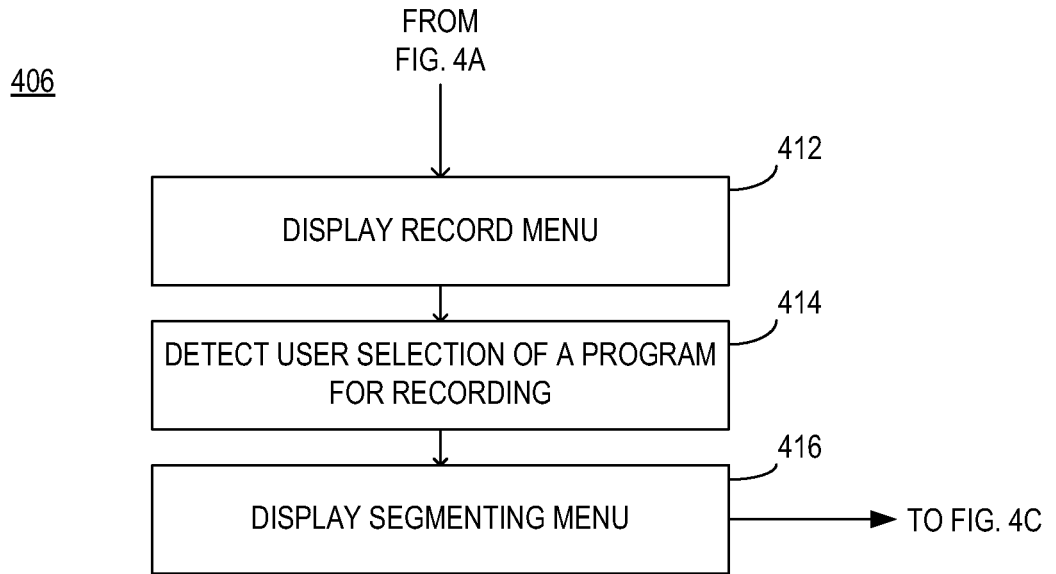


FIG. 4B

