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(54) Improving the security of buildings

(57) A visitor monitoring system is provided which allows the identity of visitors to be recorded as they arrive at a premises. A keyboard 6 allows data to be entered which is then displayed on a display means 2. Passes for the visitor are produced on a printing means 4. The data can be stored on the storage means 10. Passes produced are machine readable and pass reading devices 8 may be provided. The system may also operate doors 18 and car park barriers 22 by the reading of the pass.

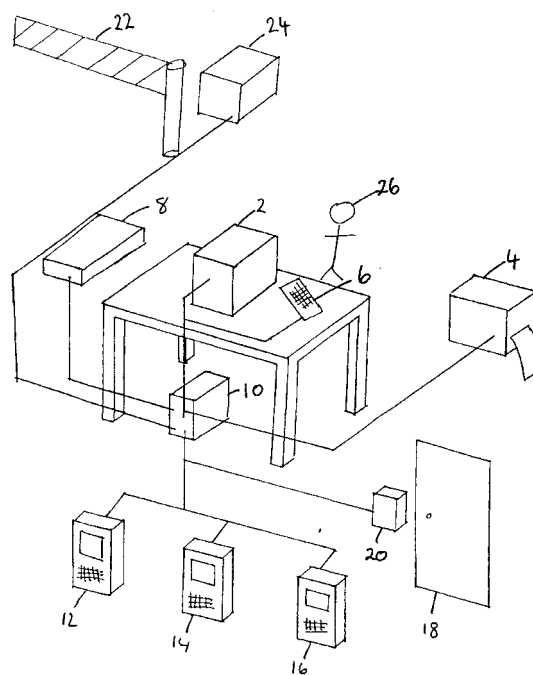


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