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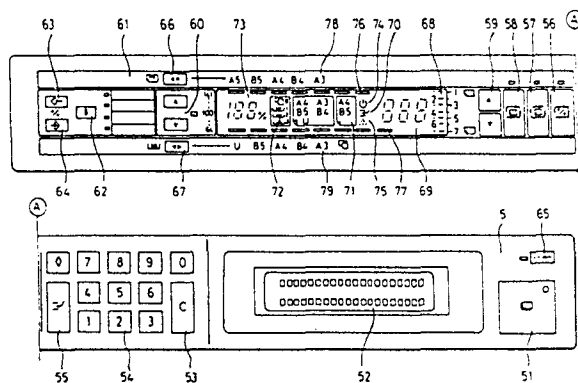
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54 **An operation panel and a displaying method of a copying machine.**

57 An operation panel (5) is provided in a copying machine wherein a print key (51) is mounted on the right end part, various data displays (52, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75) are mounted on the center part, a set magnification display part (73) is formed at one end of these various data displays in the right-left direction thereof and a set density display part (68) is formed at the other end thereof respectively, a magnification setting key (56) is mounted close to the set magnification display part and a density setting key (58) is mounted close to the set density display part respectively, an original size display symbol (76) is formed close to one side edge of the displays in the up-down direction and a copy paper size display symbol (77) is formed close to the other end thereof respectively, and various function selecting keys are mounted collectively somewhat apart from the various data displays, and before starting copying operation, display of data to be set and entered by the operator is cleared, display of set data is cleared during the copy image density is set by automatic exposure, and after completing density setting operation, the set data is displayed.



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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

An operation panel and a displaying method
of a copying machine

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to an operation panel and
a displaying method of a copying machine, and more specific-
ally, to an operation panel which facilitates recognition of
various operating keys on the operation panel and displays
for displaying various data and a displaying method which
10 enables an adequate recognition of data to be set and entered
by the operator or enables display of automatic exposure
operation state without increasing the kind of displays.

Conventionally, in the copying machines, for the
purpose of improving convenience for use, machines providing
15 with a magnification zoom change function, an automatic
magnification settling function, and an automatic copy paper
selecting function and the like have been developed, and
corresponding to these functions, displays for displaying
various functions are added and also operation parts for
20 carrying out various functions are added, and resultingly the
arrangement of various keys and various displays is
complicated, and also the operating procedure is complicated.

Accordingly, an adequate copying operation can be made
only after original size, copy paper size, magnification,

copy quantity and the like are set before performing copying operation. Nevertheless, some setting operation is sometimes forgotten to be made, and in this case a trouble takes place such as excessively large or small copy image or excessively
5 large or small quantity of copies. Particularly, when selecting automatic magnification setting function or the automatic copy paper selecting function, it takes the operator a long time to search for the operating key for selecting the above-mentioned function, or the operator
10 sometimes cannot identify the key for selecting the above-mentioned function and operates a wrong key.

Also, when selecting the automatic magnification setting function or the automatic copy paper selecting function, the above-mentioned setting operations are not required to be
15 made wholly, and discernment between the setting operations to be made and not required to be made has to be performed, and thereby the above-mentioned trouble takes place more remarkably.

Furthermore, for the copying machine provided with the
20 automatic exposure function, both the requirement that mounting of a display device solely for display purpose on the above-mentioned complicated display panel is to be avoided as possible and the requirement that states wherein the automatic exposure function is selected and not selected
25 are to be recognized adequately have to be met. Because, in

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the case where the automatic exposure function is selected, a wrong idea is sometimes taken that the original copying operation already has been made by an exposure operation prior to the original copying operation, and thereby an original cover is opened when the automatic exposure is completed, and a disadvantage of a worse quality of the copy obtained by the original copying operation is produced.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to facilitate recognition of various displays on an operation panel of a multi-functional copying machine.

Another object of the present invention is to prevent a malfunction of copy beforehand.

Still another object of the present invention is to make the operator adequately recognize data to be set and entered.

Still another object of the present invention is to facilitate various setting operations on the operation panel of the multi-functional copying machine.

Still another object of the present invention is to prevent an original cover from being opened in the middle of operation of the automatic exposure function of a copying machine provided with the automatic exposure function.

Still another object of the present invention is to

display the state wherein the automatic exposure function is carried out without complicating display of the operation panel.

On an operation panel in accordance with the present invention, a print key is mounted on the right end part of the operation panel of a copying machine, and also displays of various set data are mounted collectively on the center part of the copying machine, a set magnification display part is formed at one end part of the displays in the right-left direction thereof and a set density display part at the other end part thereof respectively, a magnification setting key is mounted close to the set magnification display part and a density setting key is mounted close to the set density display part respectively, an original size display symbol is formed close to one side edge of the displays in the up-down direction thereof, and a copy paper size display symbol is formed close to the other side edge thereof respectively, and further various function selecting keys are mounted collectively somewhat apart from the displays. These function selecting keys may include an automatic magnification set state selecting key, an automatic copy paper size set state selecting key and an automatic copy image density set state selecting key, and respective manual operating keys which set and enter the above-mentioned data by manual operation may be colored the same as the above-mentioned respective keys, and

the keys in a corresponding relation may be mounted close to each other.

Also, a displaying method in accordance with the present invention clears display on the operation panel of 5 data to be set and entered by the operator before starting copying operation.

