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[54] **SIGNALING SYSTEM FOR BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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A network architecture is designed to allow a communications service subscriber to select a signaling provider independently of a) the transport carriers which control the local loops for particular communications services, and b) the providers of those services. Upon the establishment of a signaling connection from a subscriber's terminal device to the signaling provider's network, the latter requests those services from the service providers selected by the subscriber for delivery over the local loops of the transport providers.

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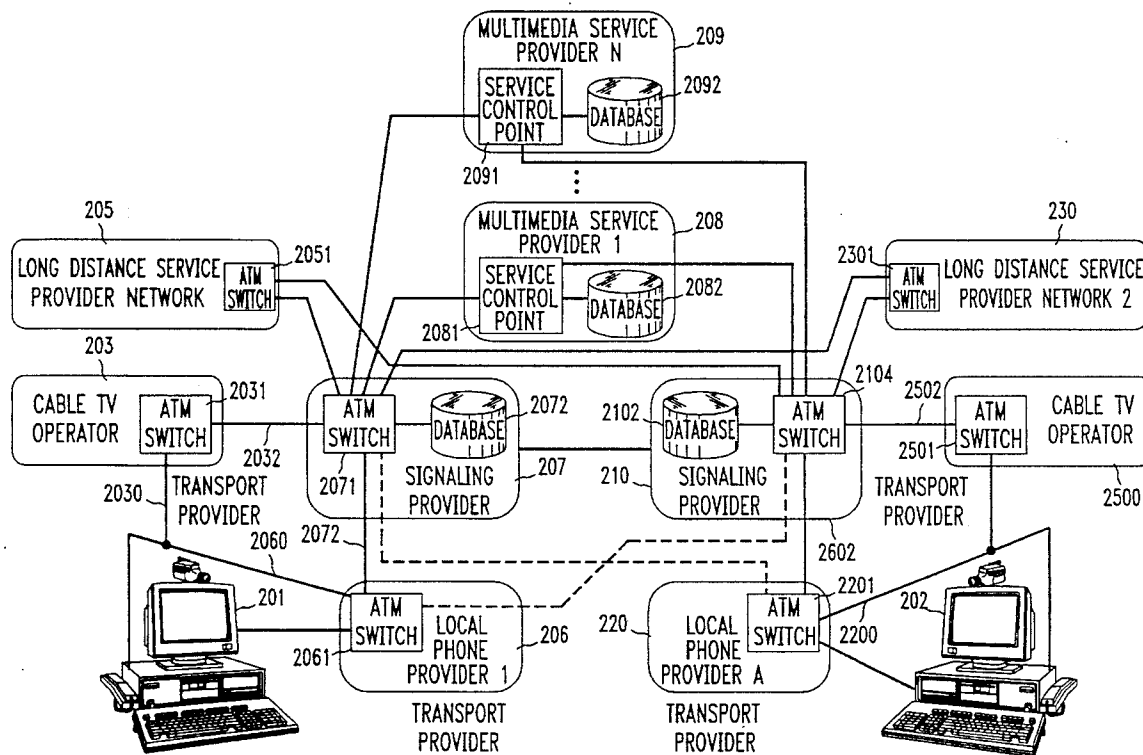
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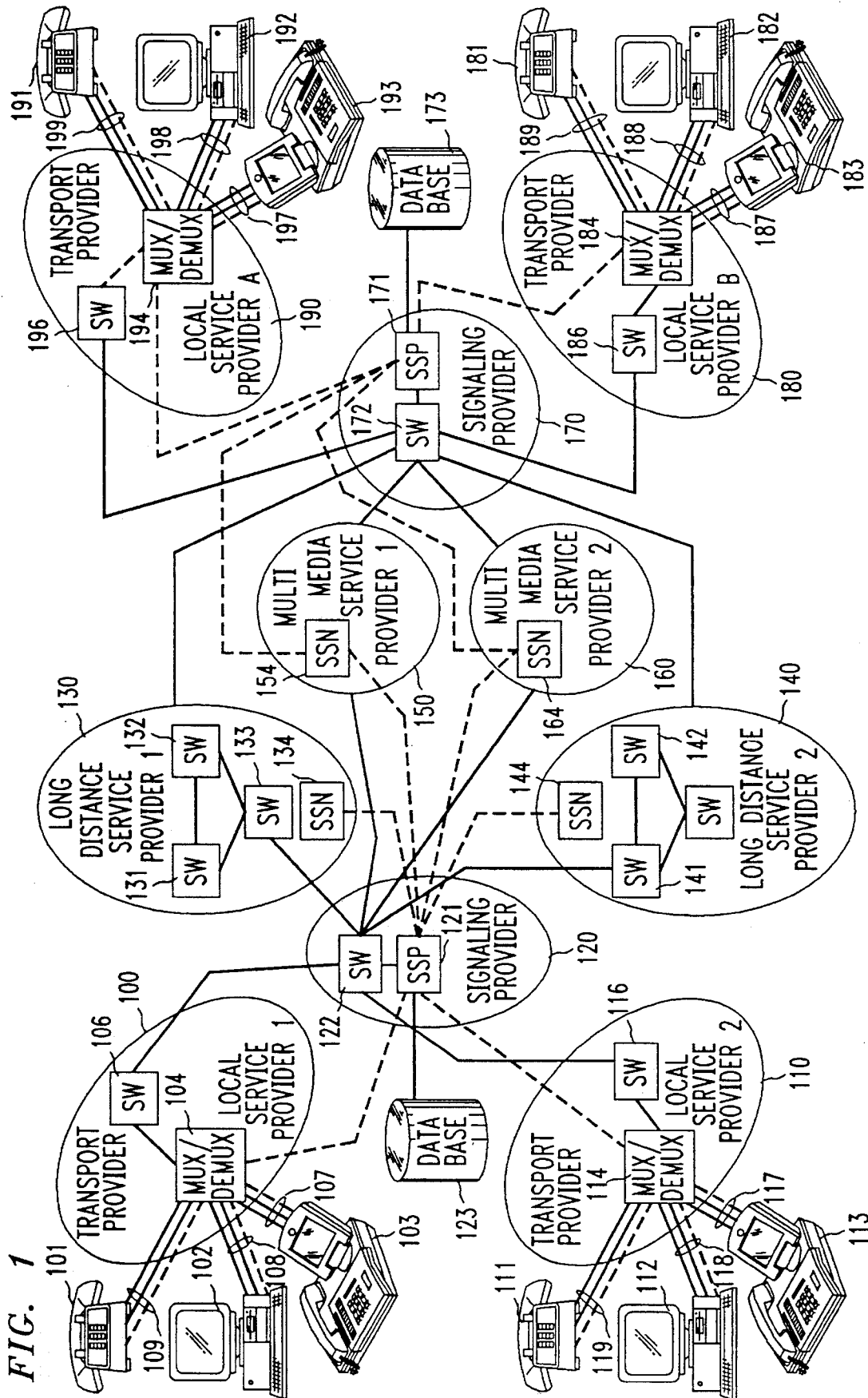


