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[54] METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DOWNLOADING TONES TO MOBILE TERMINALS

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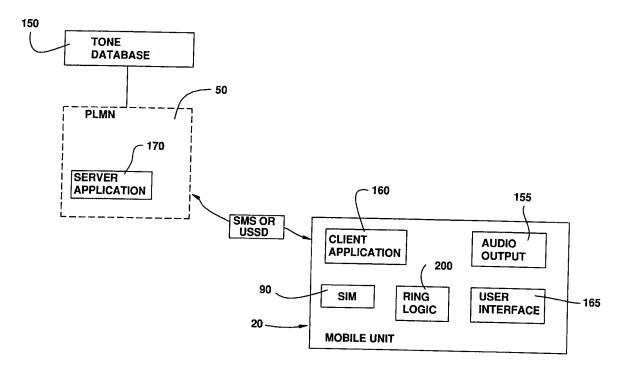
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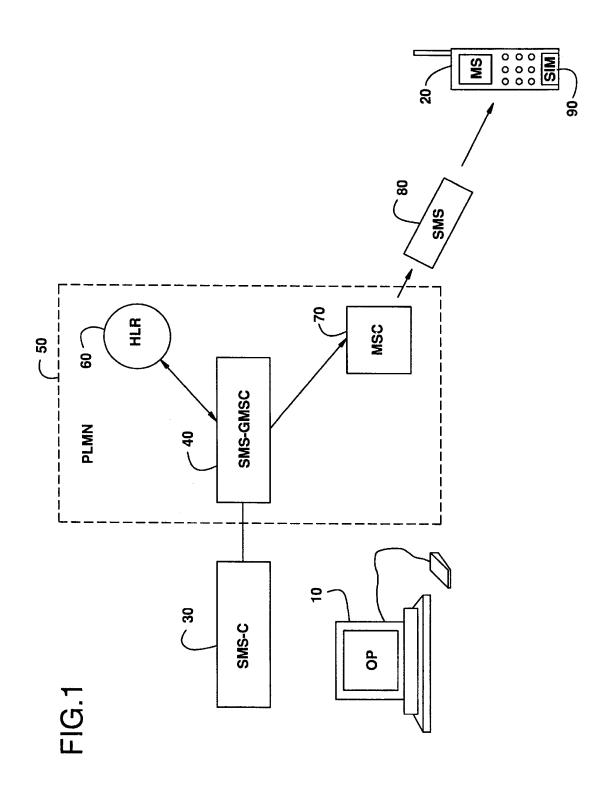
[57] ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for downloading tone data from a public land mobile network to a mobile telephone unit is disclosed. A mobile telephone unit includes means enabling the user to request downloading of tone data to the mobile telephone unit from a public land mobile network via a connection-less communications link such as the USSD or SMS. The downloaded tone data is uniquely associated with a selected telephone number within the mobile telephone unit such that a call to the mobile unit involving the telephone number initiates audio play back of the tone data.

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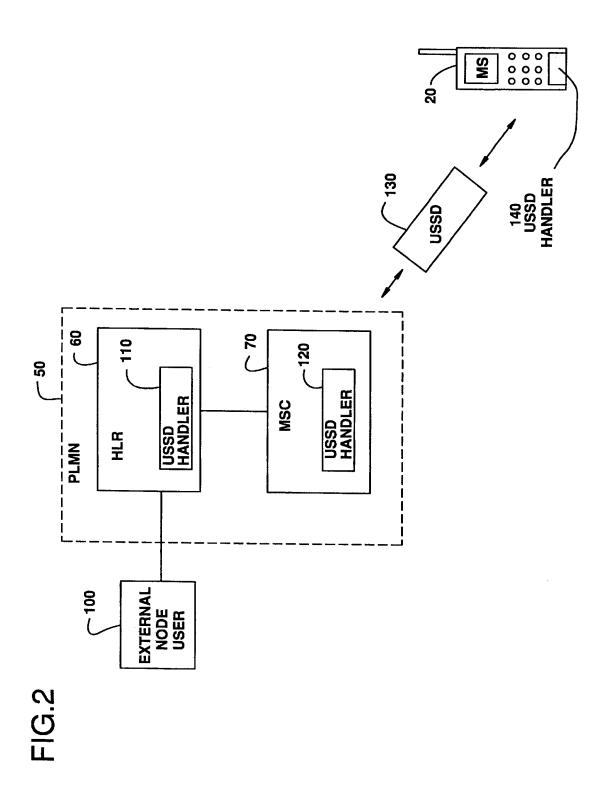
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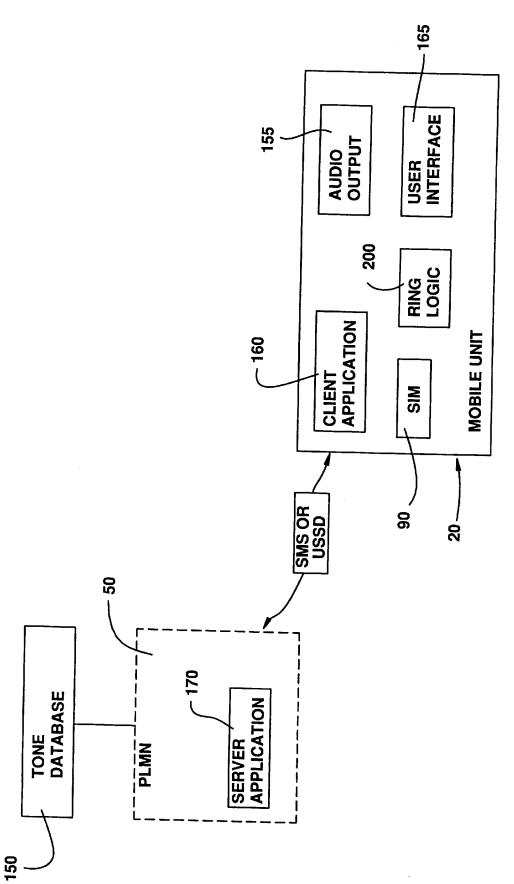


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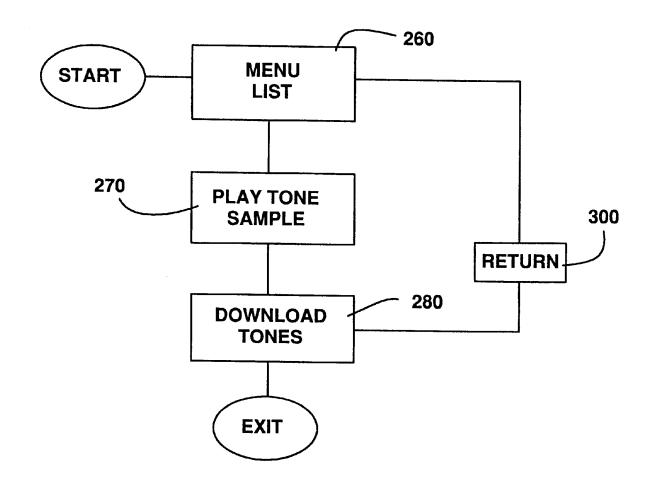
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