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#### (54) STORAGE CONTROLLER AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

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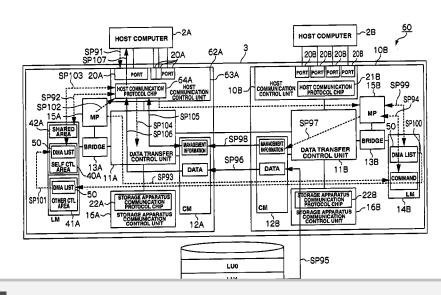
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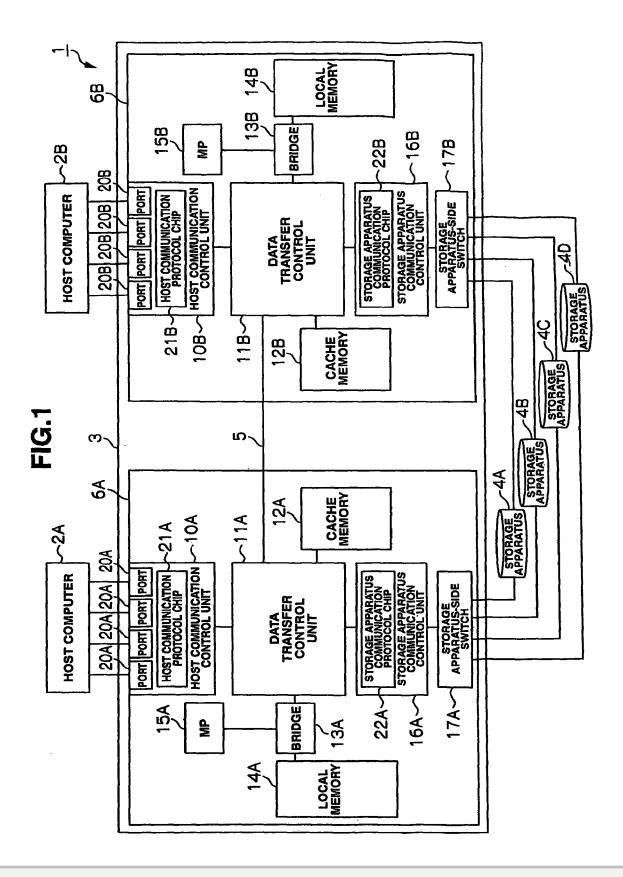
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### (57) ABSTRACT

Proposed is a storage controller and its control method for speeding up the processing time in response to a command in a simple manner while reducing the load of a controller that received a command targeting a non-associated logical volume. This storage controller includes a plurality of controllers for controlling the input and output of data to and from a corresponding logical unit based on a command retained in a local memory, and the local memory stores association information representing the correspondence of the logical units and the controllers and address information of the local memory in each of the controllers of a self-system and another-system. Upon receiving a command sent from a host computer, the controller determines whether the target logical unit is associated with the controller of a self-system or another-system based on the association information, and, when the logical unit is associated with the other-system controller, the controller transfers and stores the command to and in the corresponding other-system controller based on the address information.