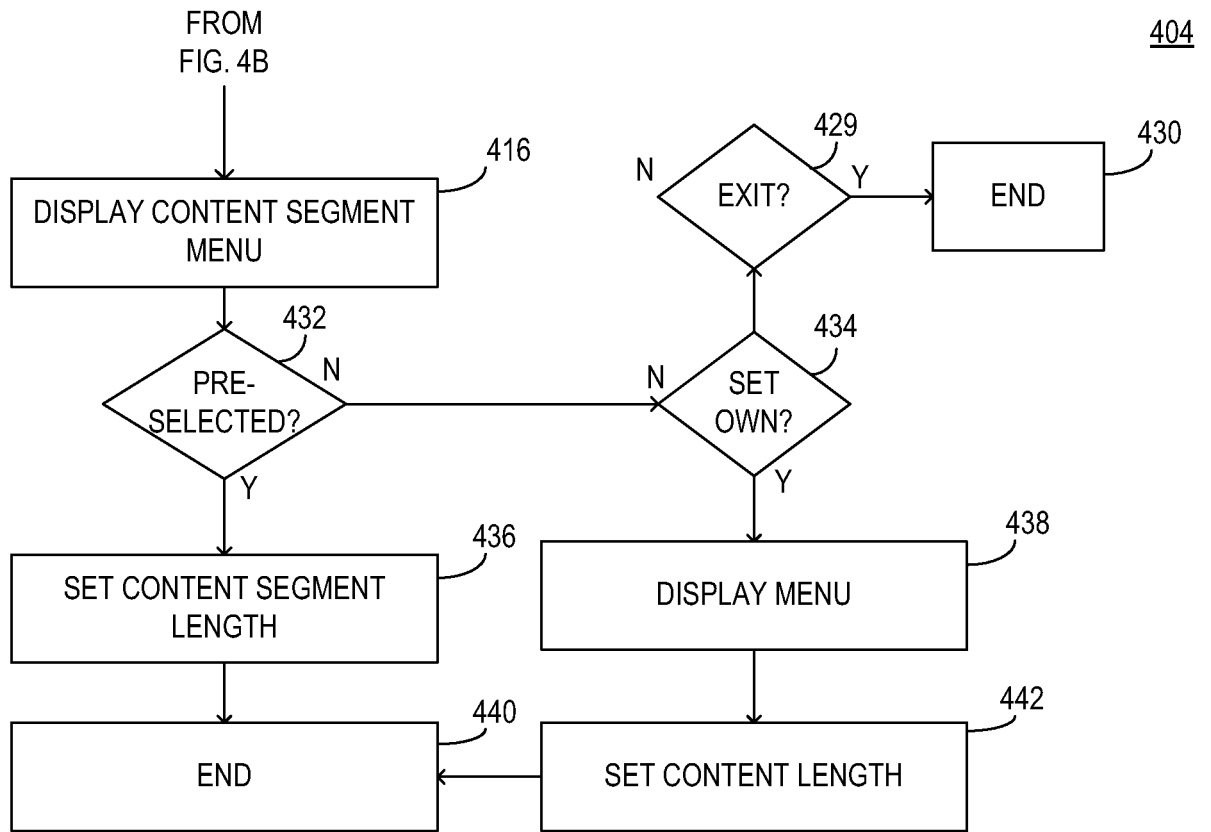


FIG. 4C

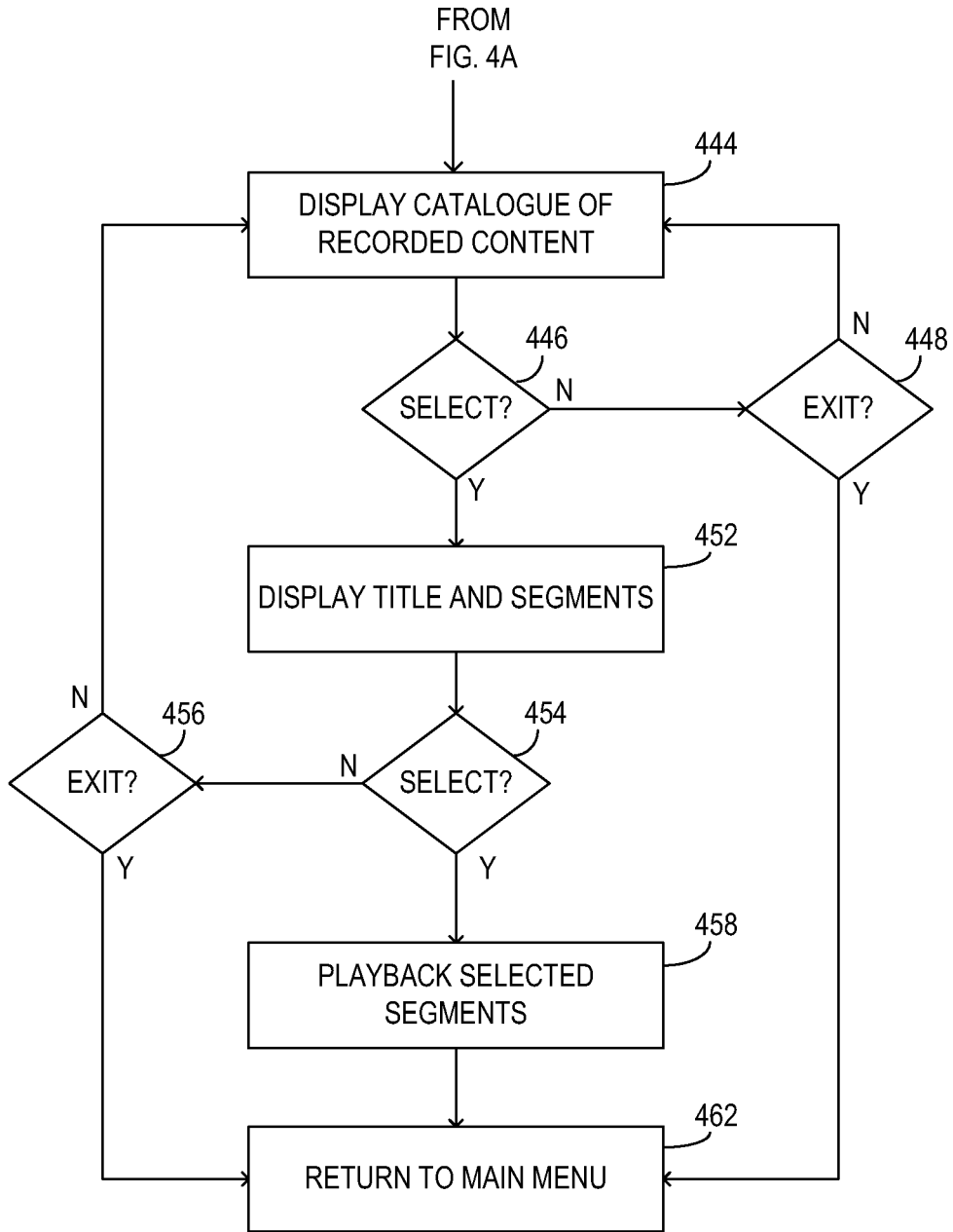


