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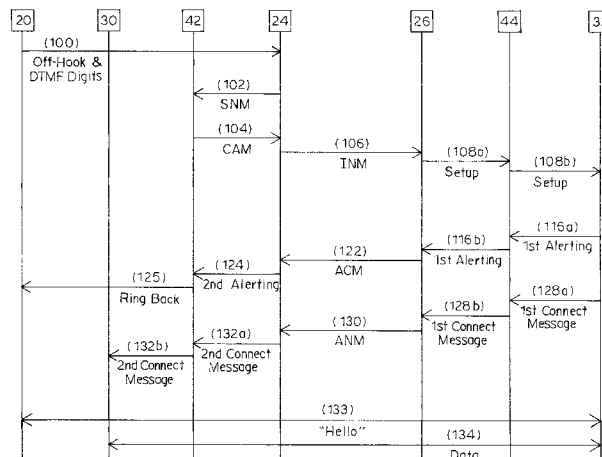
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus establishes through the public switch telephone network, a multimedia communications session between first and second telecommunications infrastructure. Each infrastructure is located on a separate private data network and comprises logic to automatically establish an integrated voice and data session initiated by a single telephone call from one infrastructure to the other.

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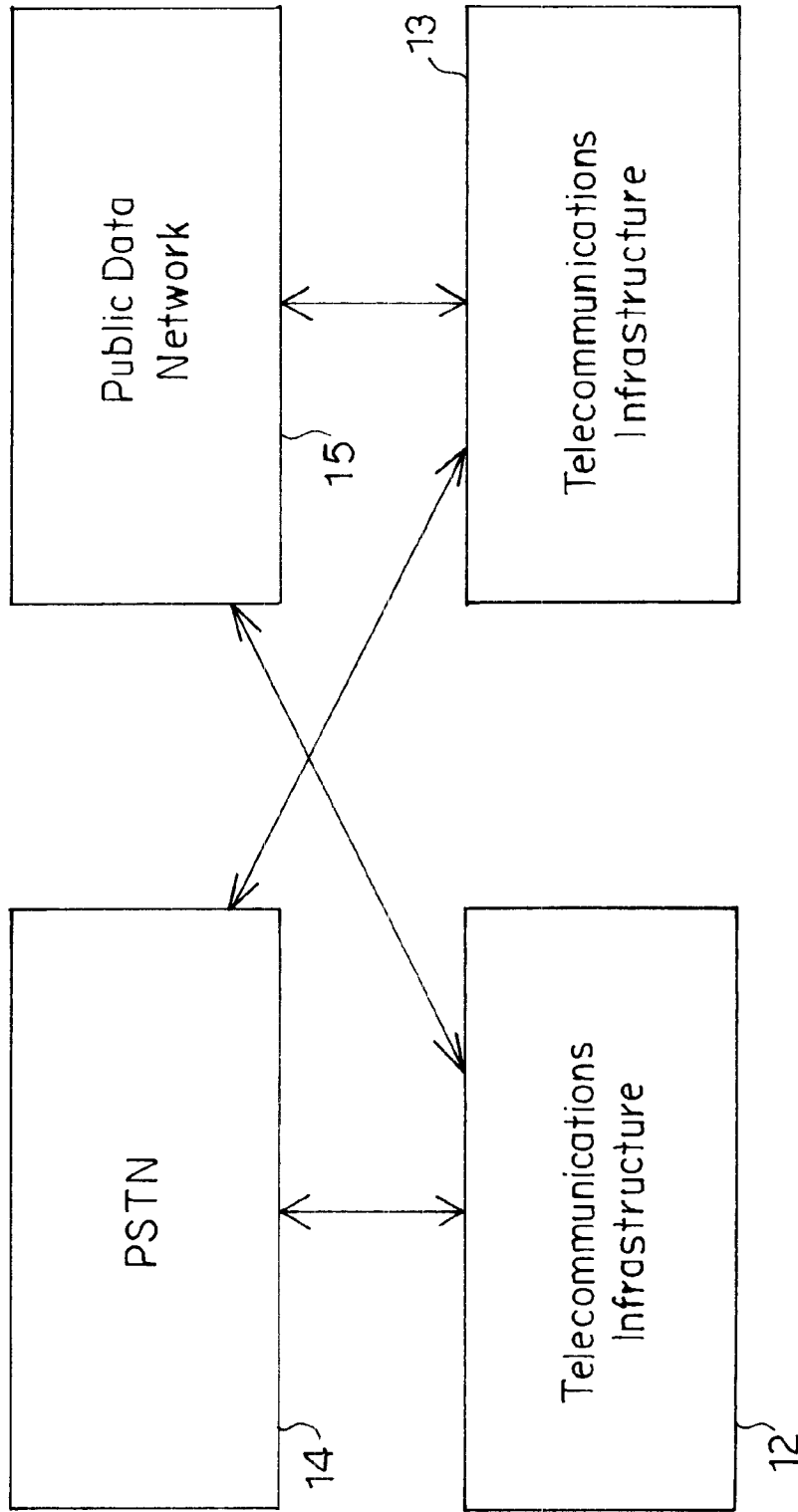


