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(54) **METHOD, SYSTEM AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR BOOKMARKING VOICEMAIL MESSAGES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

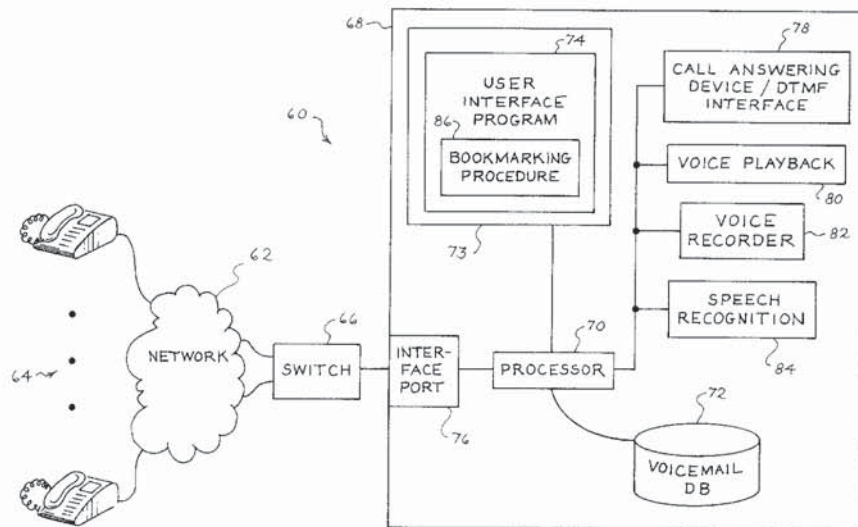
A voicemail system includes a voicemail bookmarking