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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 the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claim 47, without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claim 54 as follows:

-- 54. A control apparatus, comprising:

a first control device located at a vehicle, the first control device detecting at least one of a use of the vehicle, a use of at least one of a vehicle system, a vehicle component, a vehicle device, a vehicle equipment, a vehicle equipment system, and a vehicle appliance, an unauthorized use of the vehicle, an unauthorized use of at least one of a vehicle system, a vehicle component, a vehicle device, a vehicle equipment, a vehicle equipment system, and a vehicle appliance, and an entry into or

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onto the vehicle, the first control device at least one of
generating and transmitting a first signal,

the first signal being transmitted from the first
control device to a second control device, the second control
device being located at a location remote from the vehicle, the
first signal being automatically received by the second control
device,

the second control device at least one of generating and
transmitting a second signal in response to the first signal,
the second control device transmitting the second signal to a
third control device, third control device being located at a
location remote from the vehicle and remote from the second
control device, the second signal being automatically received
by the third control device,

the third control device generating a third signal,
the third signal providing information regarding the at least
one of a use of the vehicle, a use of at least one of a vehicle
system, a vehicle component, a vehicle device, a vehicle
equipment, a vehicle equipment system, and a vehicle appliance,
an unauthorized use of the vehicle, an unauthorized use of the
at least one of a vehicle system, a vehicle component, a vehicle

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device, a vehicle equipment, a vehicle equipment system, and a vehicle appliance, and an entry into or onto the vehicle. --

Please amend Claims 21, 31, 35, 37, 41, 50 (and 51) as follows:

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21. (Five times Amended) A control apparatus, comprising:

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a first control device, the first control device at least one of generating and transmitting a first signal for at least one of activating, de-activating, disabling, and re-enabling, at least one of a premises system, a premises device, a premises equipment, a premises equipment system, and a premises appliance, the first control device being located at the premises,

the first control device being responsive to a second signal, the second signal being at least one of generated by and transmitted from a second control device, the second control device being located at a location which is remote from the premises, 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,

the second control device being responsive to a third signal, the third signal being at least one of generated by and transmitted from a third control device, the third control device being located at a location which is remote from the premises and remote from the second control device, the third signal being transmitted from the third control device to the second control device, and the second signal being automatically received by the first control device.

31. (Five Times Amended) A control apparatus, comprising:

a first control device, the first control device at least one of generating and transmitting a first signal for at least one of activating, de-activating, disabling, and re-enabling, at least one of a premises system, a premises device, a premises equipment, a premises equipment system, and a premises appliance, the first control device being located at a location remote from the premises, the first control device being responsive to a second signal,

the second signal being at least one of generated by

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