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[54] **HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE FOR TELEPHONE FEATURE INVOCATION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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A method of providing a visual indication to a first communication connection (CC) subscriber of the status of a telephone CC comprising the steps of providing an icon on a display that represents the first CC subscriber, providing a call setup icon on a display representing a command to set up a CC, dragging the icon representing the first CC subscriber to the call setup icon, automatically displaying a directory of subscribers, dragging an identity of a second CC subscriber from the directory to the call setup icon, establishing a CC between communication apparatus used by the first subscriber and communication apparatus used by the second CC subscriber via subscriber's lines, changing the identity of the call setup icon to a call icon, displaying an icon representing the second CC subscriber in the call icon, and displaying a new call setup icon, whereby icons representing CC subscribers of a call in progress are both represented and are visually discernible by the first CC subscriber in the call icon.

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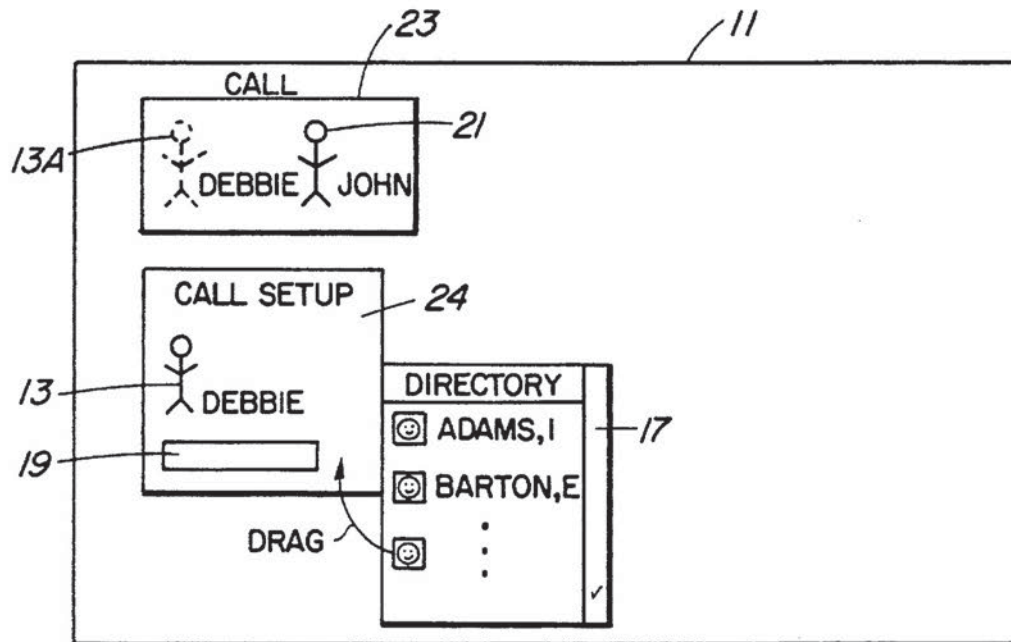
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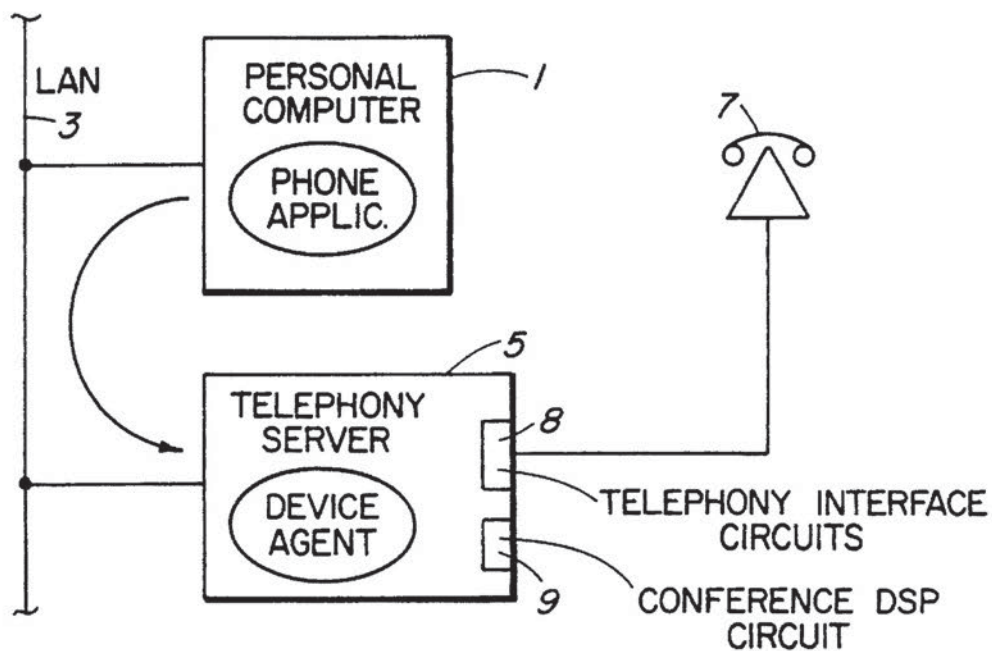


