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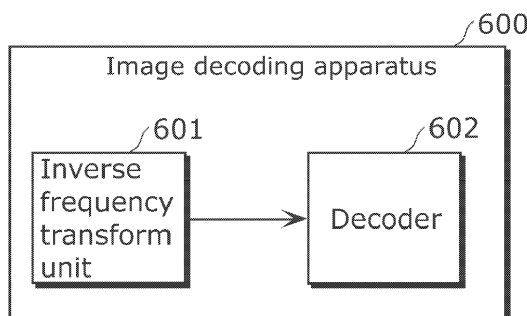
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(54) **IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE ENCODING AND DECODING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM STORING A BITSTREAM**

(57) An image coding method of coding an image on a per coding unit basis, the method comprising: applying a frequency transform to luminance data and chrominance data of transform units in the coding unit including predetermined blocks each corresponding to one or more

of the transform units (S501); and coding the luminance data and the chrominance data to which the frequency transform has been applied to generate a bitstream in which the luminance data and the chrominance data are grouped on a per predetermined block basis (S502).

FIG. 16A



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