FIG. 1

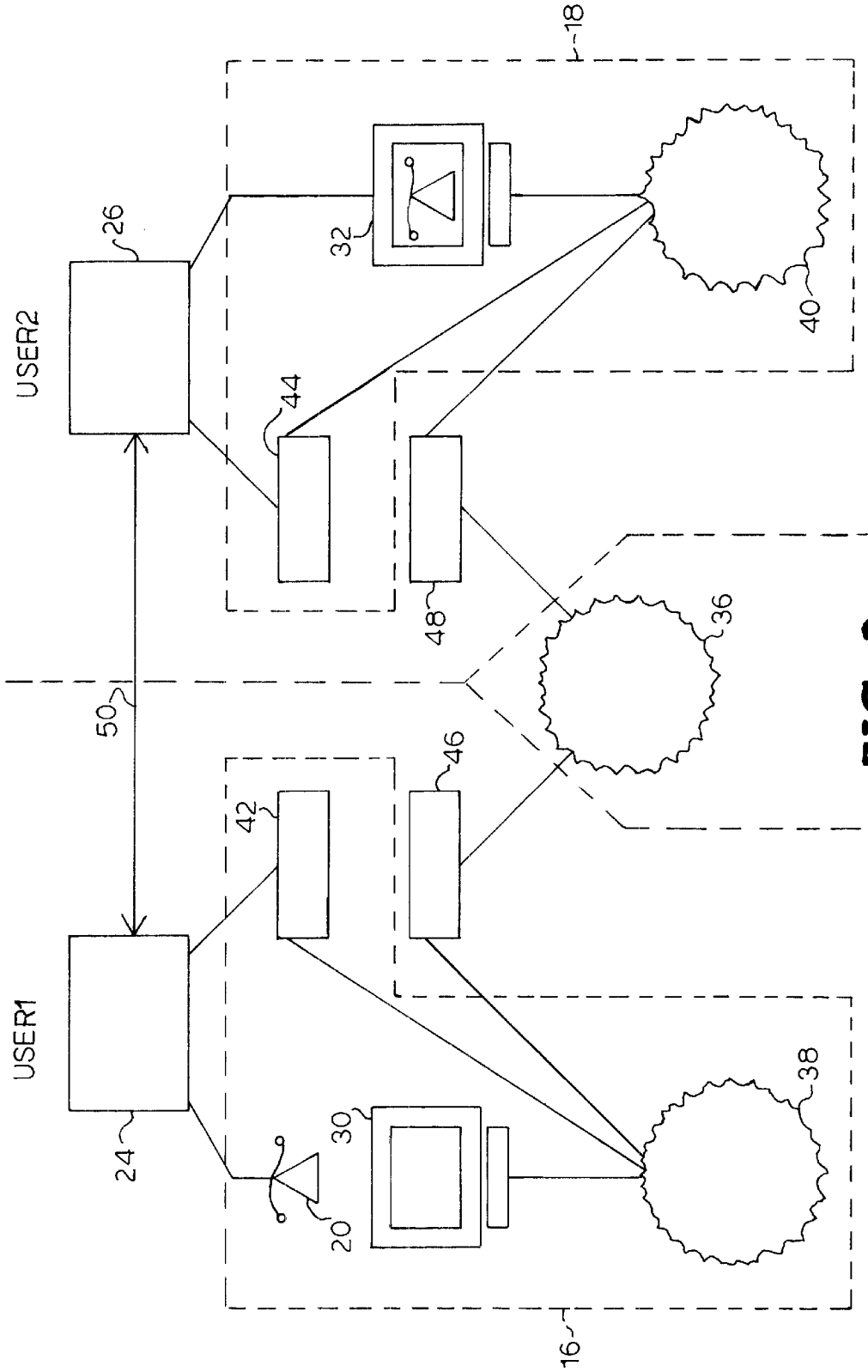


