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[54] **GRAPHIC USER INTERFACE FOR INTERNET TELEPHONY APPLICATION**

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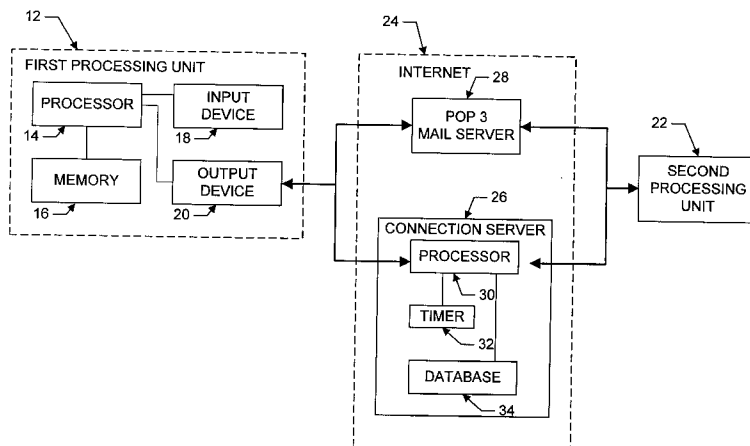|		
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A communication utility for establishing real-time, point-to-point communications between processes over a computer network includes apparatus for querying a server as to the network protocol address of another client process, and apparatus for directly establishing a communication link with the client process upon receipt of the network protocol address from the server. In one embodiment, the utility includes a sophisticated user interface having