FIG. 4D

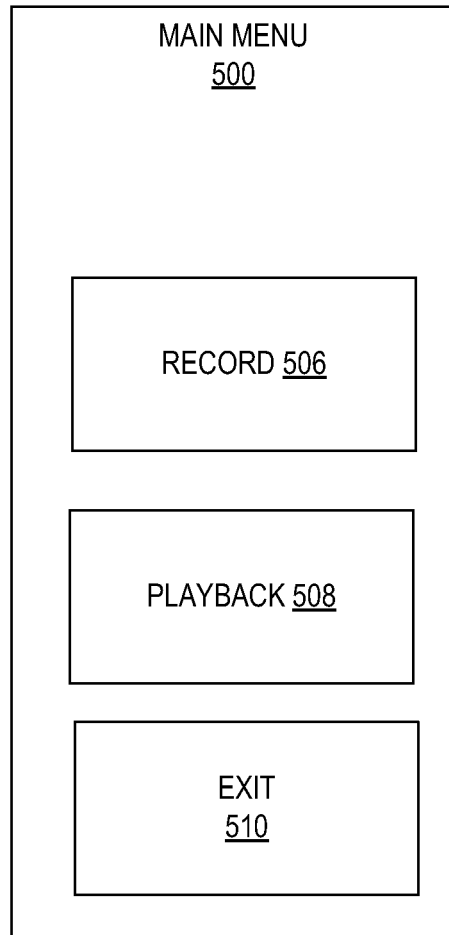