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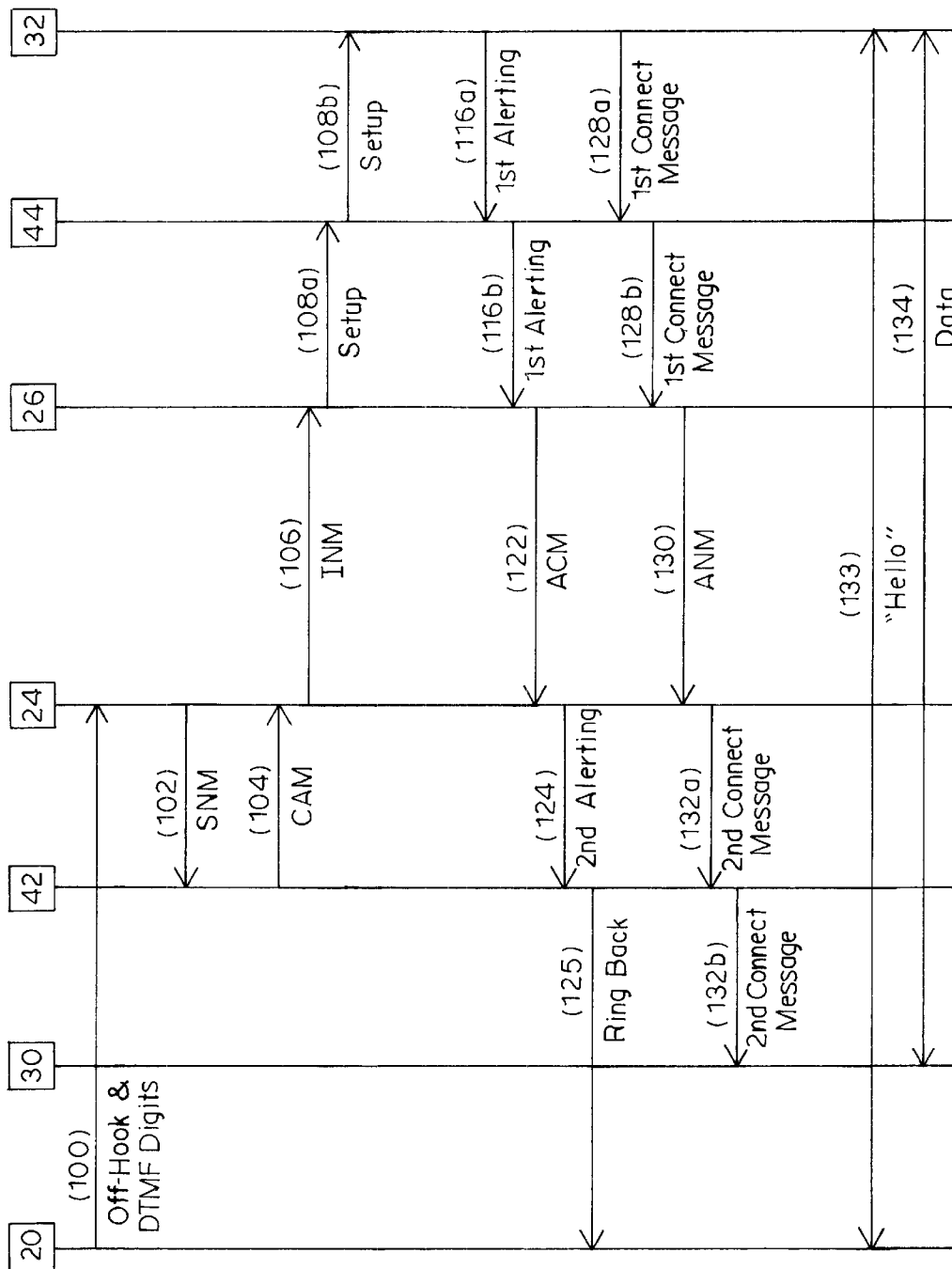


