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(57) **ABSTRACT**

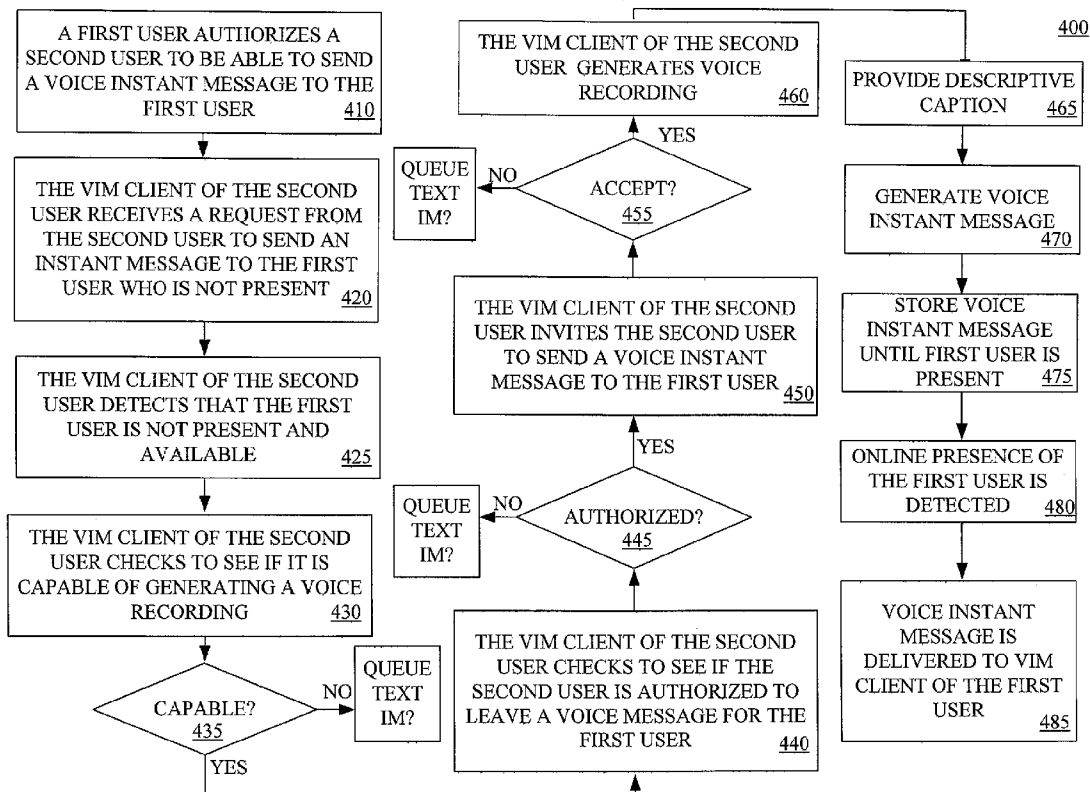
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One preferred embodiment of the present invention provides a system and method for sending instant messages having audio recordings. Briefly described, in architecture, one embodiment of the system, among others, includes a communications client of a user that is configured to generate an instant message having an audio recording and send the instant message having an audio recording to another user. Methods and other systems are also provided.

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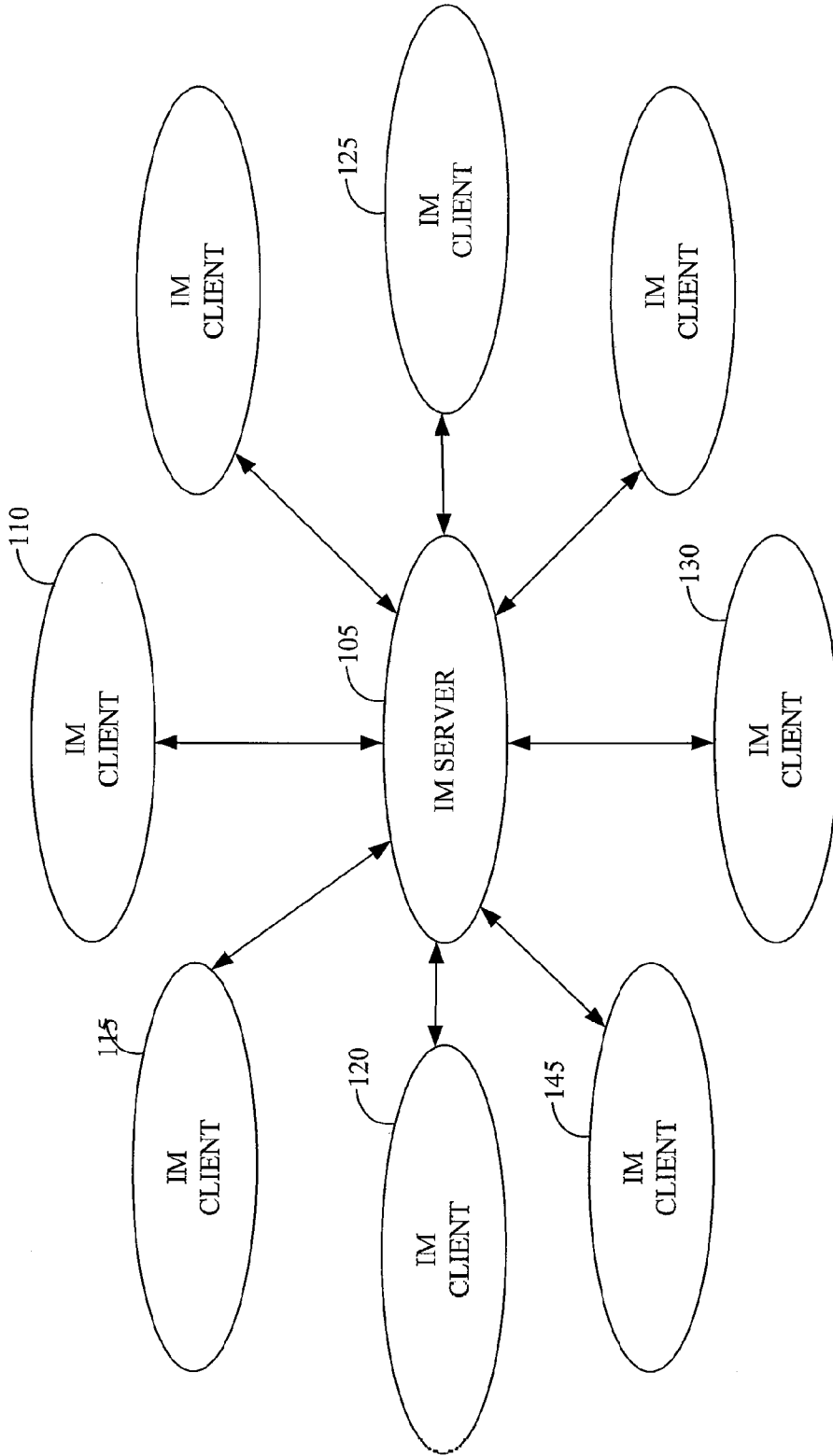