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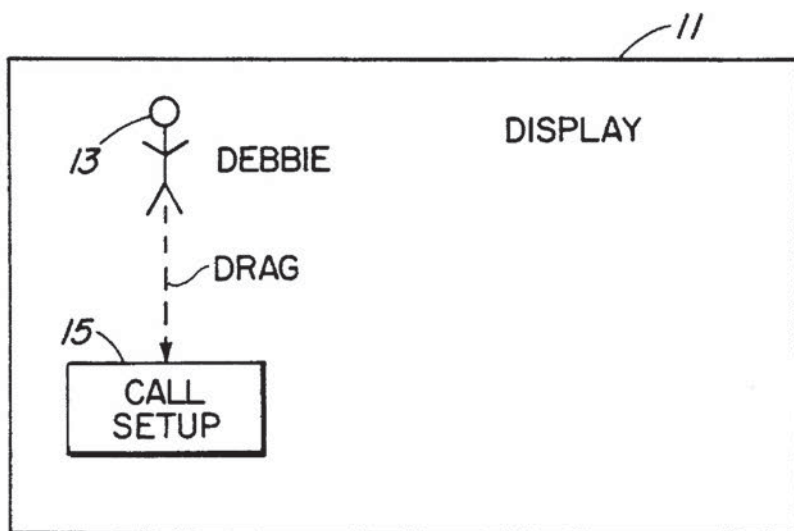


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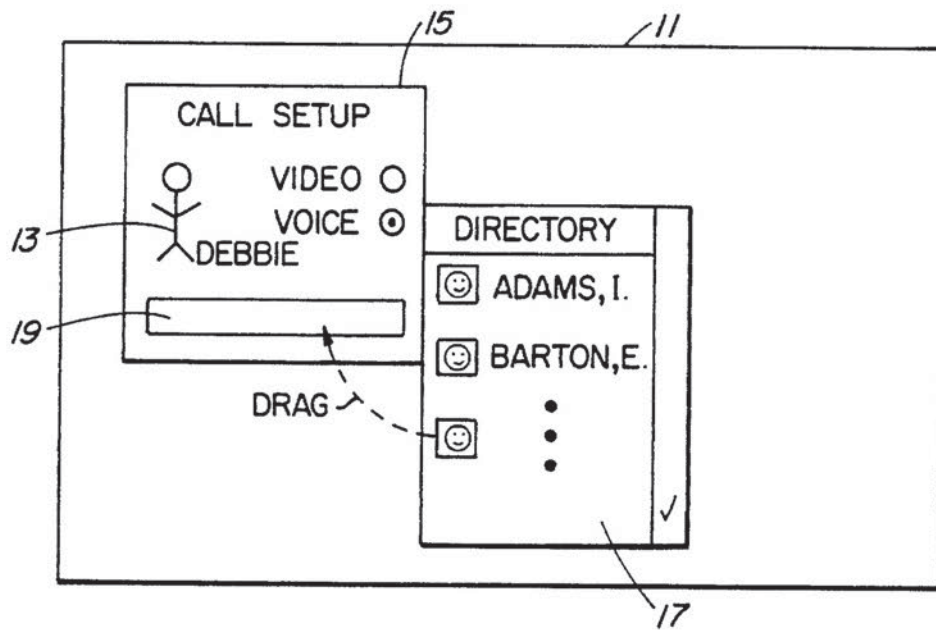