Clearing of data display in this case may be made only by operating a specific key, may be made by operating a non-specific key or may be made automatically every time copying 10 operation is completed. Also, data to be cleared may be all of data which can be displayed, or may be only data that setting operation is to be made corresponding to a selected function, for example, the automatic magnification setting function, the automatic copy paper selecting function or the 15 like. Specifically, it may be the original size display data, the copy paper size display data, the magnification display data and the copy quantity display data.

Also, the displaying method in accordance with the present invention clears the set data at least during 20 operation of setting the copy image density is carried out by automatic exposure, and the set data is displayed after the operation of setting the copy image density is completed.

Data to be cleared in this case may be all of data which can be displayed, or may be only the copy image density 25 data which is set by carrying out automatic exposure opera-

tion. Also, the period during which display of set data is cleared is preferably a period during which operation of setting the copy image density by means of automatic exposure is completed after the automatic exposure function is selected. Furthermore, data setting by means of key operation may be inhibited during the period when display of the above-mentioned set data is cleared.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing an operation panel of a copying machine.

Fig. 2 is a block diagram.

Fig. 3 through Fig. 5 are flow charts.

Fig. 6 is a schematic diagram showing an internal mechanism of a copying machine.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Fig. 6 is a major part schematic diagram clearly showing an internal mechanism of an copying machine which is of a type wherein an optical system moves and employs a photoreceptor drum as a photoreceptor.

Numeral 1 is an original placing table located on the top surface of a copying machine main body (not illustrated), and at a predetermined position thereunder, an optical part 2 constituted with an exposure lamp 21, reflecting mirrors 22,

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23 and 24, a lens 25 and a reflecting mirror 26 is provided and an original D can be scanned to be exposed in sequence by moving the exposure lamp 21 and the reflecting mirrors 22, 23 24 in the direction as shown by an arrow A. Then, the 5 above-mentioned light source 21 and the reflecting mirror 22 move in a one-piece manner, and the reflecting mirrors 23 and 24 are move in a one-piece manner, and setting is made so that the moving speed of the former is double the moving speed of the latter. Then, under the optical part 2, a copy 10 processing part 3 is provided, which is constituted with a photoreceptor drum 31 rotating in the direction as shown by an arrow B every copying operation, a de-electrifying lamp 32, an electrifying charger 33, a developing apparatus 34, a transfer charger 35, a separation charger 36 and a cleaner 15 37, and an electrostatic latent image is formed by irradiating the light reflected from the original D onto the surface of the photoreceptor drum 31 which is electrified uniformly by the electrifying charger 33, and this electrostatic latent image is made into a toner image by the developing apparatus 20 34, and thus the toner image can be transferred on a copy paper P. Also, numeral 41 is a resist roller constituting a part of a copy paper feeding part, which can feed the copy paper P at a speed nearly equal to the peripheral speed of the photoreceptor drum 31. Also, numeral 10 is an original 25 cover which is mounted so as to be rotatable up and down by

means of a hinge mechanism (not illustrated) or the like to cover the top surface of the original placing table 1.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an operational panel 5 mounted on the front-side top surface of the copying machine main body, and a print key 51, a display 52 constituted with liquid crystal, LED, EL or the like for displaying operation procedure and the like, a clear key 53, ten-keys 54, and interrupt key 55, an automatic magnification setting key 56, an automatic copy paper selecting key 57, an automatic copy
10 image density setting key 58, a density setting key 59, display part of various set data and the like, a magnification setting key 60, a set magnification memory 61, an access selecting key 62, a memory setting start key 63 which starts setting of the magnification to be stored in the set magni-
15 fication memory 61 and a memory setting end key 64 which ends the setting of magnification are mounted in sequence from the right side, and also a display clear key 65 is mounted close to the print key 51, and further an original size setting key 66 and a copy paper size setting key 67 are mounted close to
20 the top and bottom sides of the magnification setting key 60.

Also, description is made on the display part of the above-mentioned various data and the like. A set density display 68, a copy quantity display 69, an interrupt display 70, a size display 71, a copy paper feed stage display 72,
25 and a magnification display 73 are provided in sequence from

the right side, and also a warm-up display 74 and a toner run-out display 75 are provided close to the interrupt display 70, and further an original size display 76 and a copy paper size display 77 are provided at the top edge and the 5 bottom edge of the display part, respectively. Then, the above-mentioned size display 71 displays the contour line of the selected copy paper as laterally longer or longitudinally longer size and also displays symbols showing the size such as A3, A4, B4, B5 or the like inside each contour 10 line. Also, a symbol 78 showing a regular original size corresponding to each display is provided above the original size display 76 and at the right of the original size setting key 66, and a symbol 79 showing a regular copy paper size, a manually inserted copy paper and an universal cassette 15 sette corresponding to each display is provided under the copy paper size display 77 and at the right of the copy paper size setting key 67. These size displaying symbols 78 and 79 are parallel with each other, also being parallel with each size displaying symbol whereto respective size displays 76 20 and 77 correspond, and therefore when the original size display 76 is light-controlled by operating the original size setting key 67 in the state wherein the magnification is set in advance, the copy paper size display 77 is also light-controlled, and also movement of the position of lighting of 25 both of the size displays 76 and 77 is performed in a paral-

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1el fashion, and therefore both of the size displays 76 and 77 are watched easily. Then, the automatic magnification setting key 56 and the magnification setting key 60 are colored the same, the automatic copy paper selecting key 57 5 and the copy paper size display symbol 79 forming part are colored the same, and further the automatic copy image density setting key 58 and the density setting key 59 are colored the same, and the above-mentioned respective colors are selected so as to be different colors which can be easily 10 identified, and thereby a relation of correspondence between each automatic setting key and each manual setting key can be grasped easily. Particularly, by mounting the keys and the like which are in the above-mentioned relation of correspondence close to each other, the relation of 15 correspondence can be grasped more easily.