procedure that permits users to bookmark voicemail messages during message playback. Upon receiving a bookmark request from a user, the procedure generates a bookmark pointer defining a starting point for subsequent playback of the message. The bookmark pointer can be based, in part, on a timing offset value entered by the user while making the bookmark request. The timing offset value defines a user-selected playback starting point that occurs before the message time at which the bookmark request was made. The value of the timing offset can be user selected.

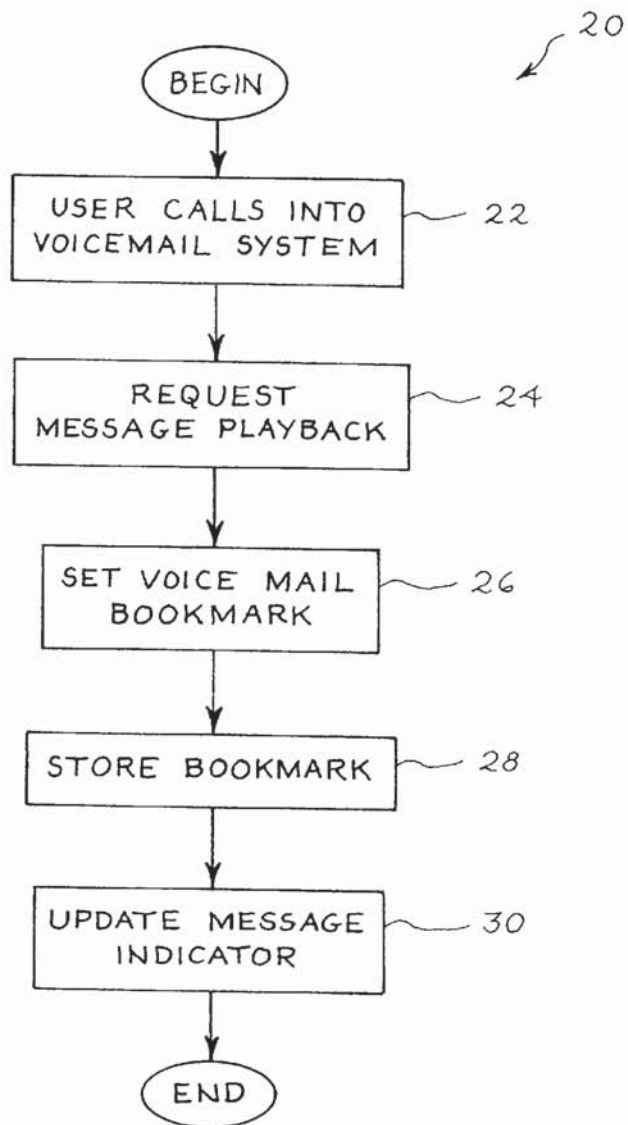