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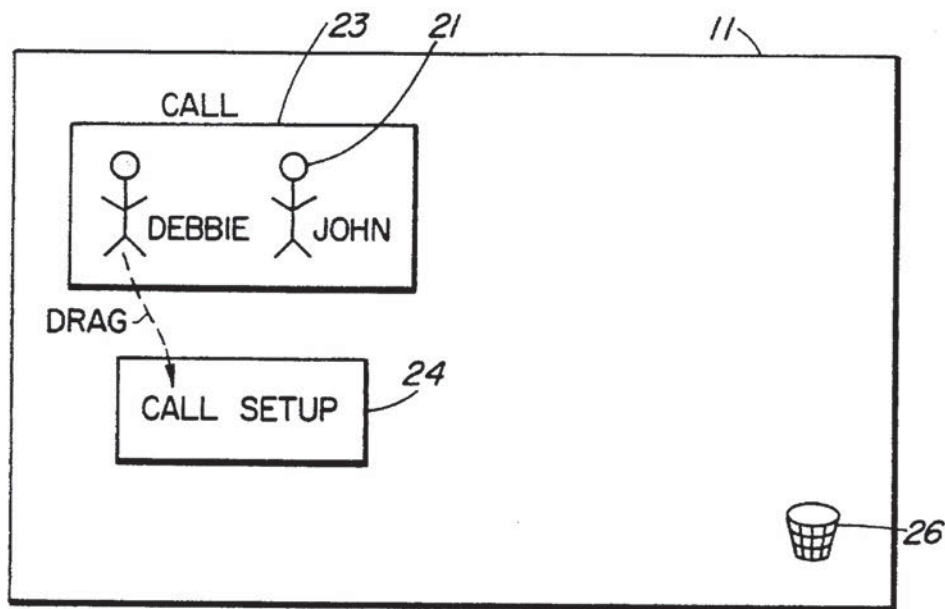


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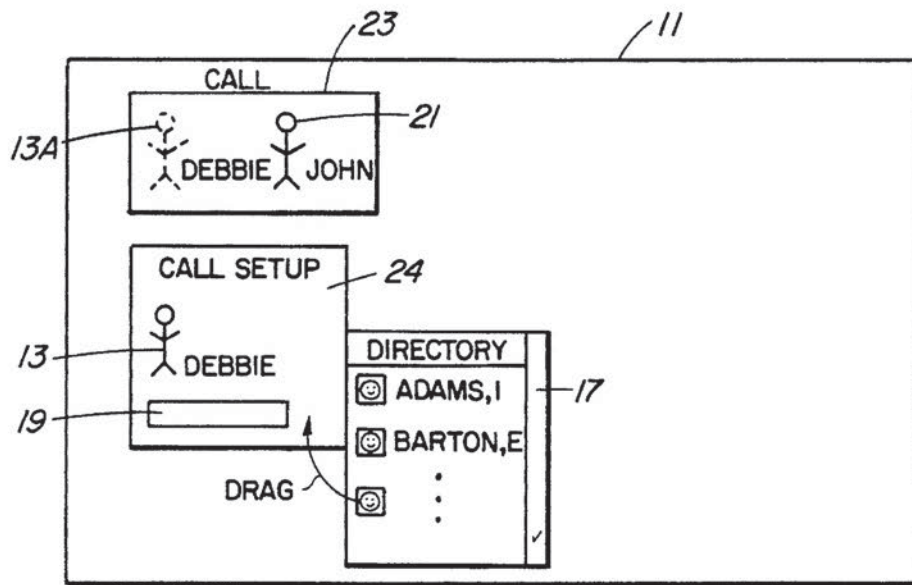


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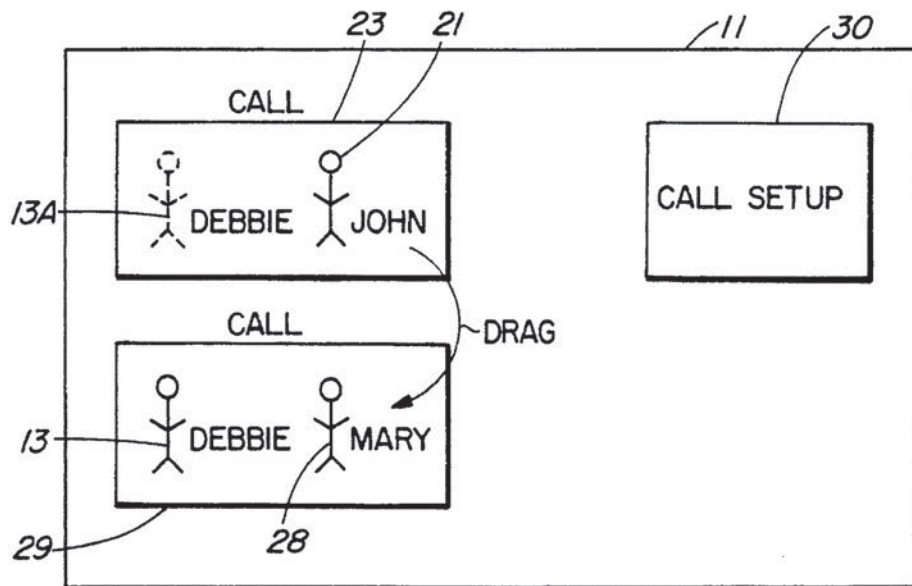