FIG. 3

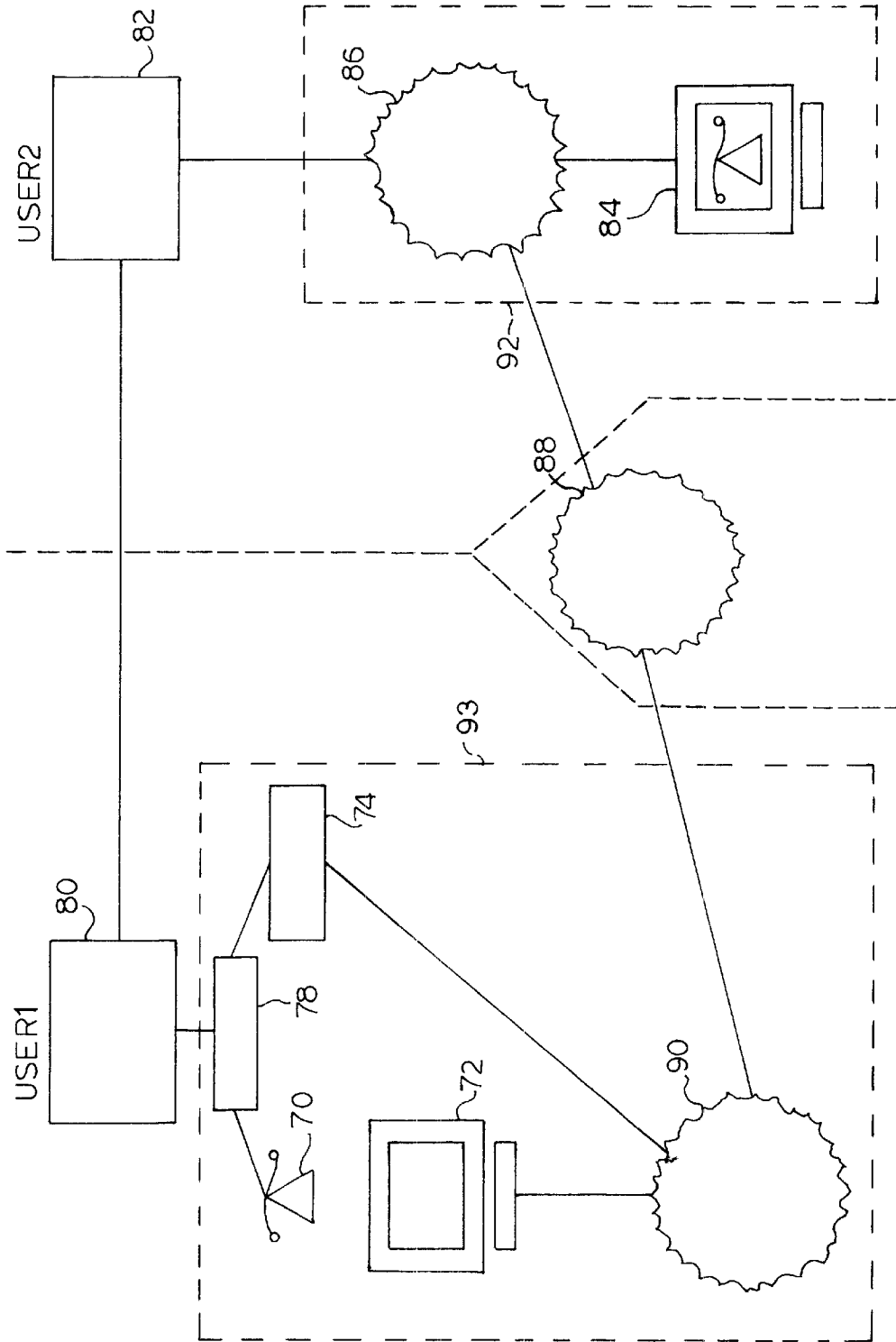


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