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Illuminated fire escape route.

An escape route indication system comprising hazard detectors (D) each located in a respective area of a building having a plurality of exits, direction indicating means (54), and control means (34) connected with the hazard detectors (D) and the direction indicating means (54), the control (34) means being responsive to the indication from a detector (D) of the presence and location of a hazard to energise the direction indicating means (54) to show at any point the shortest safe route between that point and an exit.

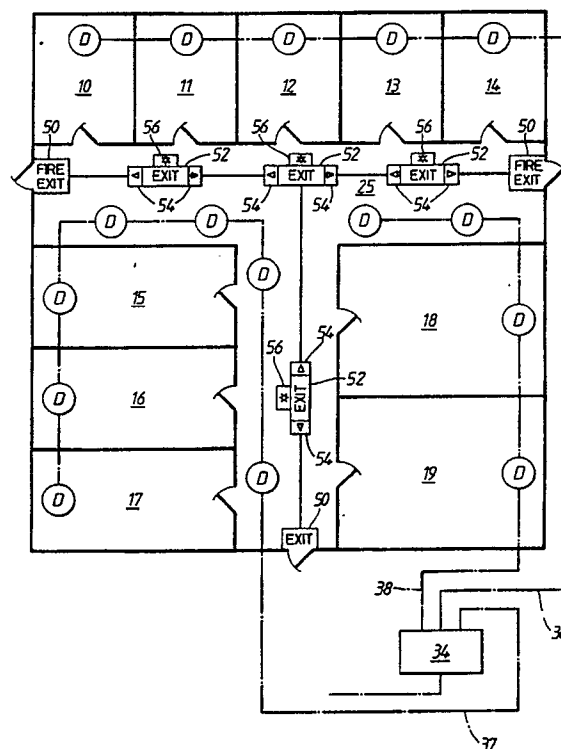


Fig.1.



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