FIG. 5A

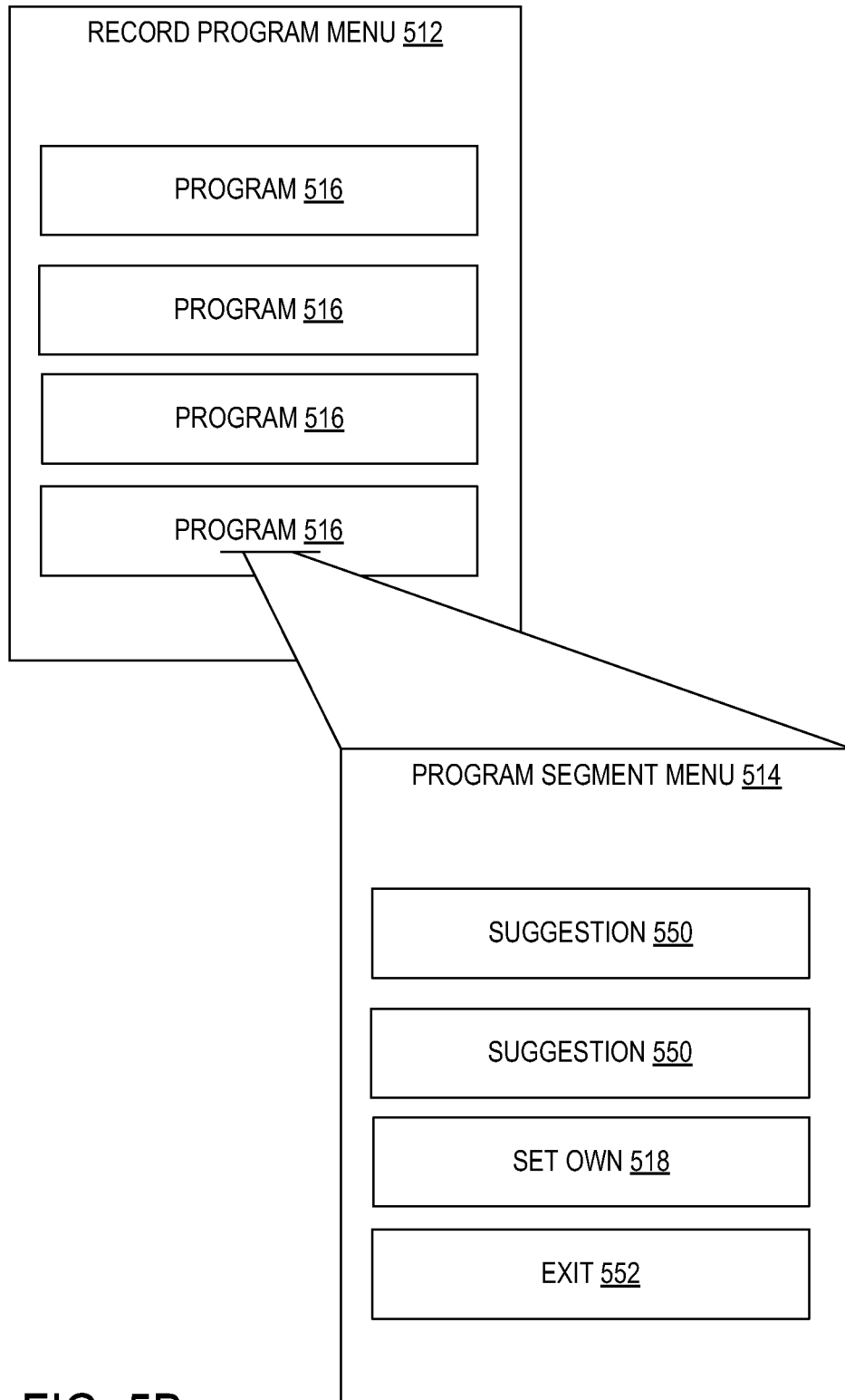


FIG. 5B