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*Fig. 1*

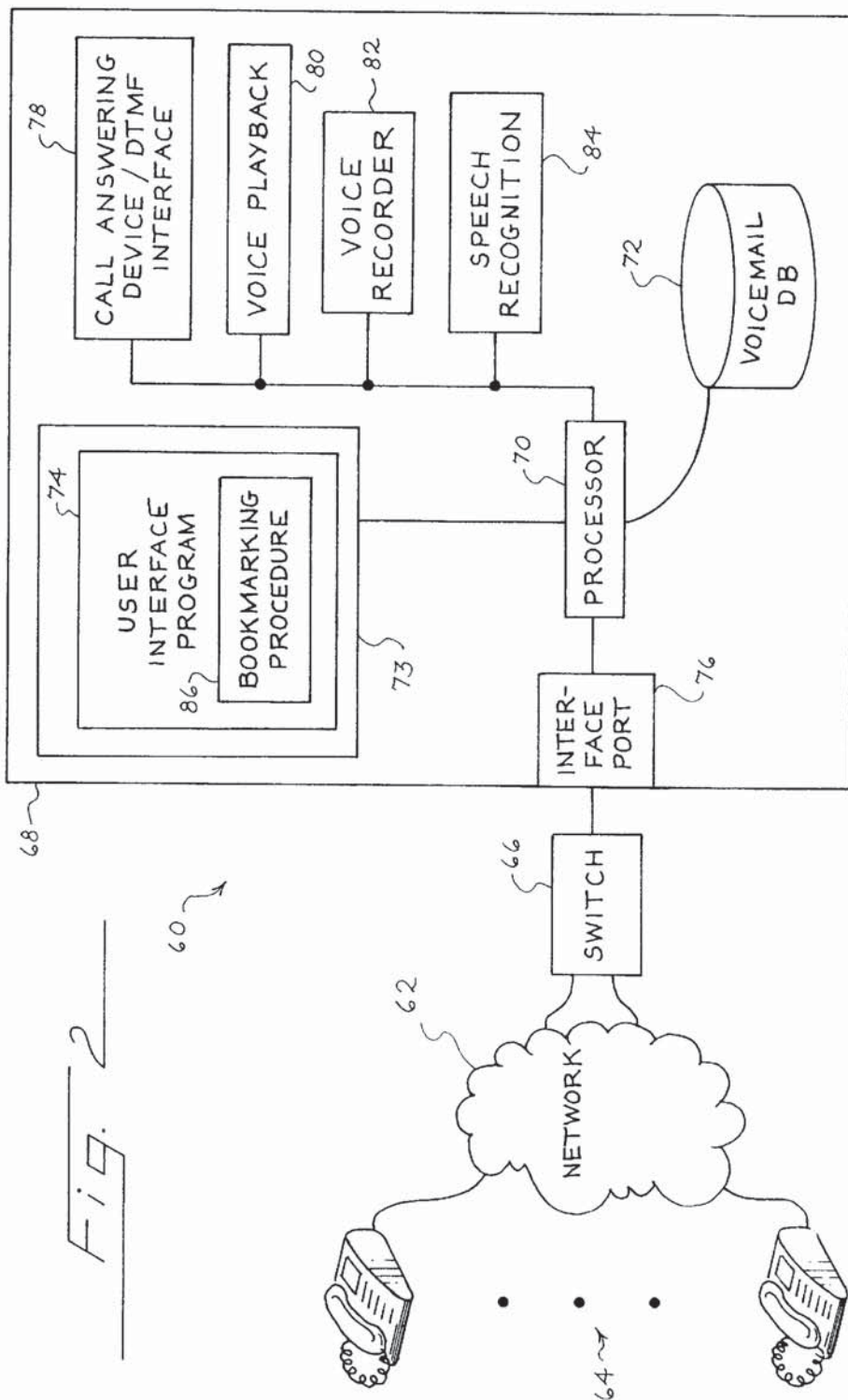


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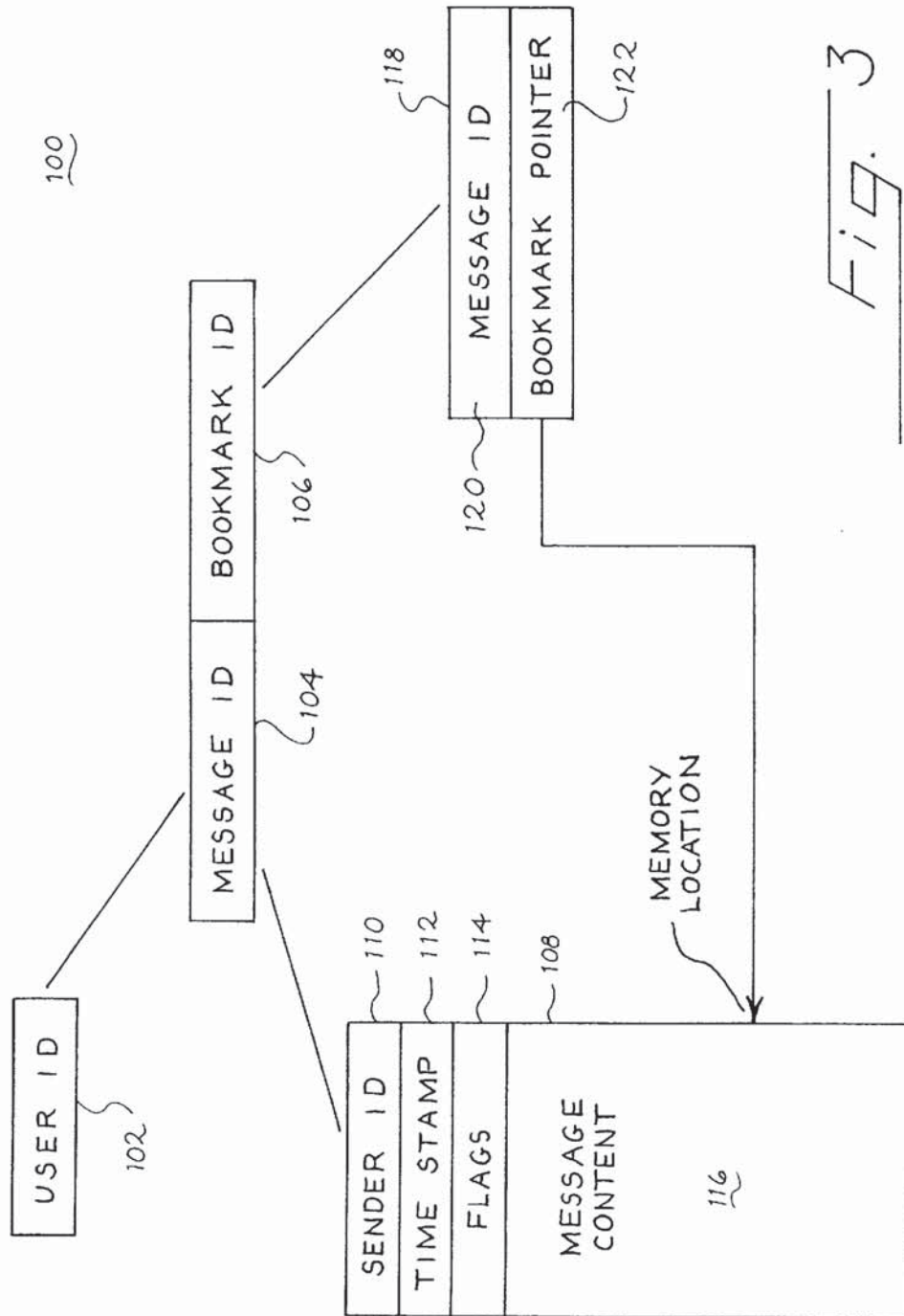
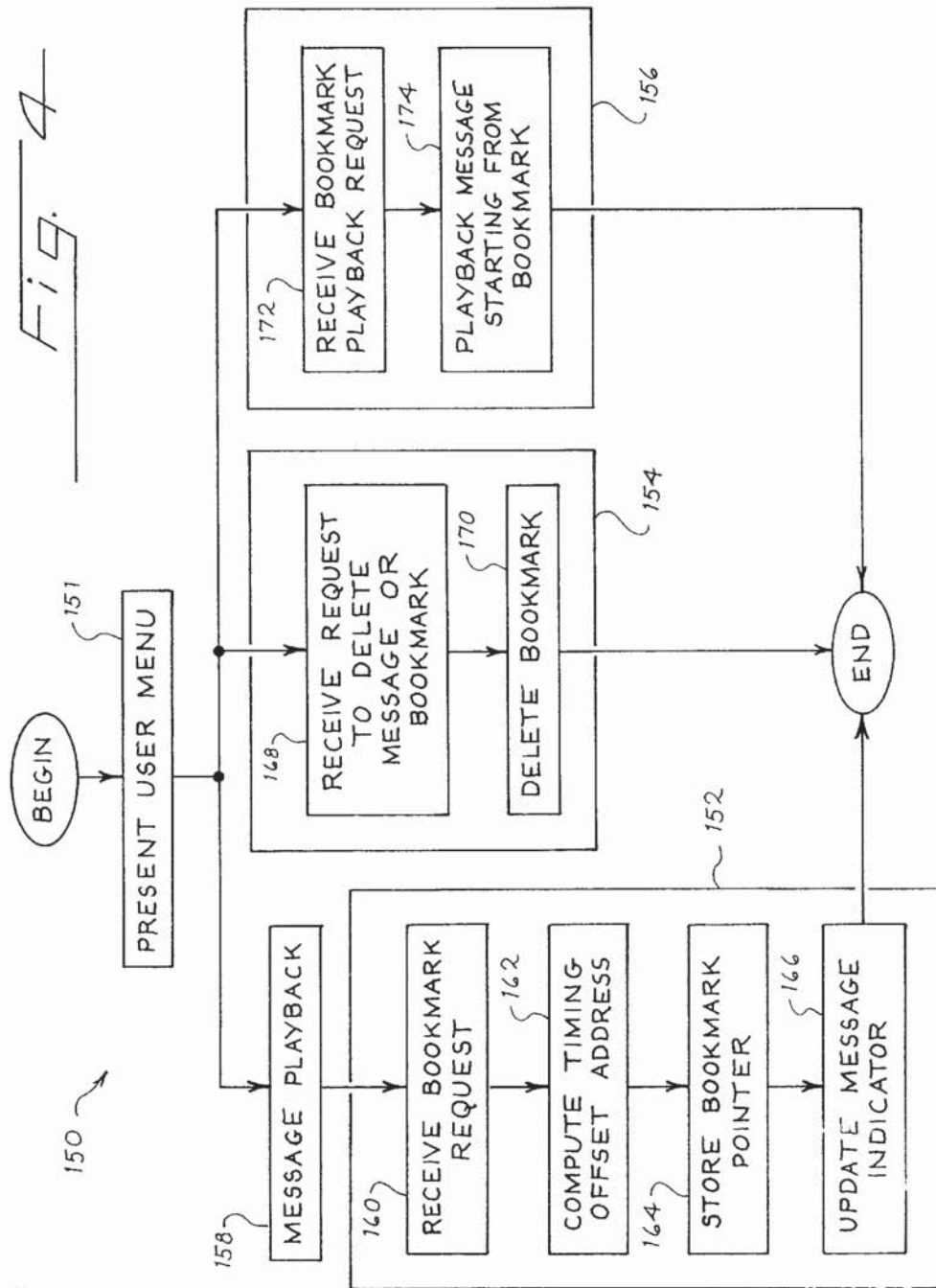


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