Also, the above-mentioned set magnification memory 61 is such that set magnification is written by a pencil or the like, but the set magnification may be displayed using liquid crystal or the like.

20 Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing a major part of a copying machine, wherein a print key signal, a ten-key signal, an automatic magnification set state select signal, an automatic copy paper select state select signal, an automatic copy image density set state select signal, a set original 25 size signal, a set copy paper size signal, a set magnifica-

tion signal, a memory set signal, a memory access signal, a display part clear signal, a copy paper size detect signal and the like are applied to a microcomputer 80 having a CPU, a RAM, a ROM, an I/O port, a clock generator and the like, 5 and also output signals from the computer 80 are applied to an exposure quantity control circuit 81, an exposure length control circuit 82, a copy paper feed stage control circuit 83, a lens position control circuit 84, a copy processing part control circuit 85, a display control circuit 86, a 10 display part control circuit 87 and the like. Then, the set copy image density signal is applied to the microcomputer 80 through a data input inhibit circuit 88 which is driven by the output signal from the microcomputer 80.

Fig. 3 through Fig. 5 are flow charts showing operation 15 of the copying machine of the above configuration, Fig. 3 shows copying operation corresponding to the select mode, Fig. 4 shows magnification memory operation and Fig. 5 shows copying operation corresponding to whether or not the automatic exposure mode is selected.

20 First, description is made on Fig. 3.

In step 1, decision is made on whether or not the automatic magnification setting mode or the automatic copy paper size setting mode has been selected. Then, in either case, in any one of steps 2, 3 and 4, decision is made on 25 whether or not the display clear key 65 is turned to ON, and

if the display clear key 65 is turned to OFF, in step 20, it is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix that copying operation can be made, and processing is in waiting state until the print key 51 is turned to ON, in step 21 and a series of copying operations are performed in step 22, and thereafter the decisions and processings in step 1 and thereafter are performed again.

On the other hand,

(I) When the automatic magnification setting mode is selected and the display clear key 65 is decided to be turned to ON, displays by the original size display 76, the copy paper size display 77, the magnification display 73, the copy quantity display 69 and the size display 71 on the display part are cleared in step 5, and that setting operation of the original size is to be performed is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix in step 6, and processing is in waiting state until the setting operation of the original size is performed in step 7. Thereafter, in step 8, it is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix that operation of setting the copy paper size and operation of setting the copy quantity are to be performed, and processing is in waiting state until the operation of setting the copy paper size and the operation of setting copy quantity are performed in step 9, and in step

10, the magnification is calculated based on the set original size and copy paper size, and the lens 25 moved by means of the lens position control circuit 84 corresponding to the calculated magnification, and subsequently the above-mentioned decisions and pro-

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(II) When the automatic copy paper size setting mode is selected and also the display key 65 is decided to be turned to ON, displays on the display part by the original size display 76, the copy paper size display 77, the copy quantity display 69 and the size display 71 are cleared by means of the display part control circuit 87 and display by the magnification display 73 is set to 100% in step 11, and it is displayed on the

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Thereafter, it is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix that operation of setting the magnification and operation of setting the copy quantity are to be performed in step 14 and processing is in waiting state until the operation of setting the copy quantity is performed in step 15, and the copy paper size is calculated based on the set original size and the magnifi-

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cation and a copy paper feed cassette loading stage wherein the copy papers of the above-mentioned calculated size are stored is selected by the copy paper feed stage control circuit 83 in step 16, and
5 subsequently the above-mentioned decisions and processing in step 20 and thereafter are carried out.

(III) When neither of the automatic magnification setting mode and the automatic copy paper size setting mode is selected and the display clear key 65 is
10 decided to be turned to ON, displays on the display part by the original size display 76, copy paper size display 77, the copy quantity display 69 and the size display 71 are cleared by the display part control circuit 87 and display by the magnification display 73
15 is set to 100% in step 17, and thereafter it is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix that operation of setting the magnification, operation of setting the copy paper size and operation of setting the copy quantity are to be performed in step 18, and then
20 processing is in waiting state until the operation of setting the copy paper size and the operation of setting the copy quantity are performed in step 19, and subsequently the above-mentioned decisions and processings in step 20 and thereafter are carried out.
25 That is, the setting operation to be performed differs

depending upon each select mode, but by turning the display clear key 65 to ON, the display content in the display part is cleared, and corresponding to the cleared display content, the content of setting operation to be performed is displayed
5 in sequence on the display 52 by dot-matrix, and therefore such a trouble can be eliminated that the initial setting operation to be performed before carrying out the copying operation is forgotten to be made, and thereby improper copies are produced and copy papers, toner and the like are
10 wasted.

However, in the above case, it is possible that the display clear key 65 is omitted and the display on the display part is cleared automatically after a series of copying operations are completed or after warm-up is completed, and
15 in this case, a forgotten initial setting operation caused by a forgotten operation of the display clear key 65 can be prevented adequately.

Also, in the above case, a size symbol in the size display 71 and the copy paper size display 77 display the
20 same size symbol, and therefore either of them can be omitted.