FIG. 6

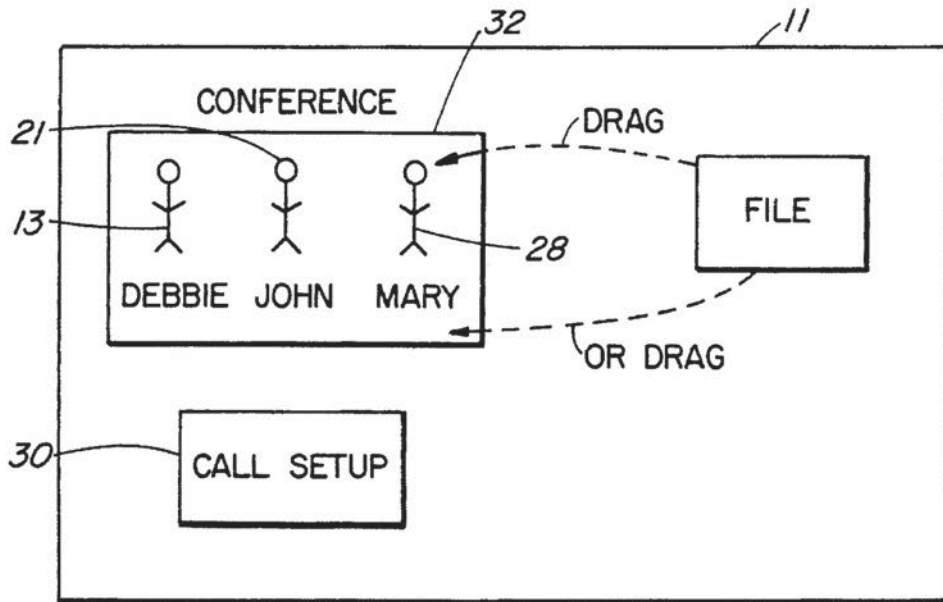


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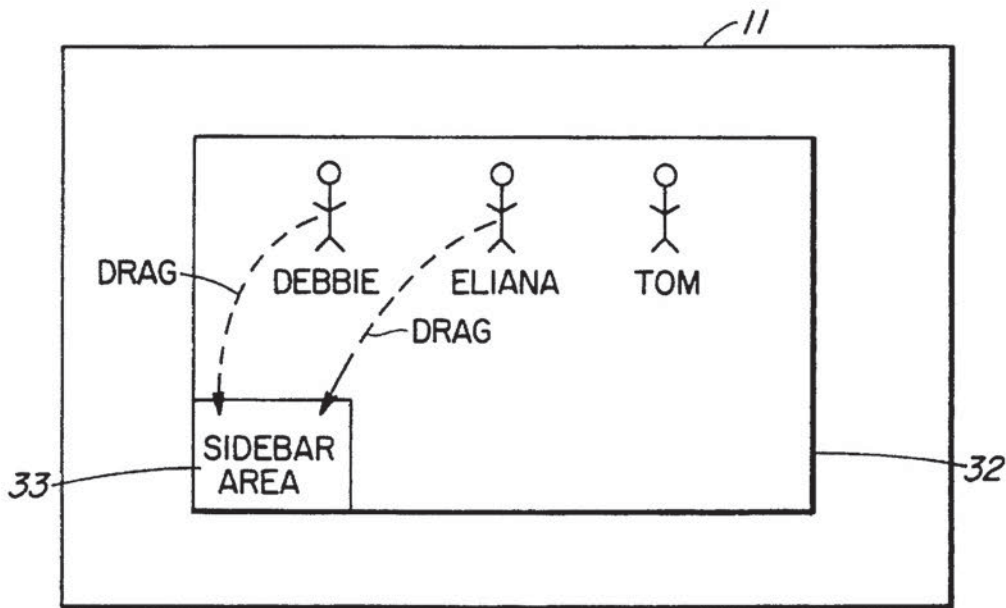


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