features similar to typical telephony hardware but implementing greater flexibility with software.
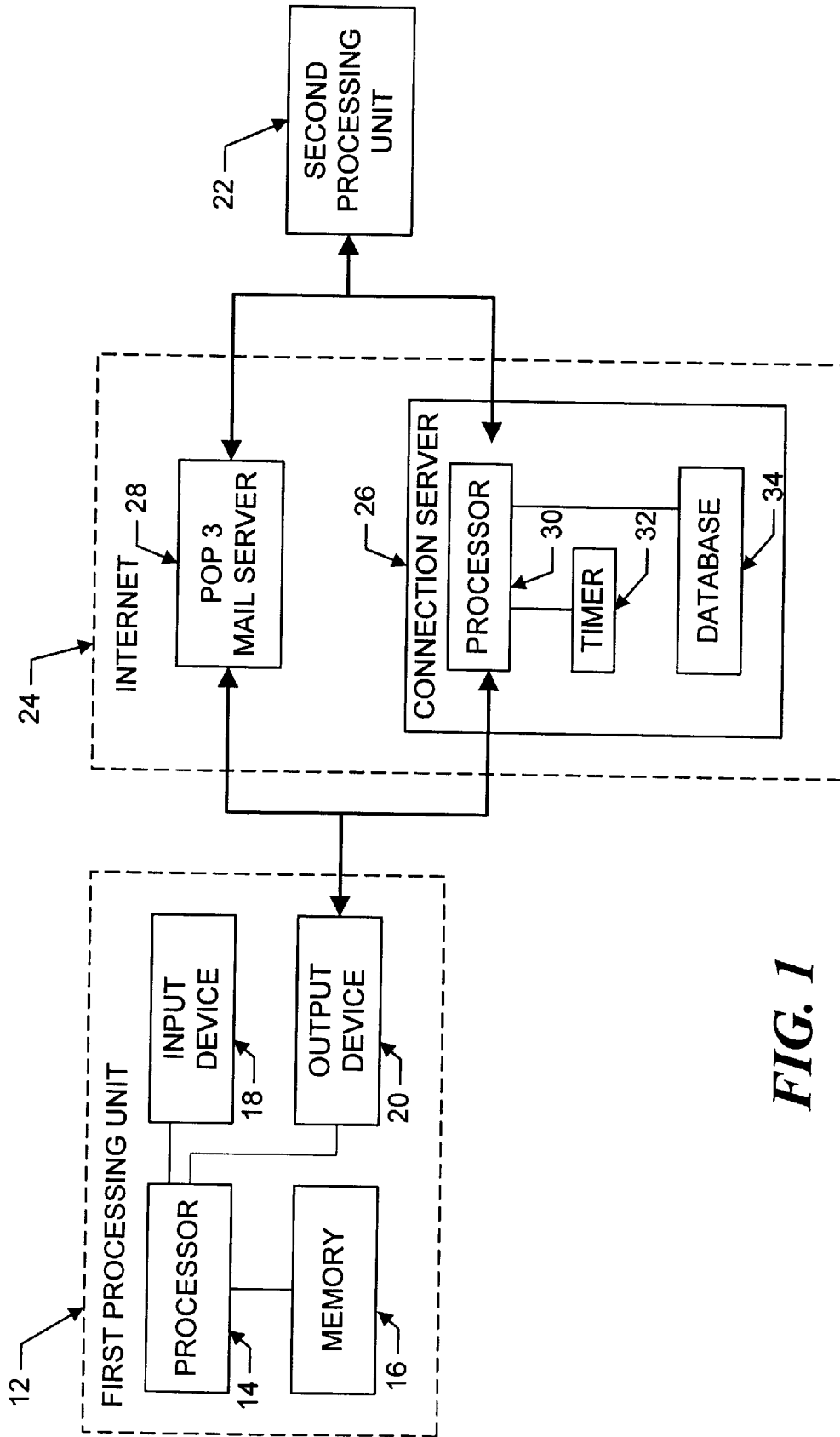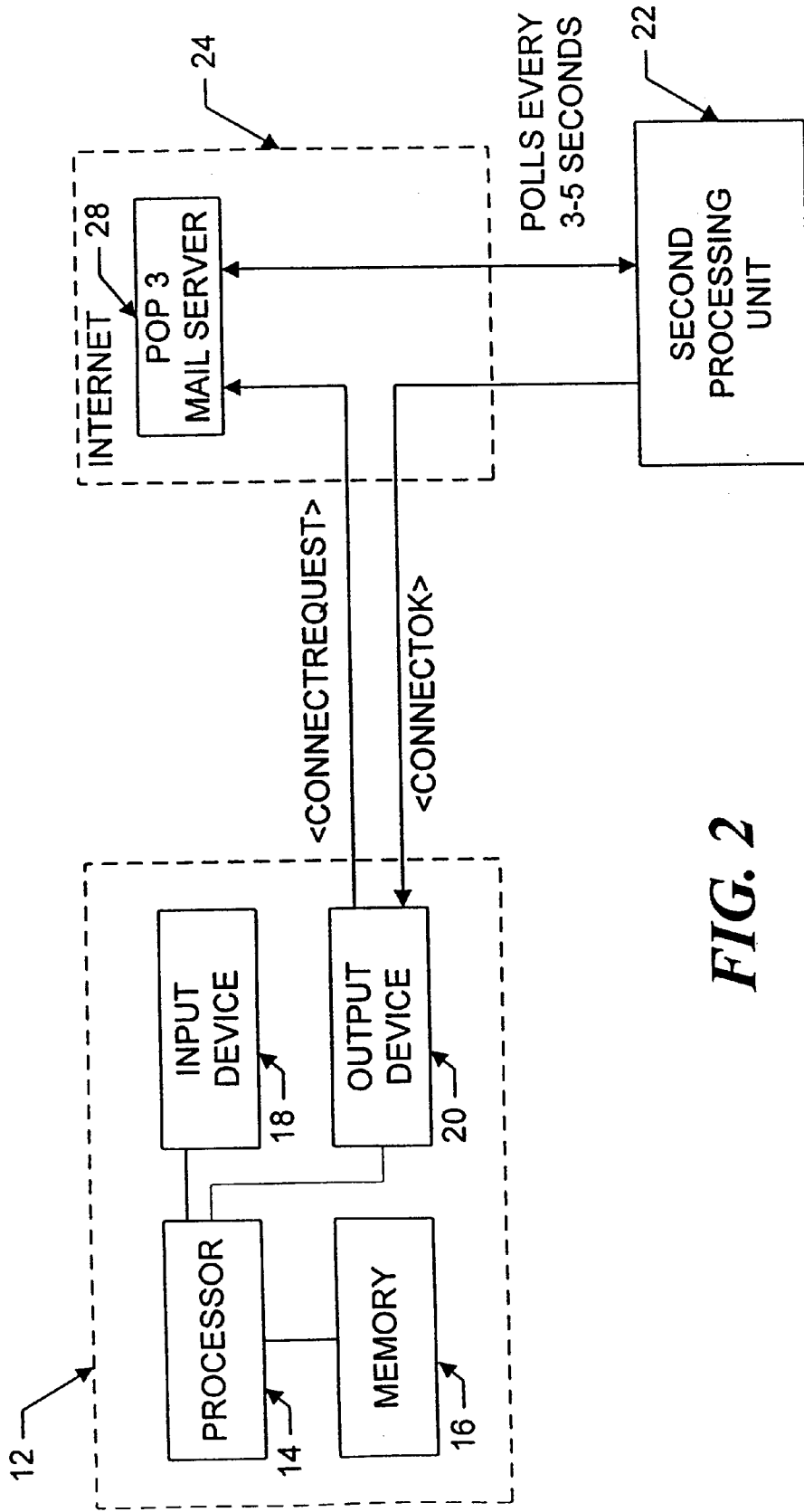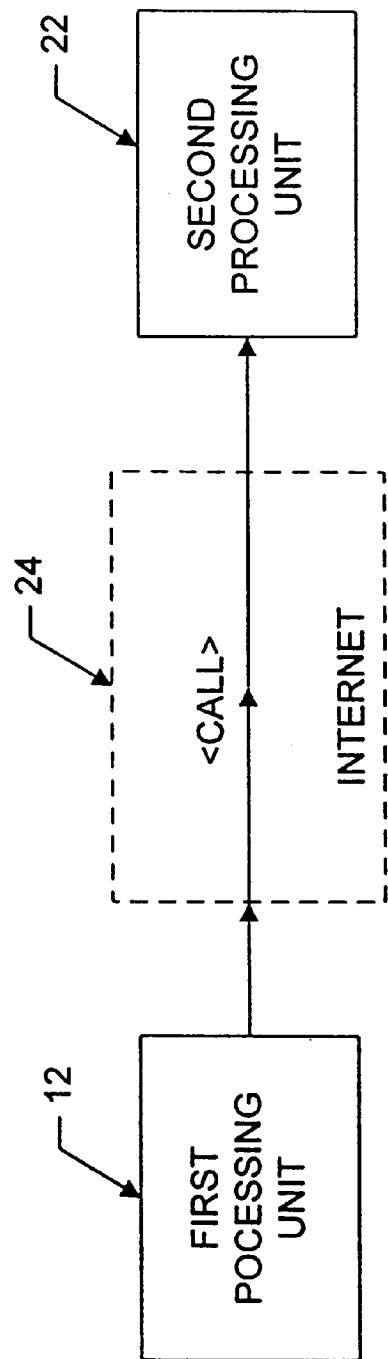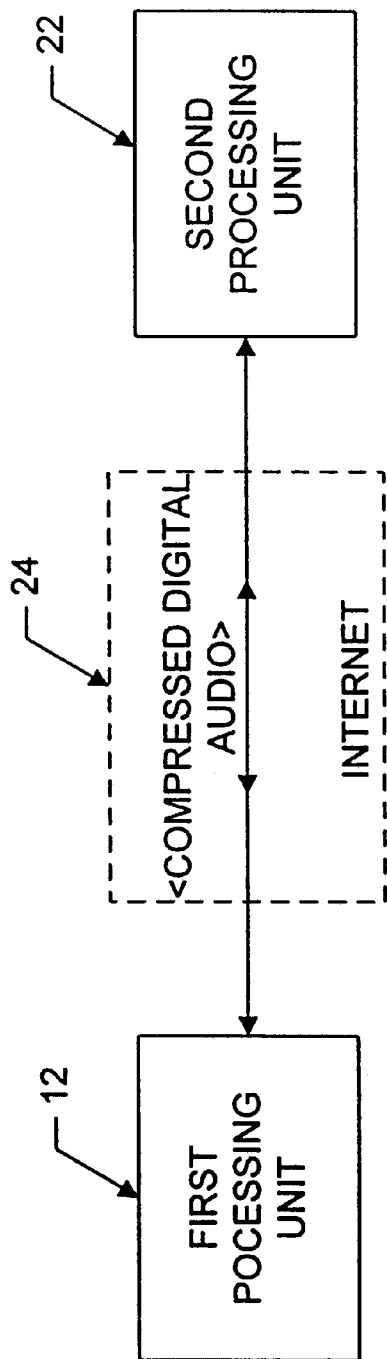
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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

