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(54) **DEVICE INDEPENDENT TEXT CAPTIONED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

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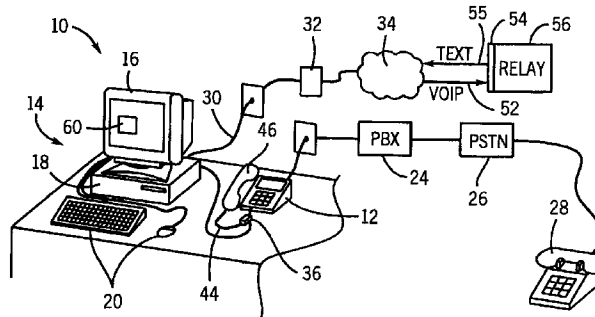
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Text captioned telephony, in which a telephone conversation is accompanied by text captions to aid in hard-of-hearing users, is implemented without the use of specialized text captioned telephone terminals by using a combination of an Internet appliance such as a computer and a telephone or by generalized voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) telephones.

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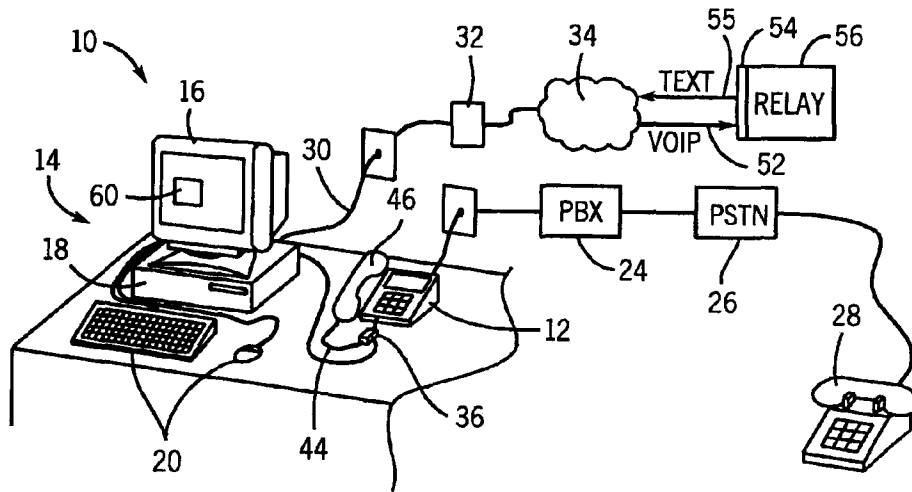


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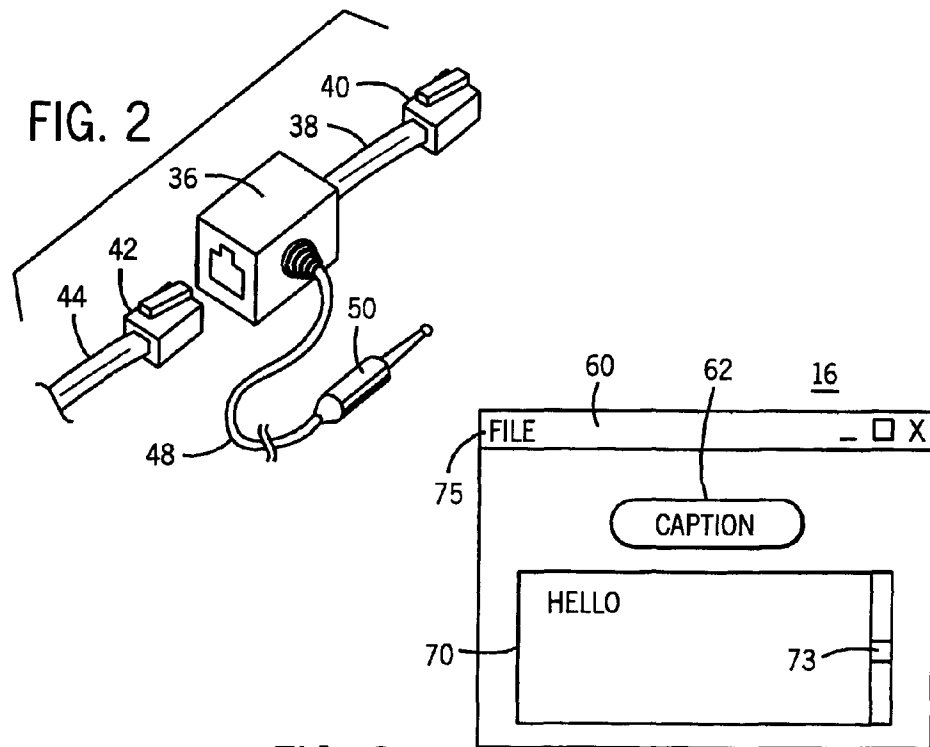


