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[54] **METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR REMOVING MICRODOTS FROM PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

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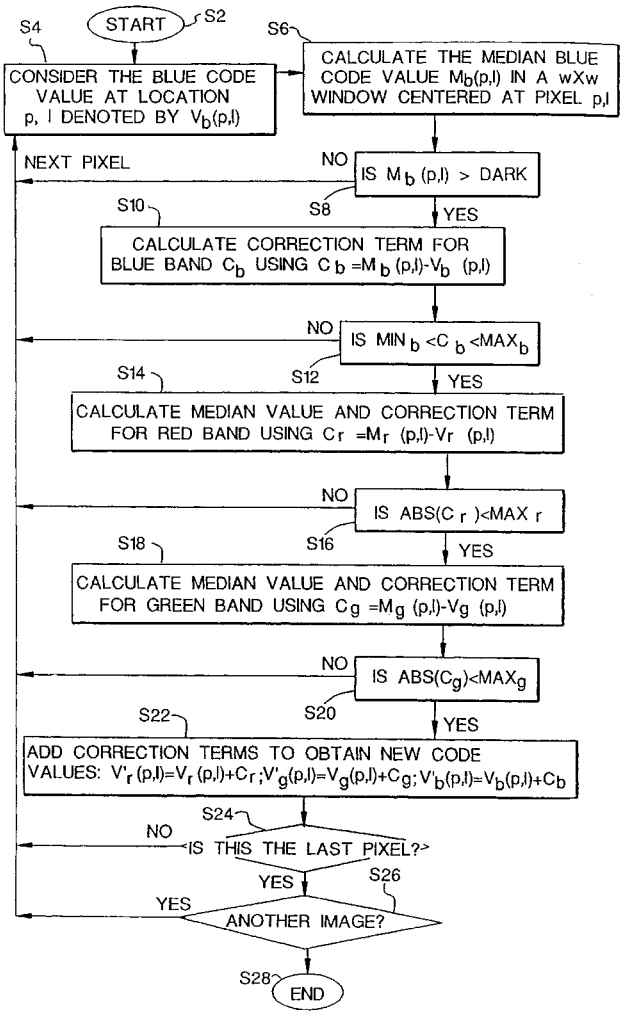
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method for removing microdots from a photographic image, the method comprises the steps of (a) comparing the blue code value at a location in the color image with an estimate of the blue code value at the location; (b) comparing a second code value at the location in the color image with an estimate of the second code value at the location; and (c) replacing the blue and second code values at the location with the estimated code values based on the results of steps (a) and (b).

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