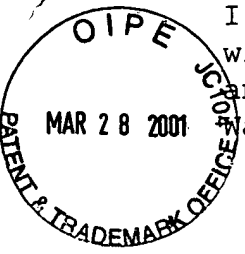


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APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO
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FILED : APRIL 17, 2000
FOR : CONTROL, MONITORING AND/OR SECURITY APPARATUS AND METHOD
EXAMINER : V. Trieu GROUP : 2632

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated November 29, 2000, wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 in view of a prior art reference.

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Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the personal interview with Applicant on February 27, 2001.

Based upon the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice, and please add the following new claims 21-46 as follows:

-- 21. A control apparatus, comprising:

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a first control device for 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, wherein said first control device is located at the vehicle,

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wherein said first control device at least one of generates a first notification signal and transmits a first notification signal to a second control device, wherein said first notification signal contains information regarding the event, and wherein the second control device is located at a location which is remote from the vehicle, and further wherein the second control device at least one of generates a second notification signal and transmits a second notification signal to a communication device associated with an individual, wherein the communication device is located remote from the second control device, and further wherein the communication device generates a third notification signal which provides notification to an individual of the occurrence of the event.

22. The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:

a monitoring device for monitoring at least one of the vehicle, the vehicle operational status, the vehicle operation, a vehicle at least one of system, equipment system, subsystem, device, component, and appliance, at least one of fuel supply, water supply, and coolant supply, at least one of electrical generator operation and alternator operation, battery charge level, fuel cell

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output, fuel cell fuel supply, fuel cell operation, engine temperature level, at least one of an electrical circuit and an electrical device, an equipment device, a computer, a command computer, an electronic command computer, an ignition system, a fuel system, an exhaust system, at least one of an electrical, mechanical, and electro-mechanical at least one of system and component, an equipment device, an equipment system, a heating system, a cooling system, an air conditioning system, a light system, an alarm system, an anti-theft system, a recovery system, a positioning system, a locating system, a door lock system, a hood lock system, a horn, a surveillance system, a video device, a video recording device, an audio device, an audio recording device, a battery, a fuel cell, and a "smart" window, activity inside the vehicle, activity outside the vehicle, and activity at the vehicle.

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23. The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:

a positioning device for determining the location of the vehicle, wherein said positioning device provides the location of the vehicle on at least one of a map and a digitized map.

24. The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:

at least one of a camera and a video recording device for providing at least one of video surveillance at least one of inside, outside, and at, the vehicle, and video conferencing with an individual located at least one of inside, outside, and at, the vehicle.

25. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said first control device detects at least one of a vehicle use, an unauthorized use of the vehicle, an access at least one of into and onto the vehicle, and a theft of the vehicle.

26. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the communication device is at least one of a stationary device, a hand-held device, a mobile device, a telephone, a digital telephone, a cordless telephone, a cellular telephone, a wireless telephone, a computer, a personal computer, a personal digital assistant, a television, an interactive television, a digital television, a personal communications device, a personal communications services device, a display telephone, a video telephone, a watch, a beeper, and a pager.

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