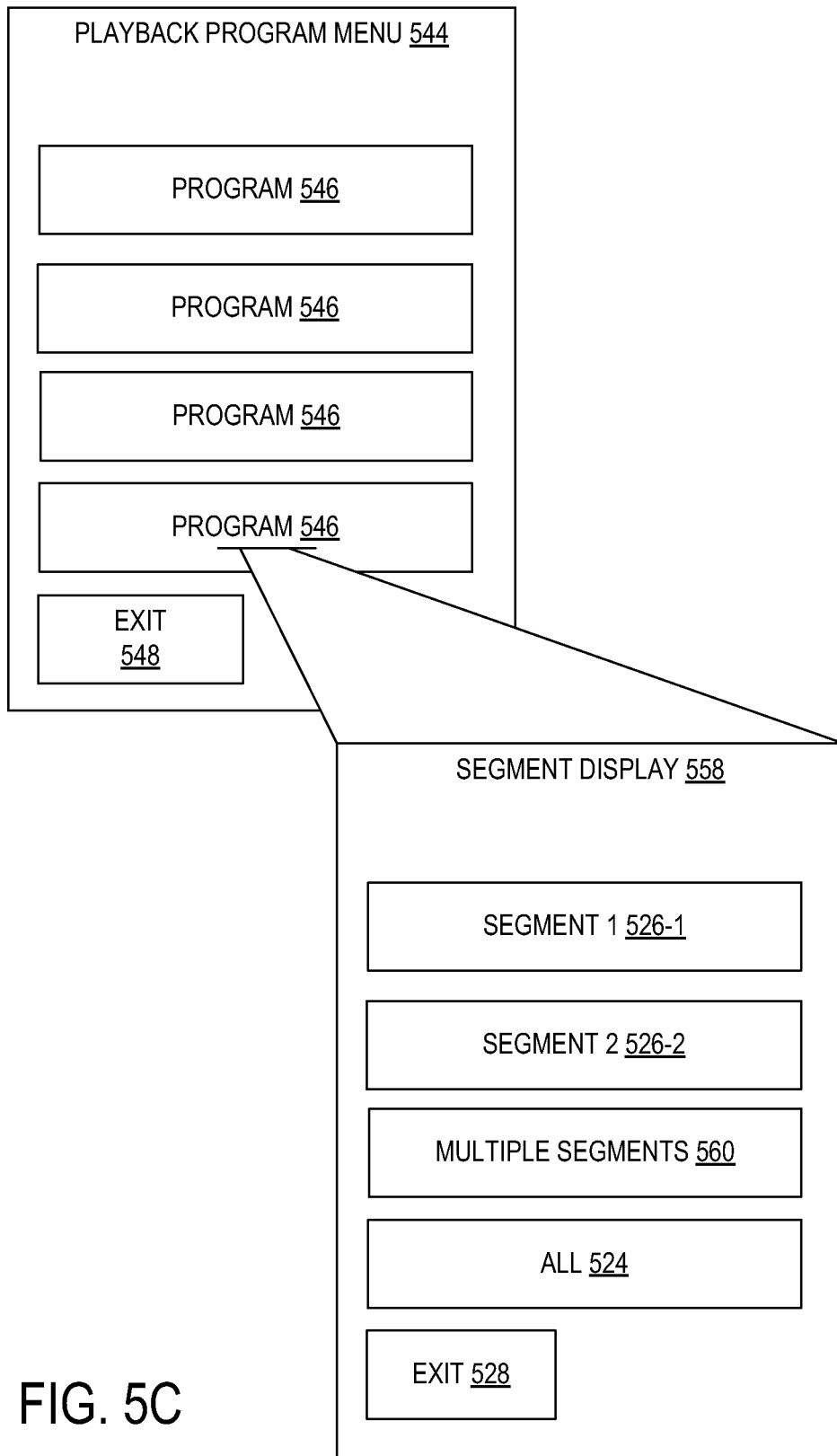


FIG. 5C