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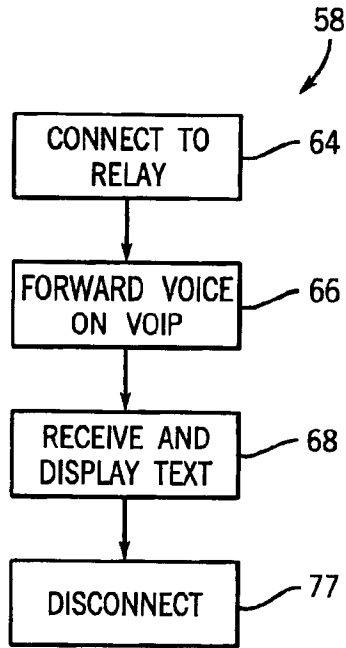


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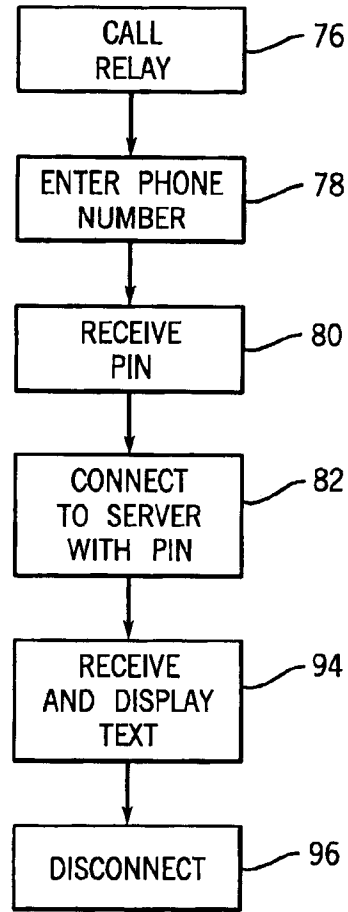


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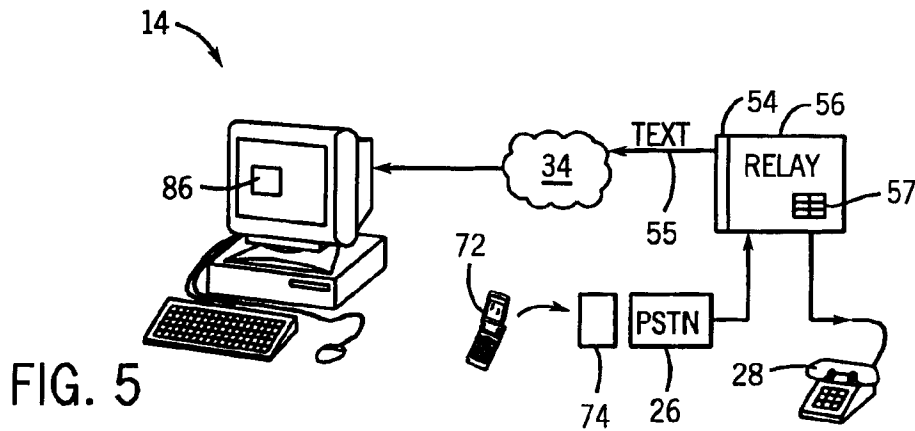


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