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(54) **Optical barrier for detecting moving objects.**

(57) A barrier (1) comprising a transmitting unit (4) set up on one side of a path and having a number of infrared-emitting diodes (5) multiplexed and modulated at a predetermined frequency; a receiving unit (6) set up on the opposite side of the path and having a number of infrared photoreceivers (7); and electronic equipment (8) for controlling the electric signals generated by the photoreceivers (7). The

electronic equipment (8) comprises an electronic processing unit (14) for automatically determining a reference value ( $V_f$ ) for each of the photoreceivers (7); for comparing the signals generated by the photoreceivers (7) with the reference value ( $V_f$ ); and for checking the comparison and so indicating the status, clear or engaged, of the barrier.

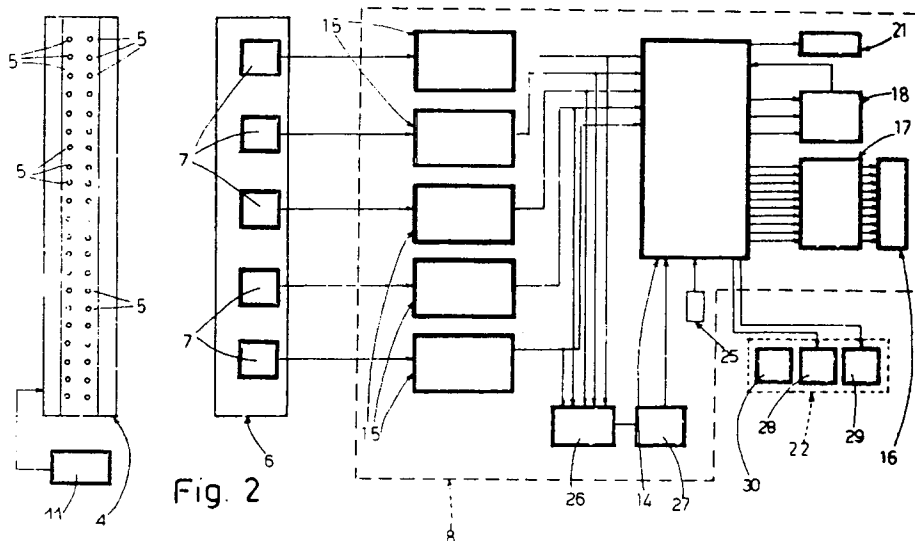


Fig. 2

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