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SECOND
PROCESSING
UNIT

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<CALL>

INTERNET

FIG. 3

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FIRST
POCESSING
UNIT

22

SECOND
PROCESSING
UNIT

24

<COMPRESSED DIGITAL
AUDIO>

INTERNET

FIG. 4

12

FIRST
POCESSING
UNIT

36

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C2   0343   13

●   IN USE

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1	2	3	L1●
4	5	6	L2●
7	8	9	L3●
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SPD	MSG	DIR	
RCL	END	SND	
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LOG	CFG	USR	

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48   X   ITC

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FIG. 5

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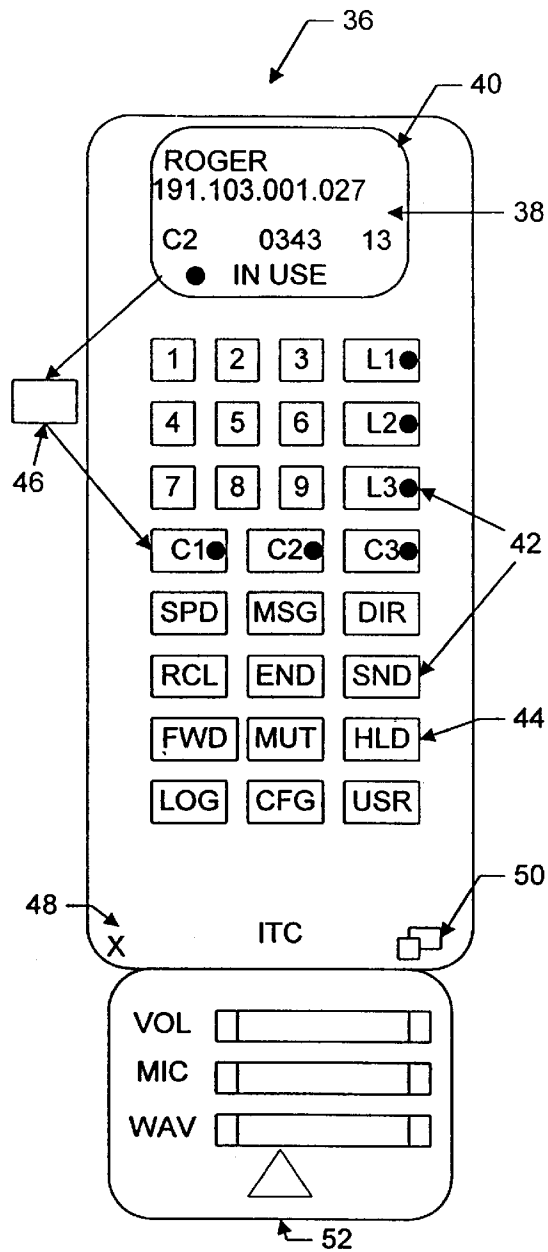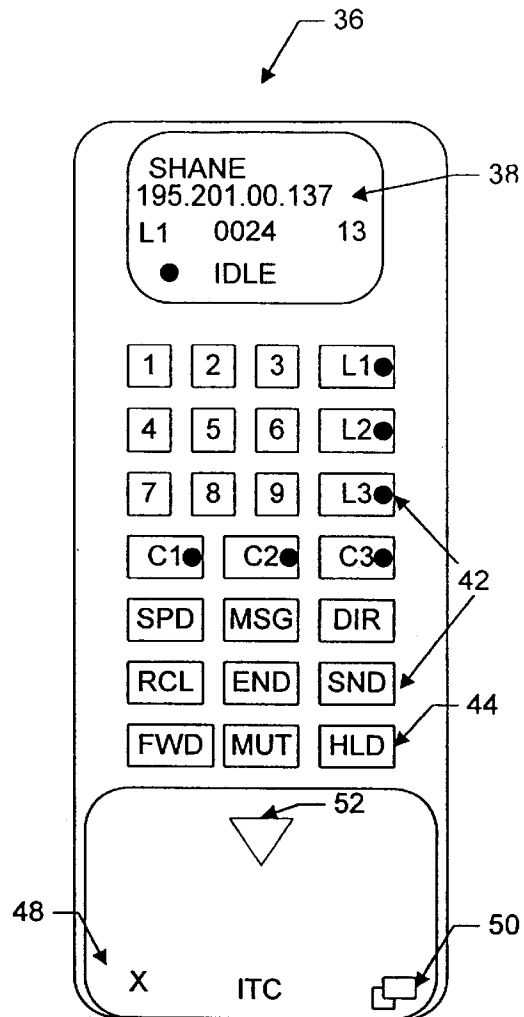| 1 | 2 | 3 | L1● |
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FIG. 6

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