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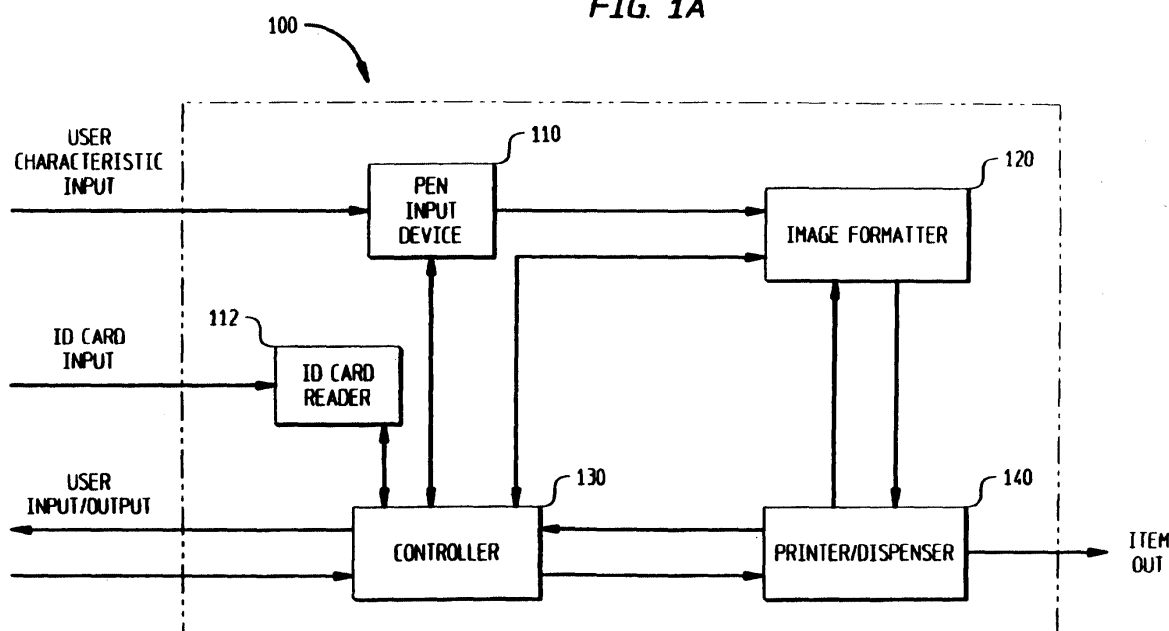
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(54) **Capture and use of a personal identification feature at a service terminal**

(57) A service terminal is provided for dispensing items with an indicium associating the item to a user accessing the service terminal. The indicium may be captured at the terminal and may include the user's signature, an electronic image of the user, or both. The indi-

cium may be first verified with a stored electronic version of the indicium before being provided to the item for identification. Upon verification, the item with the indicium is dispensed to the authorized, verified user. The item may be a traveler's check or a negotiable instrument.

FIG. 1A





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