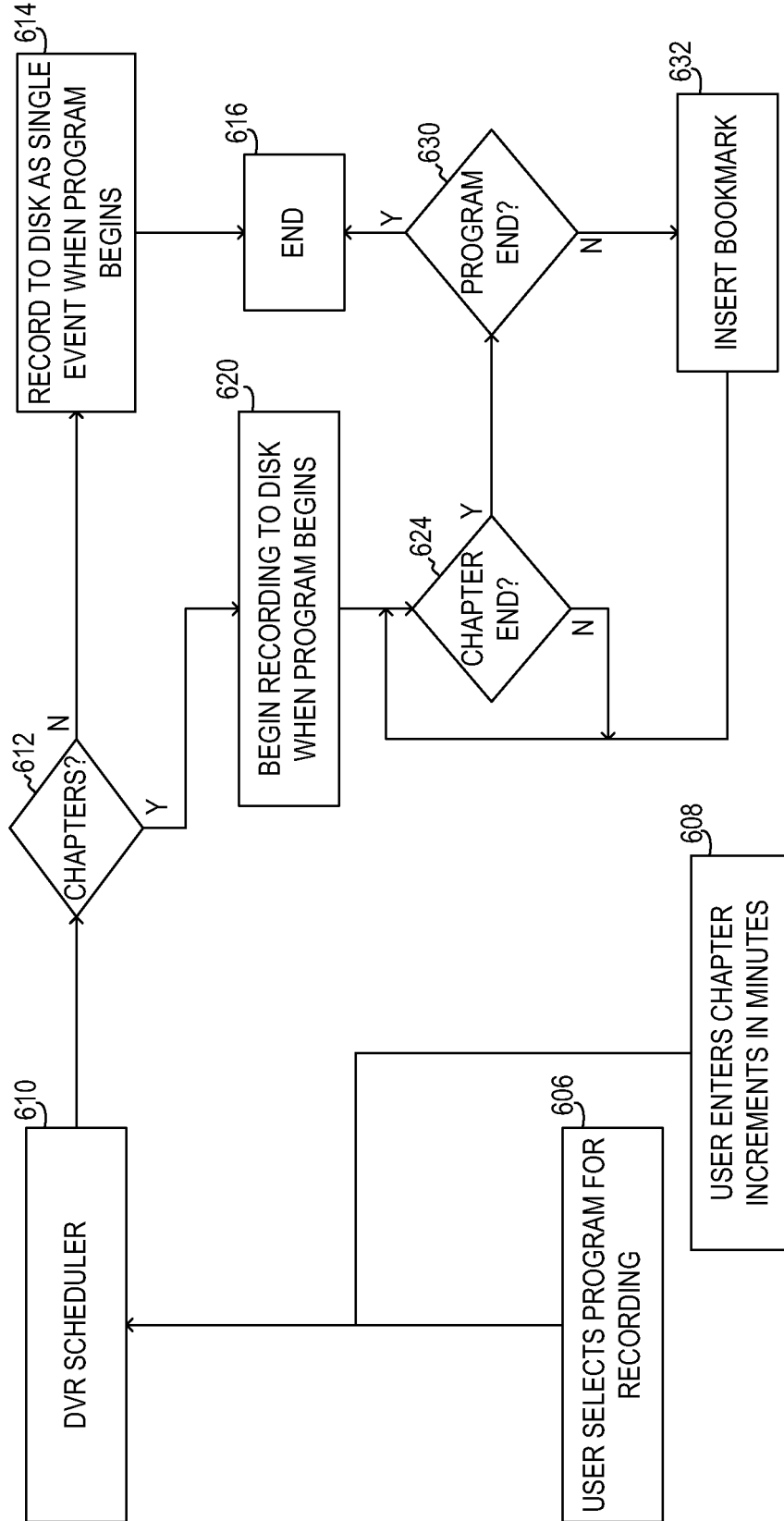
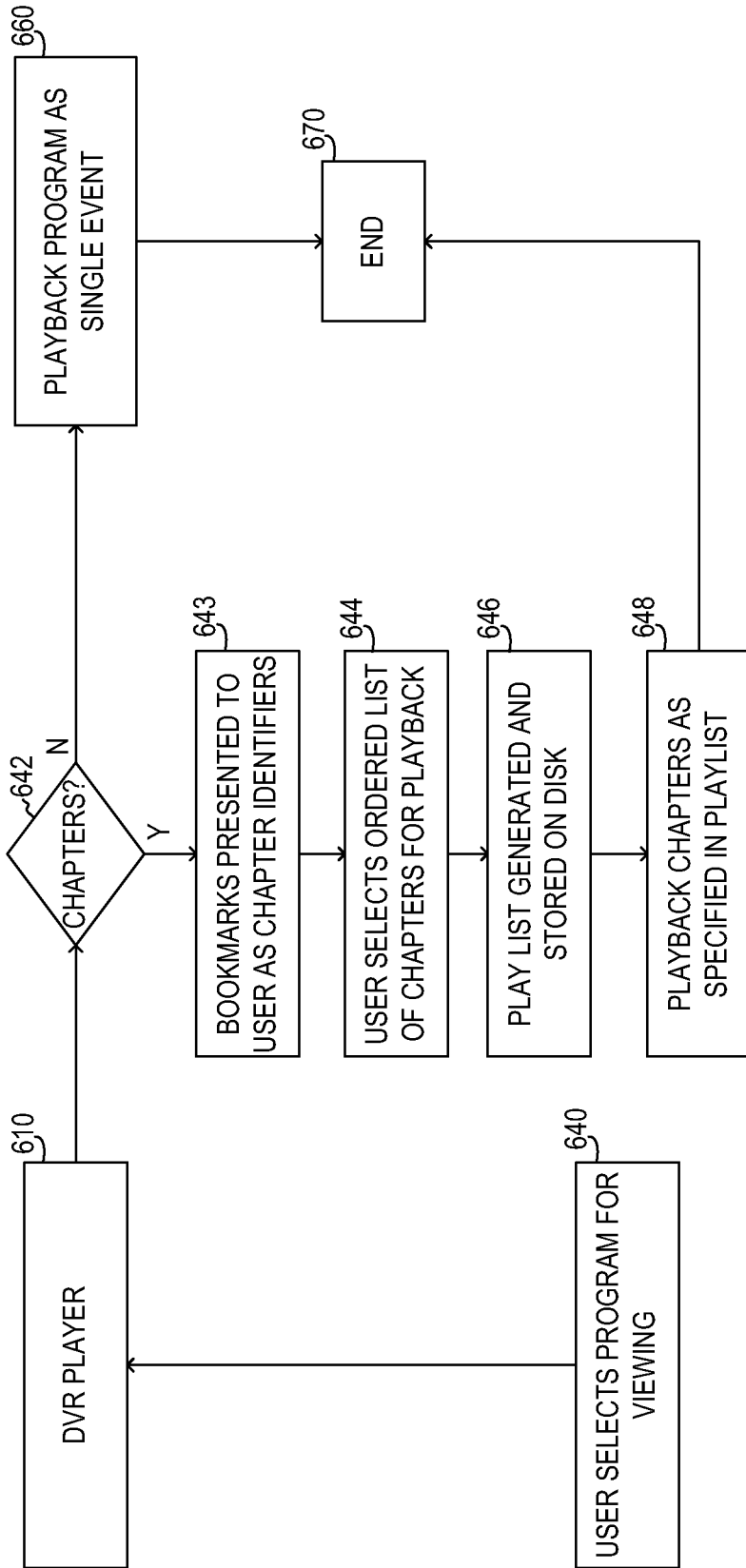