Also a step wherein decision is made on whether or not the print key 51 has been operated is inserted between steps 7 and 8, between steps 9 and 10, between steps 13 and 14,
25 between steps 15 and 16 and between steps 19 and 20, and if

the print key 51 has not been operated, decisions and processings in the following steps are performed, and if has been operated, decision is made on whether or not all the required setting operations have been performed. Then, when
5 the required setting operation has been completed, decisions and processings in the following steps are performed like the above-mentioned case, but when the required setting operation is not completed wholly, it is possible that the setting operation not performed is decided, and the setting operation
10 not performed is displayed on the display 52 by dot-matrix, and processing is in waiting state until the required setting operation is completed. In this case, the setting operation not performed can be displayed when it is wrongly taken that all the setting operations have been performed or the like,
15 and thereby the operator can grasp immediately at a glance which operation has to be performed, and thus this is very convenient.

Also, a copying machine, if provided with an original feeding apparatus (not illustrated), can detect the original
20 size when the original is fed by the original feeding apparatus, and therefore steps 6, 7, 12 and 13 in the above-mentioned flow chart can be omitted.

Also, the above-mentioned magnification setting is not always performed by operating the magnification setting key
25 60, but may be performed by selecting the set magnification

memory through the access selecting key 62.

Next, description is made on Fig. 4 which shows operation of setting the magnification to be stored in the above-mentioned magnification memory 61.

5 First, in step 1, decision is made on whether or not the memory set start key 63 is turned to ON. Then, if OFF, series of copying operations are performed in step 18.

On the other hand, if the memory set start key 63 is turned to ON, display by the magnification display 73 blinks
10 in step 2. However, blinking in this case may be of the whole of the above-mentioned display part, or may be of a percent (%) part as part of the display part.

Next, in step 3, a lamp (not illustrated) built in the access selecting key 62 is lighted to display that the access
15 selecting key 62 is to be operated, and in step 4 it is displayed also on the display 52 by dot-matrix that the access selecting key 62 is to be operated, and in steps 5 and 6 processing is in waiting state until a predetermined time set in advance elapses or the access selecting key 62 is
20 operated. Then, when the above-mentioned predetermined time elapses or the access selecting key 62 is operated within the predetermined time, the above-mentioned lamp is put out in step 7, and a lamp (not illustrate) built in the magnification setting key 60 is lighted in step 8 to display that the
25 magnification setting key 60 is to be operated, and in step 9

it is displayed also on the display 52 by dot-matrix that the magnification setting key 60 is to be operated, and in step 10, processing is in waiting state until the magnification setting key 60 is operated. Then, when the magnification
5 setting key 60 is operated, the lamp built in the magnification setting key 60 is put out in step 11, and a lamp (not illustrated) built in the memory setting end key 64 is lighted in step 12 to display that the memory setting key 64 is to be operated, and in step 13 it is displayed also on the
10 display 52 by dot-matrix that the memory setting end key 64 is to be operated, and in step 14 processing is in waiting state until the memory setting end key 64 is operated. Then, when the memory setting end key 64 is operated, the lamp built in the memory setting end key 64 is put out in step 15
15 and blinking of display by the magnification display 73 is stopped and is lighted continuously and thereby completion of memory setting operation is displayed in step 16, and it is displayed also on the display 52 by dot-matrix that the memory setting operation is completed in step 17. Thereafter
20 a series of copying operations are carried out in step 18.

Note that the above-mentioned lamp may be replaced by any one capable of visual display, and a light emitting device such as LED or the like can be employed.

That is, in the case where the magnification setting
25 operation is performed, lamps built in respective operation

keys are lighted corresponding to the operation sequence, and which operation key is to be operated is displayed also on the display 52 by dot-matrix, and therefore even an unfamiliar operator can adequately perform operation of setting the 5 magnification.

Next, description is made on Fig. 5 which shows copying operation corresponding that the automatic exposure mode is selected or not.

In step 1, decision is made on whether or not the 10 automatic exposure mode (automatic copy image density setting operation state) has been selected. Then, if the automatic exposure mode has been selected, display of the set copy image density data on the display part is cleared by the display part control circuit 87 in step 2, and operation of 15 setting data by the copy image density setting key 59 on the operation panel 5 is inhibited by the data input inhibiting circuit 88 in step 3, and in step 4 processing is in waiting state until the print key 51 is turned to ON. On the other hand, if decision is made that the automatic exposure mode 20 has not been selected in step 1, the decision in step 4 is performed. Then, if decision is made that the print key 51 has been turned to ON in step 4, decision is made on whether or not the automatic exposure mode has been selected again in step 5.

25 When decision is made that the automatic exposure mode

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has been selected in step 5, automatic exposure operation is started in step 6, and processing is in waiting state until the automatic exposure operation is completed, that is, the exposure lamp 21 returns to the home position in step 7, and 5 the above-mentioned cleared set copy image density data is displayed by the display part control circuit 87 in step 8, and a series of copying operations are performed based on the data displayed on the display part in step 9.

Also, when decision is made that the automatic exposure 10 mode has not been selected in step 5, the processing in step 12 is performed intact.

That is, during the automatic exposure operation is carried out, display of the set copy image density data on the display part is cleared, and therefore the set copy image 15 density data in the case where copying operation is carried out is not grasped at all, and also no new copy image density data can be entered, so that this state can be used as a display of the state of carrying out automatic exposure, and thereby such a disadvantage can be eliminated that the 20 original cover is opened immediately after one cycle of exposure operation is carried out and thereby an improper copy is produced, and also no special display for displaying the state of automatic exposure operation is required to be mounted, and complication of the display part can be 25 prevented.

