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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTANT VOIP MESSAGING**

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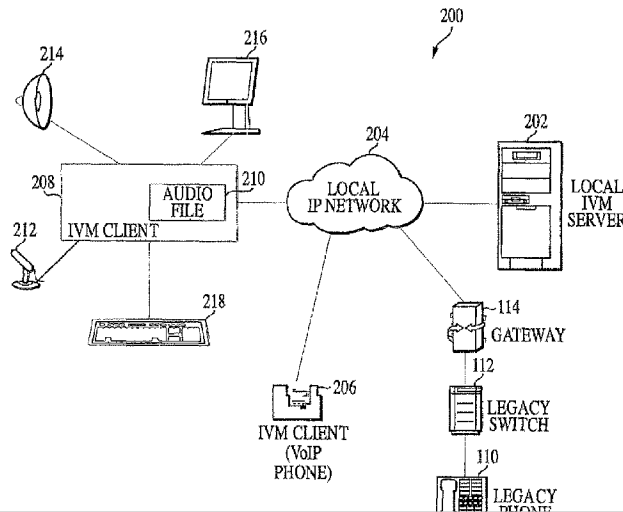
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods, systems and programs for instant voice messaging over a packet-switched network are provided. A method for instant voice messaging may comprise receiving an instant voice message having one or more recipients, delivering the instant voice message to the one or more recipients over a packet-switched network, temporarily storing the instant voice message if a recipient is unavailable; and delivering the stored instant voice message to the recipient once the recipient becomes available.

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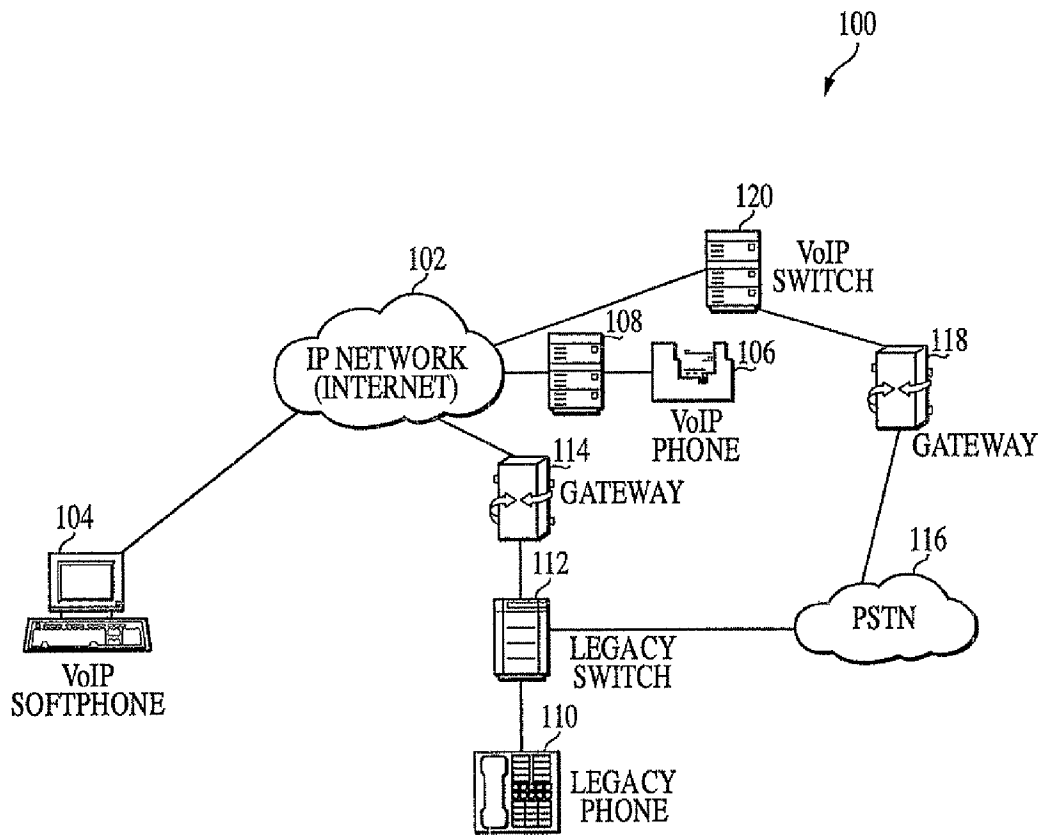


FIG. 1  
(PRIOR ART)

