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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment, before any Official Action is taken in this case, is respectfully requested.



Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 33, 46, 47, 62, 67, 68, 91, 92, and

112 as follows:

33. (Amended) A control method, comprising:

at least one of monitoring and detecting an event regarding at least one of a vehicle and a vehicle at least one of system, equipment system, subsystem, device, component, and appliance, at the vehicle; and

at least one of generating a first signal with the first control device and transmitting a first signal from a first control device to a second control device, the first signal containing information regarding the event, and the second control device being located at a location which is remote from the vehicle,

the second control device automatically receiving said first signal from the first control device, and the second



control device at least one of generating a second signal and transmitting a second signal to a communication device associated with an individual, the communication device being located remote from the second control device, the communication device automatically receiving the second signal from the second control device, and the communication device generating a third signal, the third signal providing information regarding the occurrence of the event.

(Amended) A control method, comprising:

at least one of monitoring and detecting an event regarding at least one of a premises and a premises at least one of system, equipment system, subsystem, device, component, and appliance, at the premises; and

at least one of generating a first signal with the first control device and transmitting a first signal from a first control device to a second control device, the first signal containing information regarding the event, the second control device being located at a location which is remote from the premises,

the second control device automatically receiving the first signal from the first control device, and the second control device at least one of generating a second signal and transmitting a second signal to a communication device associated with an individual, the communication device being located remote from the second control device, and the communication device automatically receiving said second signal from the second control device, and the communication device generating a third signal, the third signal providing information regarding the occurrence of the event.

47. (Twice Amended) A control apparatus, comprising:

a first control device, the first control device at least one of generating a first signal and transmitting a first signal for at least one of activating, deactivating, disabling, and reenabling, at least one of a vehicle at least one of system, equipment system, subsystem, device, component, and appliance, and a vehicle, the first control device being located at the vehicle,

the first control device at least one of generating the first signal and transmitting the first signal in response to a second signal, the second signal being at least one of generated

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Al3 Contact by a second control device and transmitted from a second control device, the second conttol device being located at a location which is remote from the vehicle, the second signal being transmitted from the second control device to the first control device, and the second signal being automatically received by the first control device, and the second control device at least one of generating the second signal and transmitting the second signal in response to a third signal, the third signal being at least one of generated by a third control device and transmitted from a third control device, the third control device being located at a location which is remote from the vehicle and remote from the second dontrol device, the third signal being transmitted from the third control device to the second control device, and the third signal being automatically received by the second control device

62. (Amended) A control apparatus, comprising:

a first control device, the first control device at least one of generating a first signal and transmitting a first signal for at least one of activating, deactivating, disabling, and reenabling, at least one of a vehicle at least one of system, equipment system, subsystem, device, component, and appliance,



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