FIG. 1

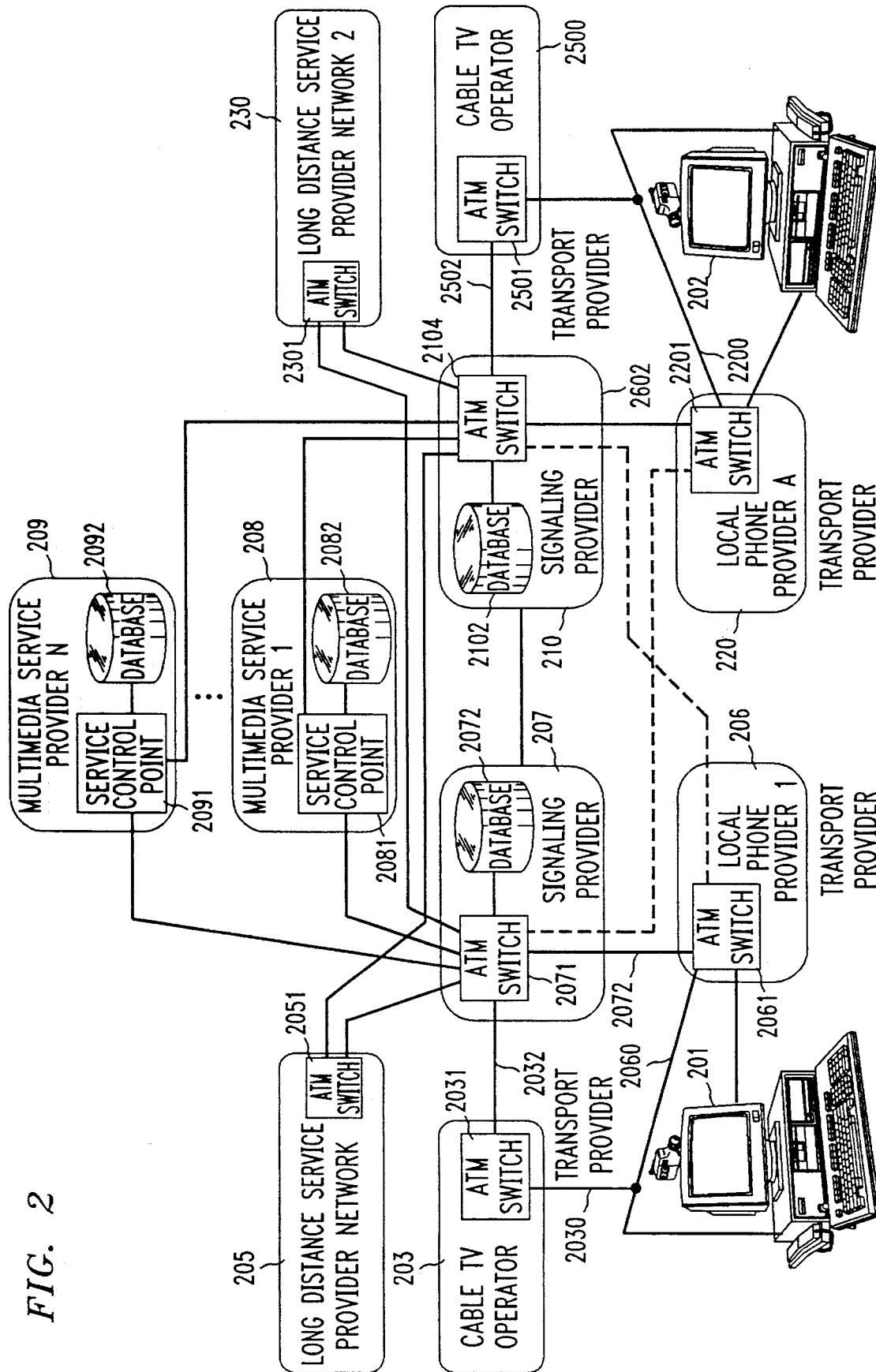


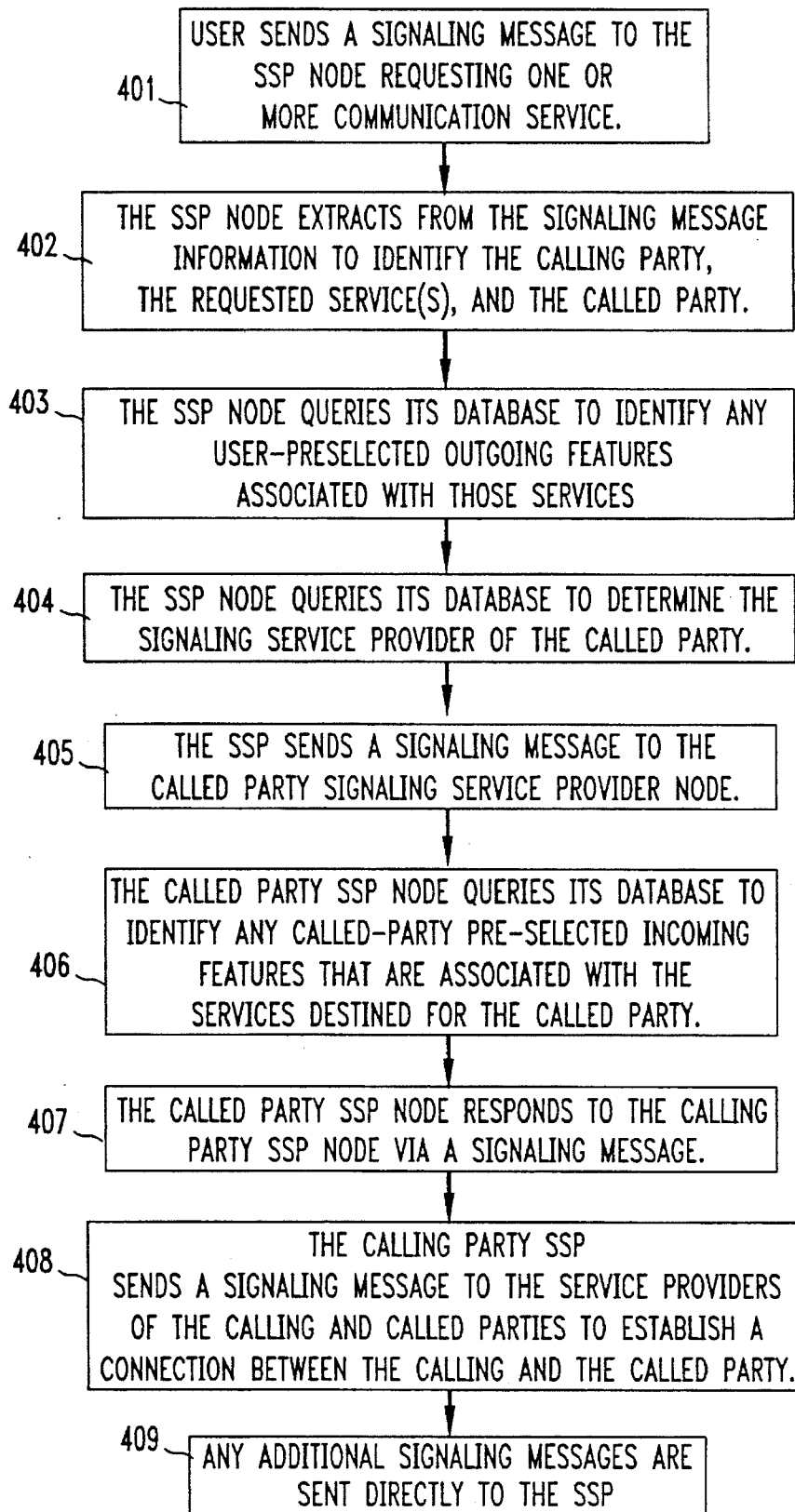
FIG. 2

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FIG. 3

SUBSCRIBER'S ADDRESS		TRANSPORT/SERVICE PROVIDERS								INCOMING SERVICES		OUTGOING SERVICES	
		ACCESS		EGRESS		LONG DISTANCE		CALL WAITING	VOICE MAIL	VOICE QUALITY	VIDEO QUALITY		
		VOICE	MULTI MEDIA	VOICE	MULTI MEDIA	VOICE	MULTI MEDIA						
SUBSCRIBER 1	201 949-2000	LEC	MONMOUTH CABLE TV CO.	LEC	MONMOUTH CABLE TV CO.	AT&T	AT&T	AT&T	YES	YES	HIGH	HIGH	
SUBSCRIBER 2	212 234-6789	TELE-PORT	LEC	TIME WARNER CABLE	LEC	US SPRINT	IRIDIUM	NO	NO	LOW	LOW	LOW	
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FIG. 4



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