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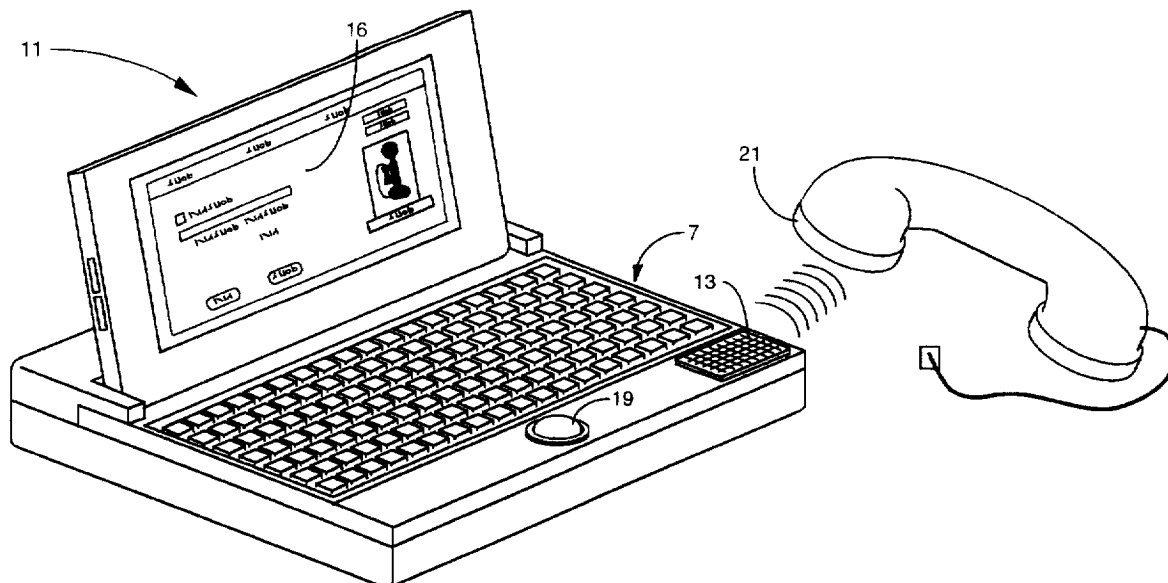
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ABSTRACT

A portable computer, such as a laptop, notebook, or palmtop computer, comprises control routines for providing a sophisticated touch-tone dialer operable through an existing or supplied output speaker, enabling calls to be routed without making a wired direct connection between the telephone equipment and the computer. In one embodiment a system is provided for transmitting computer-usable data over a phone connection through a pre-stored relationship between DTMF tones and ASCII code.