In the above-mentioned embodiment, only display of the set copy image density data is cleared and also only a new copy image density setting operation is inhibited, but it is also possible that display of other set data is cleared and also setting operation of other data is inhibited. In this case, such a configuration has only to be adopted that a step wherein decision is made on whether or not new set data have been entered by operating various setting keys, a step wherein decision is made on whether or not a predetermined time set in advance has elapsed when no new set data is entered and a step wherein a new set data is displayed on the display part by the display part control circuit 87 when decision is made that a new set data has been entered are inserted between step 8 and step 9, and the decision on whether or not a new set data has been entered is repeated until the predetermined time elapses. In this case, all of displays are cleared and also all of operations of setting data are inhibited and therefore it can be grasped more clearly that the automatic exposure mode has been selected.

In addition, the present invention is not limited to the above-mentioned embodiments, and, for example, the display 52 can be omitted, and the set magnification display 61, the access selecting key 62, the memory setting start key 63 which starts setting of the magnification to be stored in the set magnification display 61 and the memory setting end key

64 which ends setting of the magnification can be omitted properly, and also the present invention can be applied to a copying machine provided with a document feeder, and furthermore various design changes can be made within a range 5 wherein no important points of the invention are changed.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An operation panel of a copying machine, wherein a print
(51) key/is mounted on the right end part of the operation panel
of the copying machine, displays/of various set data are
(52,69,70,71,72,74,75)
mounted collectively at the center part of the copying
5 machine, a set magnification display part/is⁽⁷³⁾ formed at one
end part of the displays in the right-left direction thereof
and a set density display part/is⁽⁶⁸⁾ formed at the other end
part thereof respectively, a magnification setting key/⁽⁵⁶⁾is
mounted close to the set magnification display part and a
10 density setting key/⁽⁵⁸⁾is mounted close to the set density
display part respectively, an original size display symbol/⁽⁷⁶⁾is
formed close to one side edge of the displays in the up-down
direction thereof and a copy paper size display/symbol⁽⁷⁷⁾ is
formed close to the other side edge thereof respectively, and
15 further various function selecting keys are mounted
collectively somewhat apart from the displays.
2. An operation panel of a copying machine in accordance
with claim 1, wherein function selecting keys include an
automatic magnification set state selecting key, an automatic
20 copy paper size set state selecting key, and an automatic
copy image density set state selecting key, and said
respective keys are colored differently from one another,
and said respective manual operation keys which set and enter
said data by manual operation are colored the same as said

respective keys.

3. An operation panel of a copying machine in accordance with claim 2, wherein keys which are in relation of correspondence are mounted close to each other.

5 4. A displaying method which clears display on the operation panel to be set and entered by an operator prior to starting copying operation.

5. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein clearing of data display is performed only by operating a
10 specific key.

6. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein clearing of data display is performed by operating a non-specific key.

7. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein
15 clearing of data display is automatically performed every completion of copying operation.

8. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein data to be cleared are all of data which can be displayed.

9. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein
20 data to be cleared are only data that setting operation is to be made corresponding to the selected function.

10. A displaying method in accordance with claim 4, wherein data to be cleared are original size display data, copy paper size display data, magnification display data and copy quantity display data.
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11. A displaying method wherein display of set data is cleared at least during setting operation of copy image density is performed by automatic exposure, and the set data is displayed after the setting operation of copy image density is completed.

12. A displaying method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the period during which display of set data is cleared is a period during which setting operation of copy image density by means of automatic exposure is completed after the automatic exposure function is selected.

13. A displaying method in accordance with claim 11, wherein data to be cleared are all of data which can be displayed.

14. A displaying method in accordance with claim 11, wherein data to be cleared is only copy image density data which is set by carrying out automatic exposure operation.

15. A displaying method in accordance with claim 11, wherein data setting by key operation is inhibited during display of data is cleared.

16. A displaying method in accordance with claim 15, wherein data which is inhibited to be set is copy image density data.

