

Title (en)

Letter processing apparatus.

Title (de)

Apparat zur Verarbeitung von Briefen.

Title (fr)

Appareil de traitement de lettres.

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Abstract (en)

Apparatus (10) is provided which includes structure for preparing a letter including a returnable stationery item (A-D) for sending to an addressee, wherein the returnable stationery item includes a code (A3). In addition, the apparatus includes structure (130) for routing the stationery item, when it is returned, to a selected one of a plurality of locations. The routing structure includes structure (140) for sensing the code. Further, the apparatus includes a computer (180) coupled to the routing structure. The computer (180) is programmed for controlling the routing structure and for storing a dispositive data listing (204) for the code. The dispositive data listing (204) includes information defining the selected location. The computer causes the routing structure (140) to route the stationery item to the selected location when the code (A3) on the stationery item (A-D) is sensed. In addition, structure (216;214) is provided for changing the dispositive data listing (204), whereby the selected location may be changed.

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