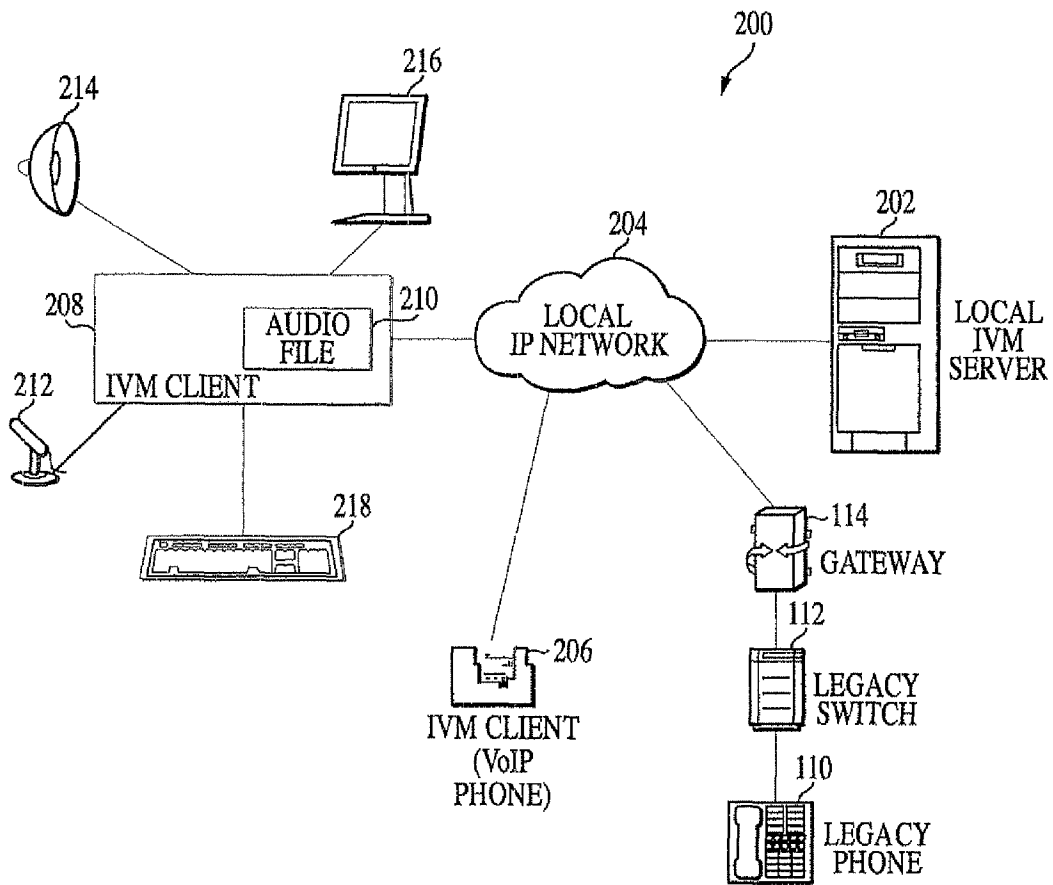


FIG. 2

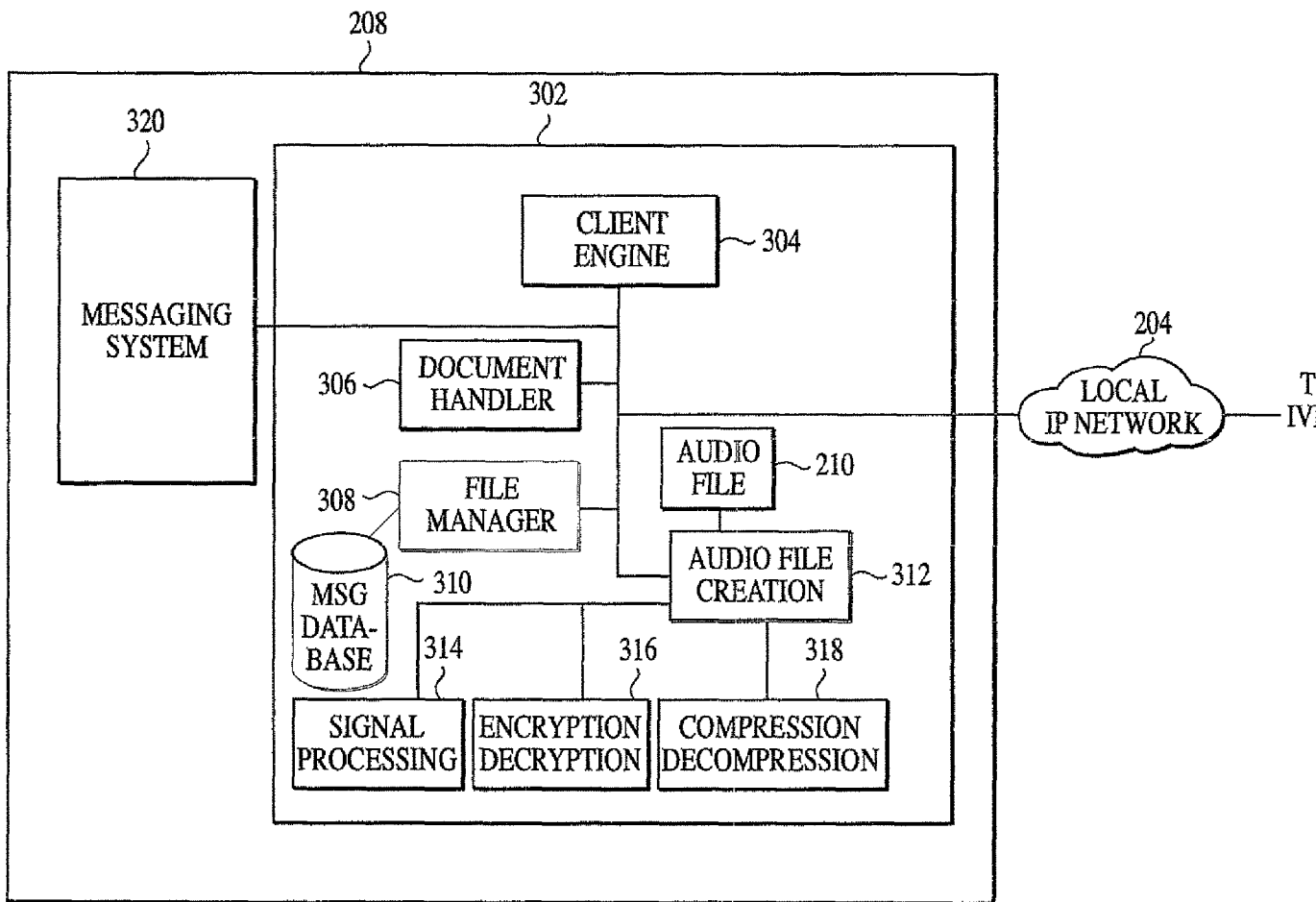


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