FIG. 1

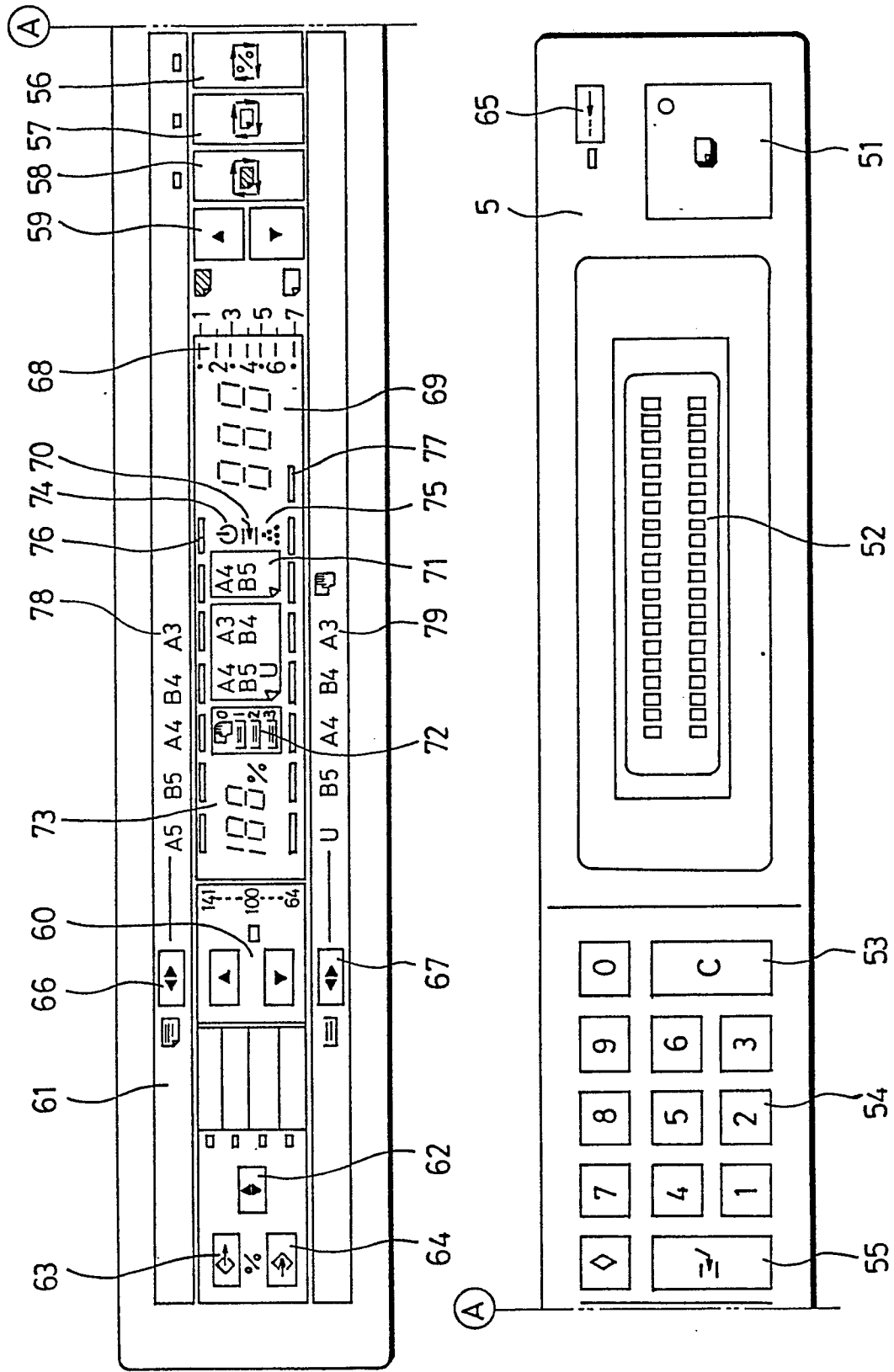


FIG. 2

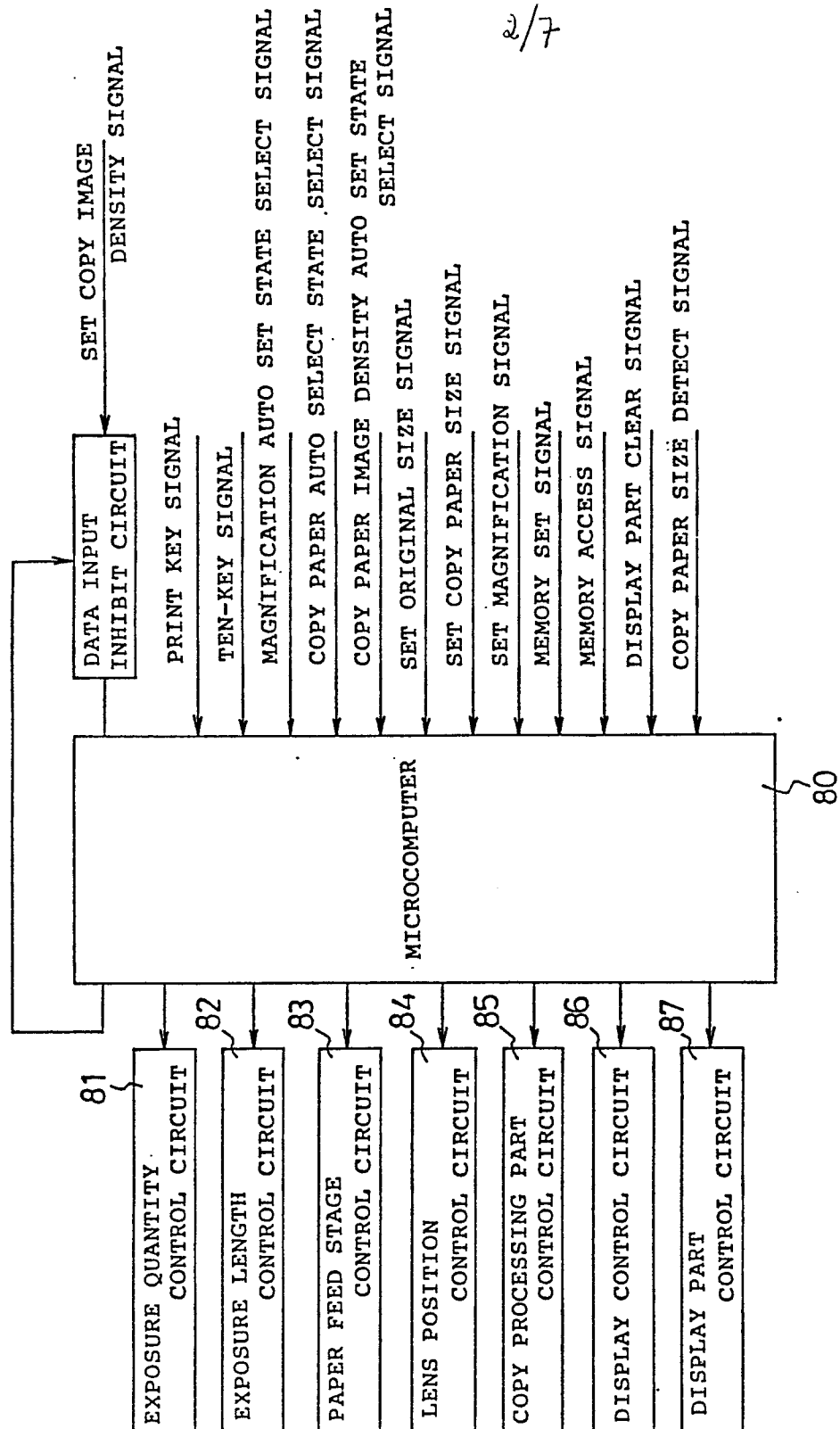