FIG. 6A

600



680

FIG. 6B

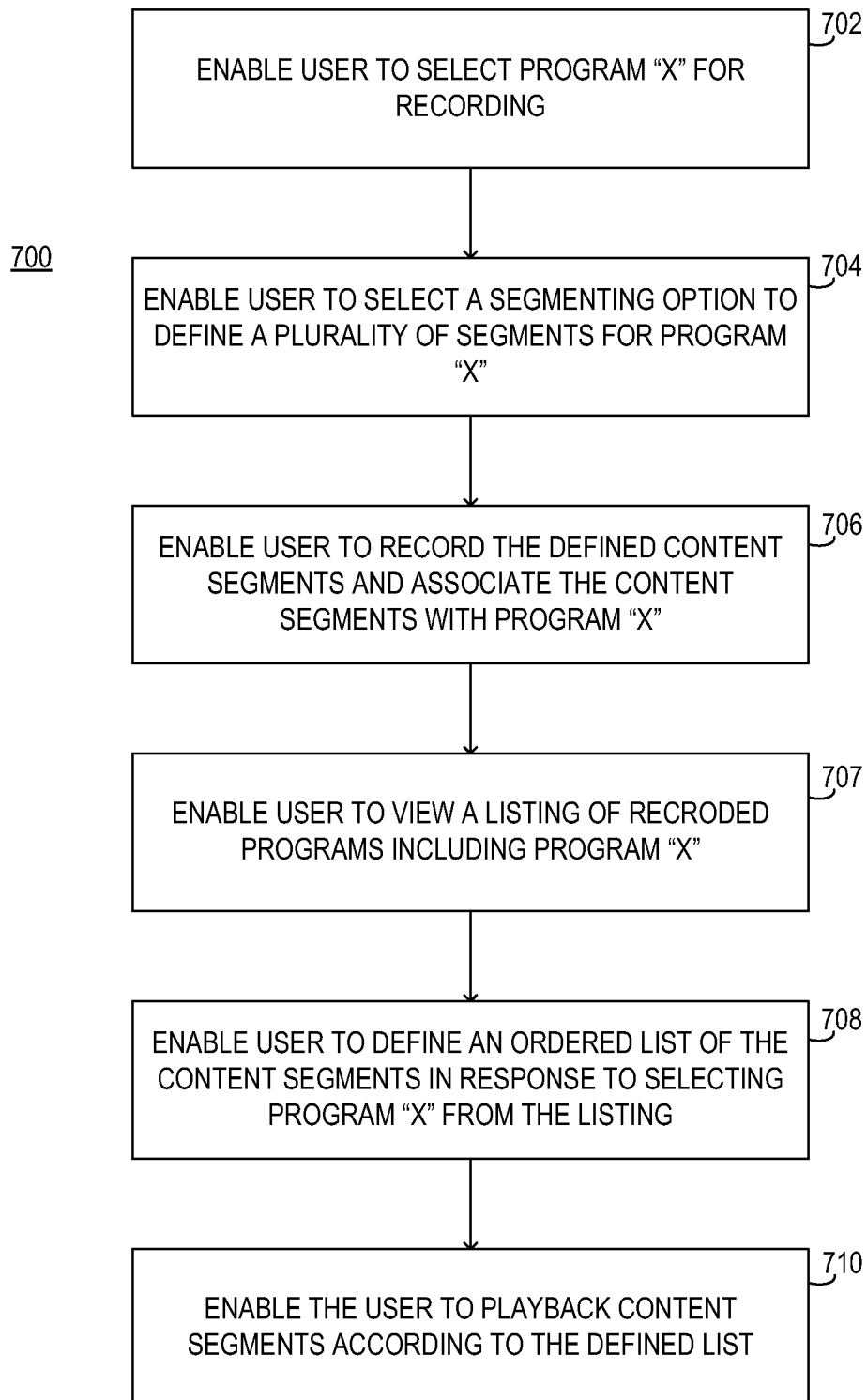


FIG. 7