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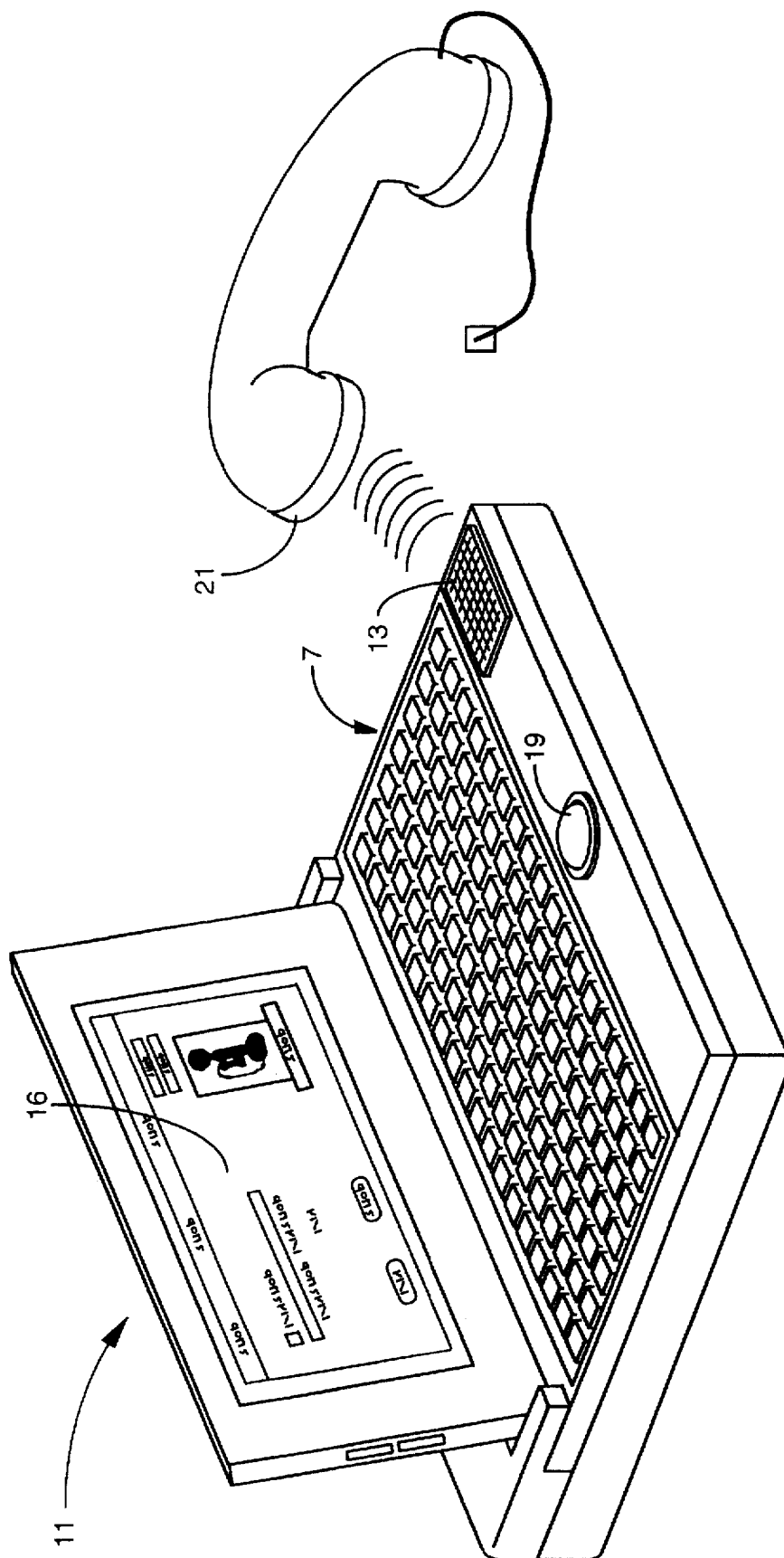