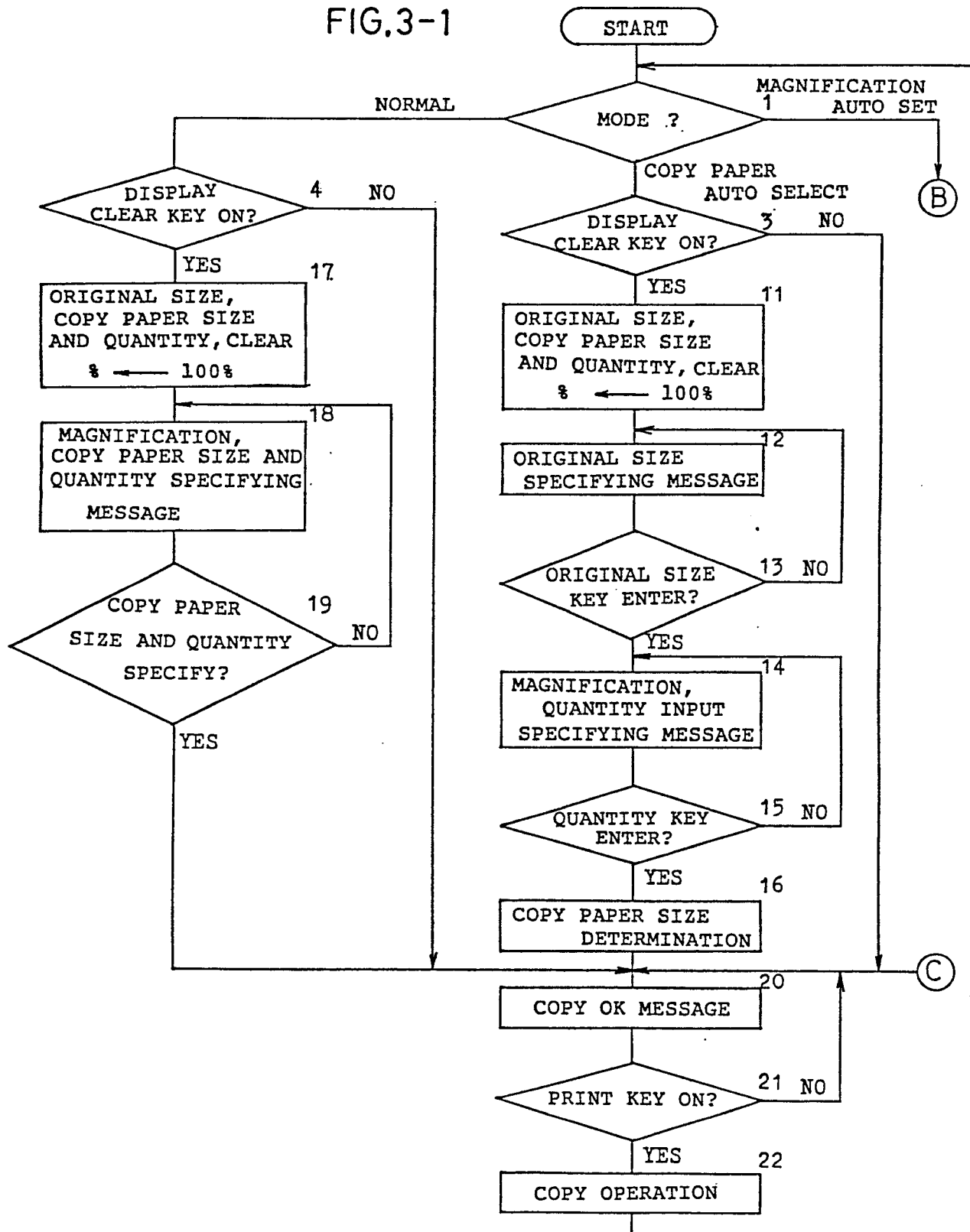
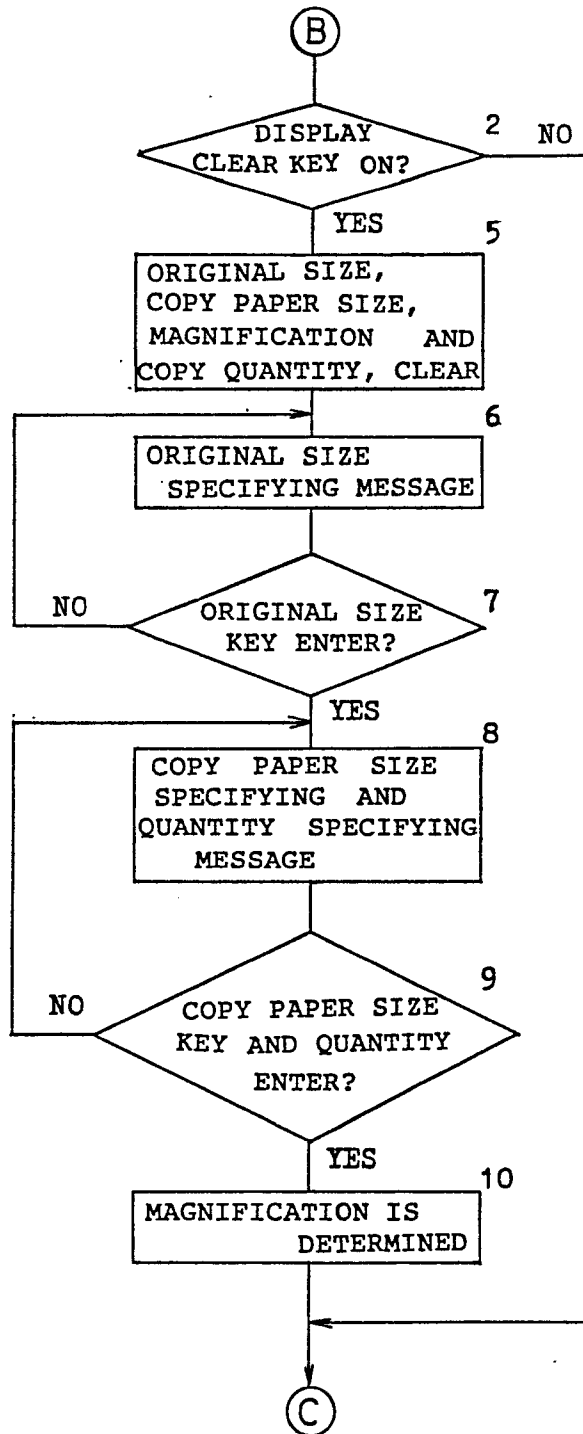