#### 12 Claims, 18 Drawing Sheets





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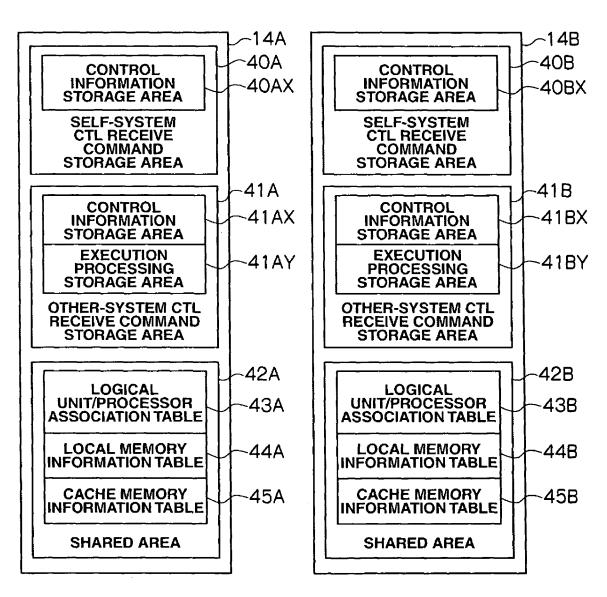
FIG.2A		
MEMORY SPACE VIEWED FROM PROCESSOR	FROM PROCESSOR	
ARD	CTLO MEMORY MAP (CTLO PROCESSOR SIDE)	CTL1 MEMORY MAP (CTL1 PROCESSOR SIDE)
0x0_0000000-0x0_7FFFFFF	CT_D LOCAL MEMORY	CTL1 LOCAL MEMORY
0x0_8000000-0x0_FFFFFF	CT_0 BRIDGE REGISTER	CTL1 BRIDGE REGISTER
Dx1_0000000-0x1_7FFFFFF	CT_0 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER	CTL1 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER
	CT_O STORAGE APPARATUS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER	CTL1 STORAGE APPARATUS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER
0x1_8000000-0x1_FFFFFFF	CT_0 DATA TRANSFER CONTROL UNIT REGISTER	CTL1 DATA TRANSFER CONTROL UNIT REGISTER
0x2_0000000-0x5_FFFFFF		CTLO&1 CACHE MEMORY (INCLUDING EXPANSION (1) TO (3))
0x6_0000000-0x6_FFFFFF	CT_1 LOCAL MEMORY	CTL0 LOCAL MEMORY
0x6 8000000-0x6 FFFFFF	CT_1 BRIDGE REGISTER	CTLO BRIDGE REGISTER
0x7 0000000-0x7 7FFFFFF	CT_1 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER	CTL0 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER
	CT_1 STORAGE APPARATUS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER	CTLO STORAGE APPARATUS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP REGISTER
0x7_8000000-0x7_7FFFFFF	_	CTL0 DATA TRANSFER CONTROL UNIT REGISTER
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FIG.2B		
EMEMORY SPACE VIEWED FROM HOST COM	FROM HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP	
ARD	CTLO MEMORY MAP (CTL0 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP SIDE)	CTL1 MEMORY MAP (CTL1 HOST COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL CHIP SIDE)
0x0_0000000-0x0_7FFFFFF	CT_0 LOCAL MEMORY	CTL1 LOCAL MEMORY
0X0 8000000-0X0 FFFFFF	CT_1 LOCAL MEMORY	CTL0 LOCAL MEMORY
0x1_0000000-0xF_7FFFFF		CTLO&1 CACHE MEMORY (INCLUDING EXPANSION (1) TO (3))
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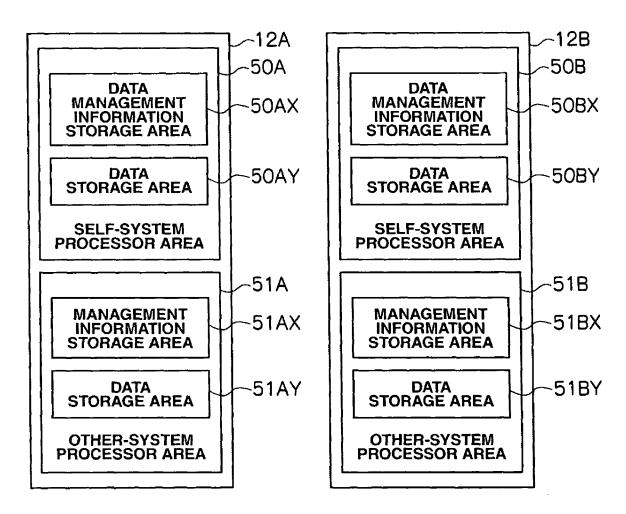
# FIG.3A

# FIG.3B



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