Fig. 1

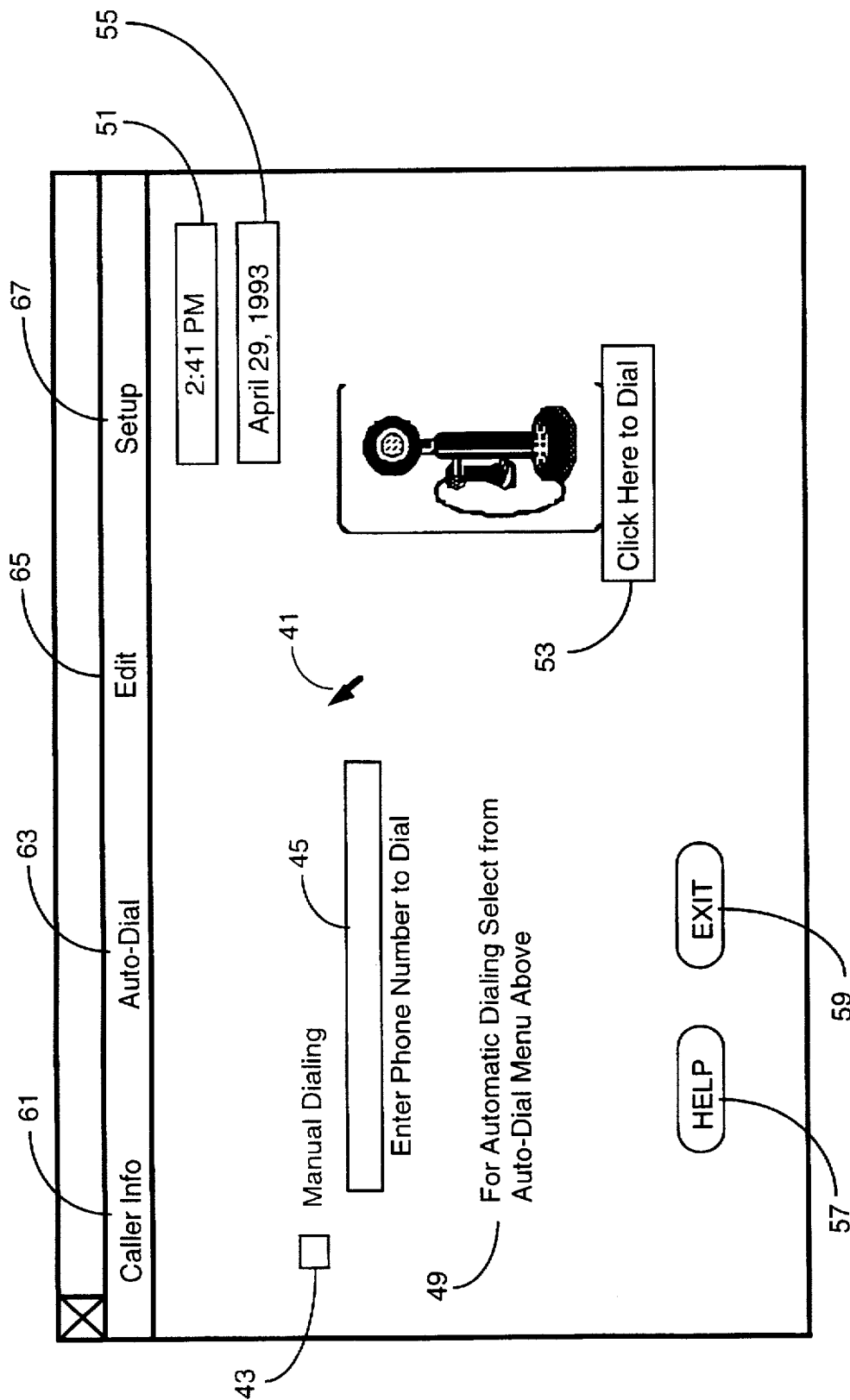


Fig. 2A

Fig. 2B is a screenshot of a 'CALLER INFO' screen. It features a title bar at the top. Below the title, there is a 'Carrier' section with four radio button options: 'AT&T', 'MCI', 'SPRINT', and 'Other'. The 'Other' option is selected, and a text input field is positioned to its right. Below this is a 'Credit Card ID' label followed by a long text input field. At the bottom of the screen, there are three rounded rectangular buttons: 'HELP', 'OK', and 'CANCEL'.

69 CALLER INFO:

73 Carrier: ☐ AT&T ☐ MCI ☐ SPRINT ☒ Other

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Credit Card ID:

75 HELP 77 OK 79 CANCEL

Fig. 2B

Fig. 2C is a screenshot of a 'DIAL LIST' screen. It has a title bar. Below the title, there is an 'AREA CODE' label followed by a text input field containing the number '415'. Below this are two radio button options: 'Display by No.' and 'Display by Name'. The 'Display by Name' option is selected. To the right of these options is a list box containing five entries, each with a name and a phone number. The list box has a vertical scrollbar on its right side. At the bottom of the screen, there are three rounded rectangular buttons: 'HELP', 'OK', and 'CANCEL'.

81 DIAL LIST

83 AREA CODE: 415

85 ☐ Display by No.

☒ Display by Name

82

Moran, George	727-2393
Morgan, Helen	348-4386
Murchison, Sydney	222-9999
Mylar Products, Inc	727-8816
Nascent Sciences	348-8810

87 HELP 89 OK 91 CANCEL

Fig. 2C

93 EDIT

95 AREA CODE: 415

96

97 ☐ Display by No.

97 ☒ Display by Name

99 ☐ ADD

101 ☐ CHANGE:

105 ☐ DELETE

92 Phone Number: 94

94 Name: 94

100 Phone Number: 100

102 Name: 102

107 HELP 109 OK 111 CANCEL

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Fig. 2D



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