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FIG. 4

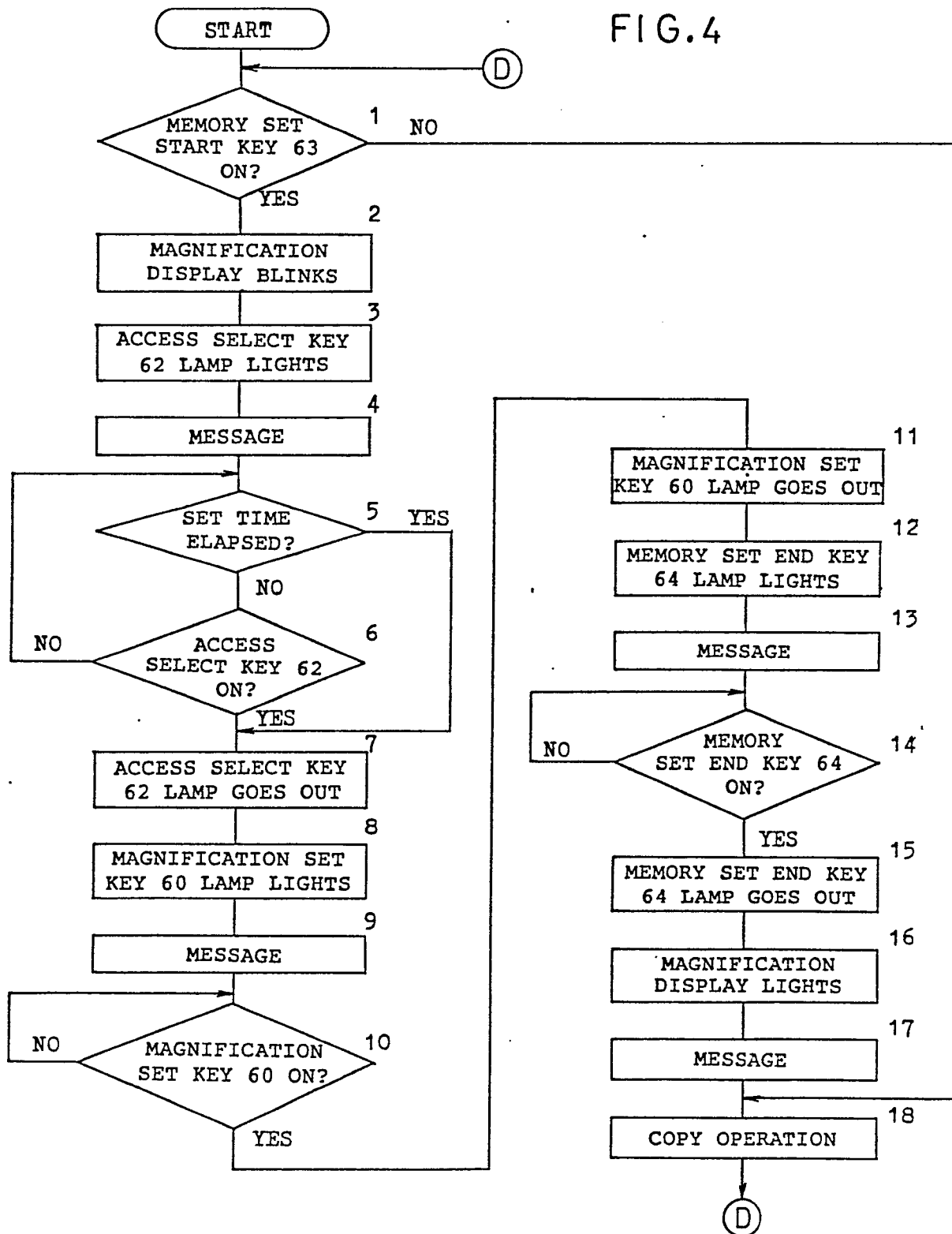


FIG.5