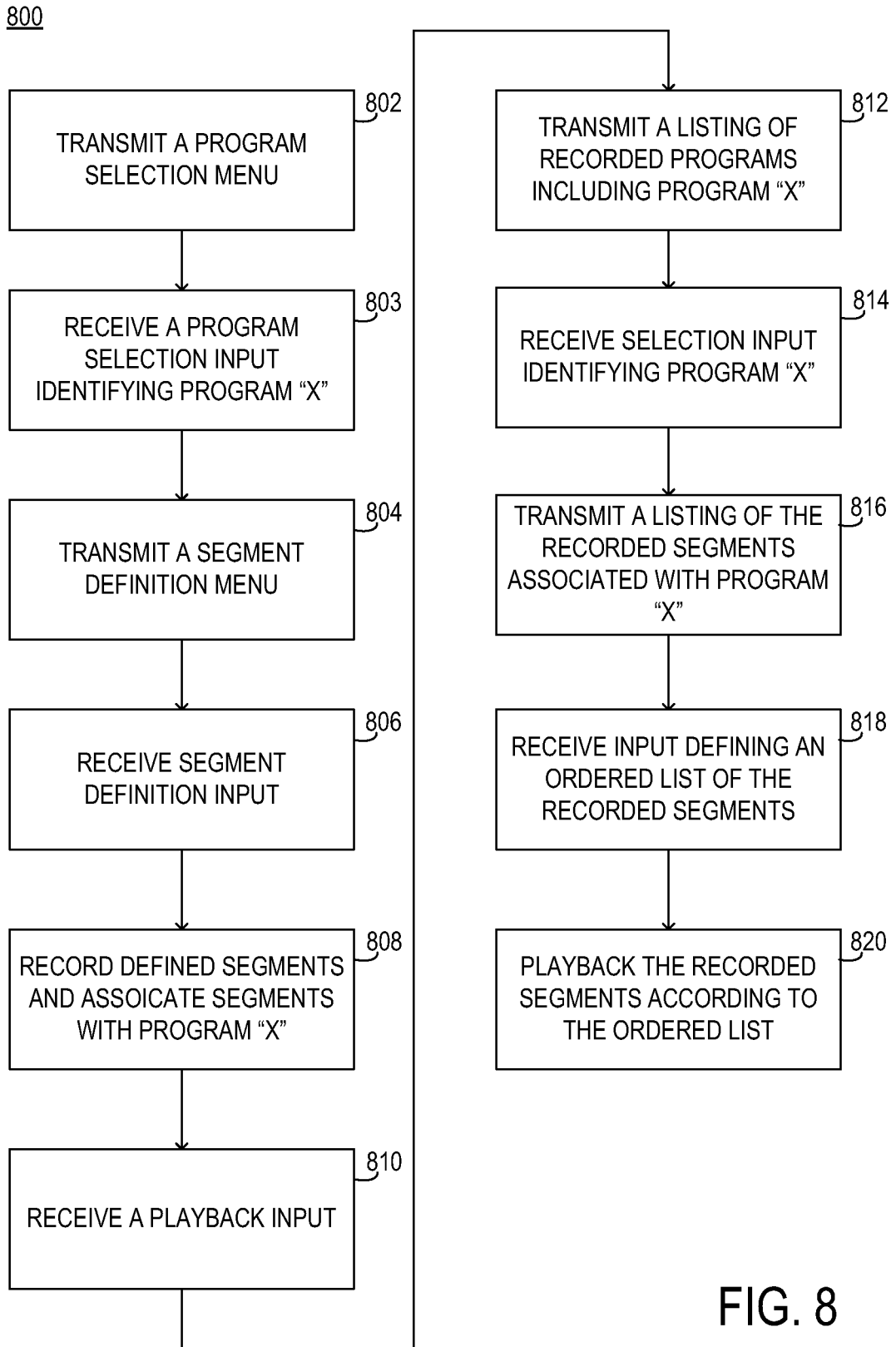


FIG. 8

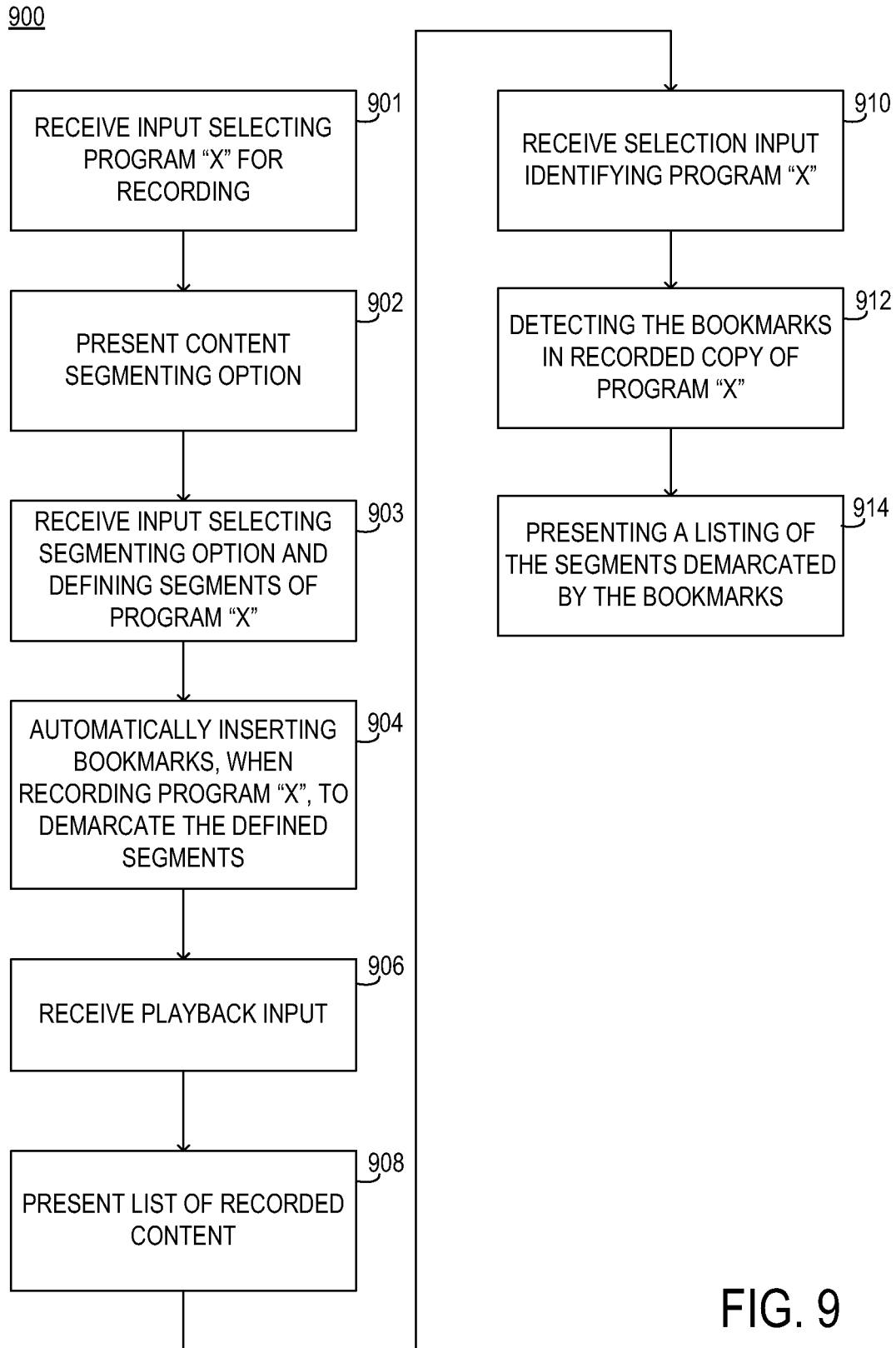


FIG. 9