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54] POSITION ENHANCED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INCLUDING SYSTEM FOR EMBEDDING CDMA NAVIGATION BEACONS UNDER THE COMMUNICATIONS SIGNALS OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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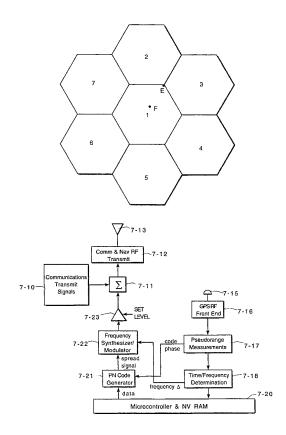
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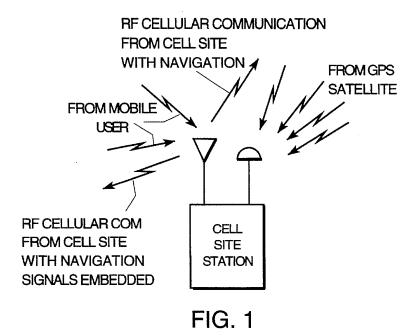
[57] ABSTRACT

A cellular telephone system having three or more cell sites with each cell site having a source of cellular communication signals and an RF transmitter and antenna for broadcasting the cellular communication signals. A direct sequence spread spectrum waveform carrying navigation signals is embedded in the cellular communication signals, including controlling the signal strength of the navigation signals so that the combined energy of the navigation signals from all cell sites at any location is at least a predetermined energy level below the energy level of the cellular communication signals. Each cell site includes timing for timing the operation of a GPS receiver. An RF signpost system comprising a plurality of low powered RF broadcast stations, one each at a plurality of scattered geographic locations, each low powered RF broadcast station broadcasting a direct sequence spread spectrum digital RF waveform and a modulator to modulate the digital RF waveform with location information identifying the geographic locations, respec-

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Out of Cellular Range

GPS Position Fixing: works where there is a clear unobstructed view of the sky

Within Range Cellular of Cellular or Other Communications System

GPS-like RF signals in the cellular frequency band will provide positioning wherever cellular works, including the indoors

For 3D Position Accurate to Floor Level

GPS Signposts: works in a building to provide the signpost ID which maps to floor level, address etc.; requires low power GPS-like broadcasts at selected checkpoints which convey the ID of that checkpoint in the broadcast data

FIG. 2



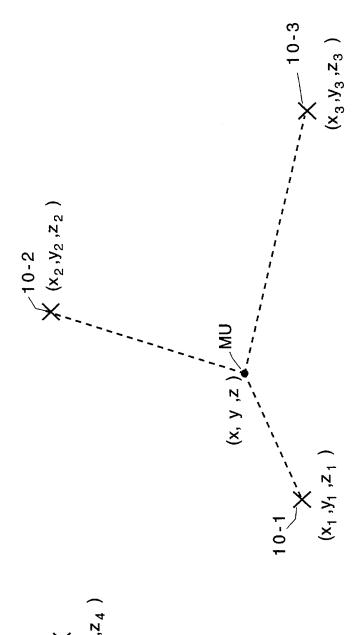


FIGURE 3

Assumption: Comm and Nav Signals are Broadcast from the Same Location

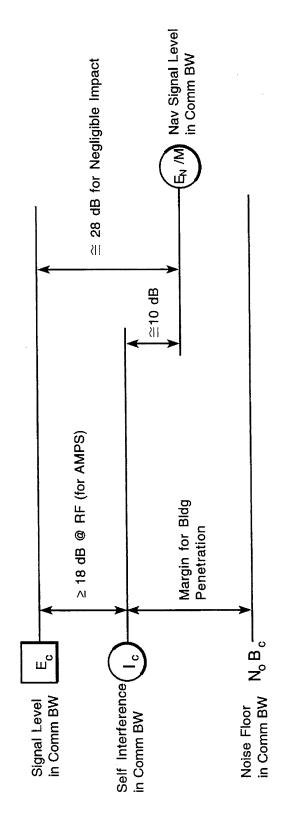
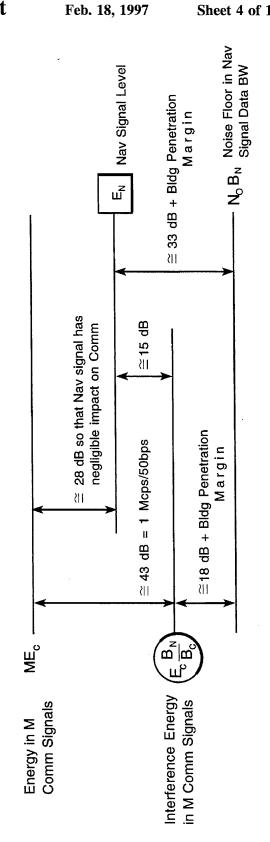


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