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

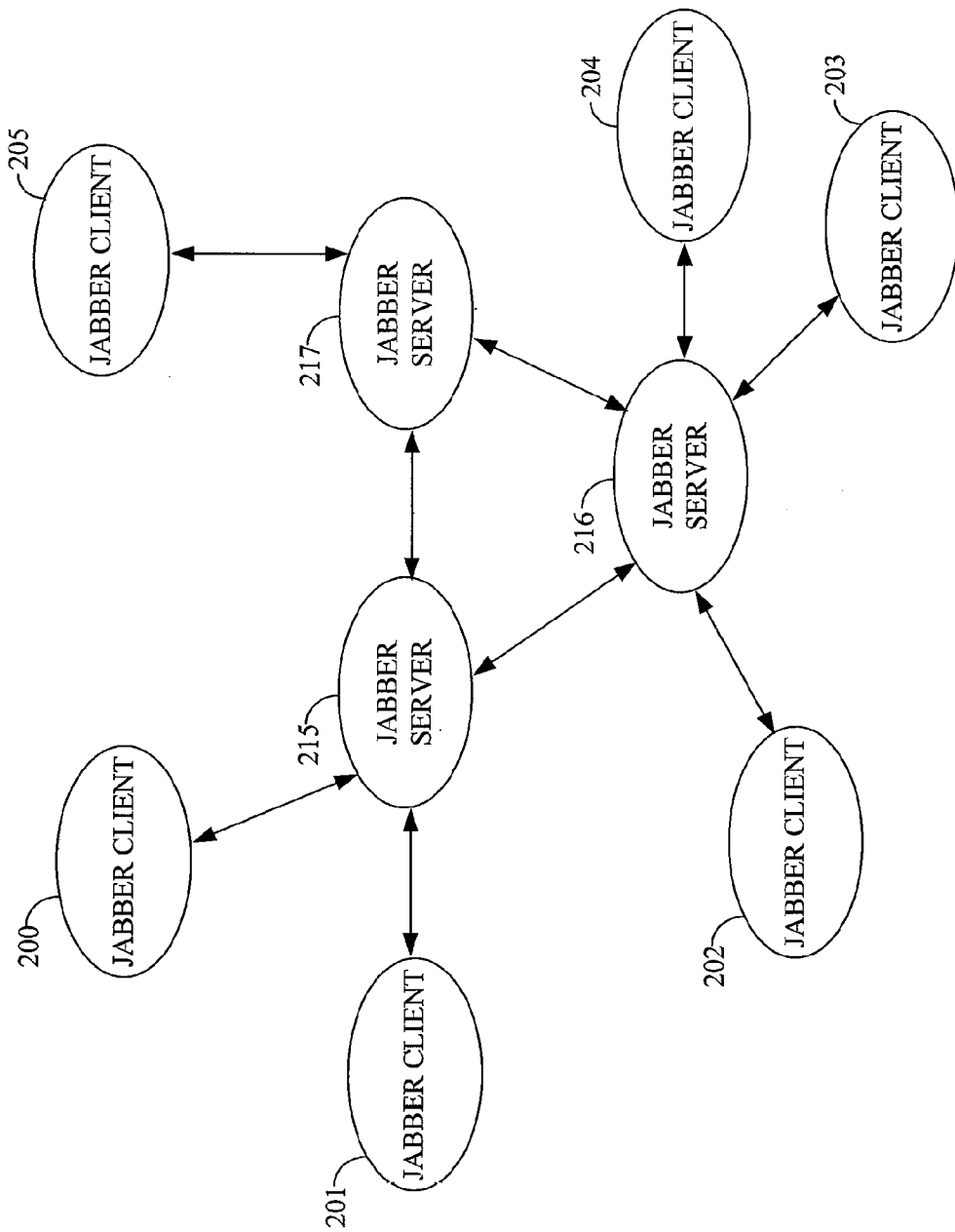


FIG. 2
PRIOR ART

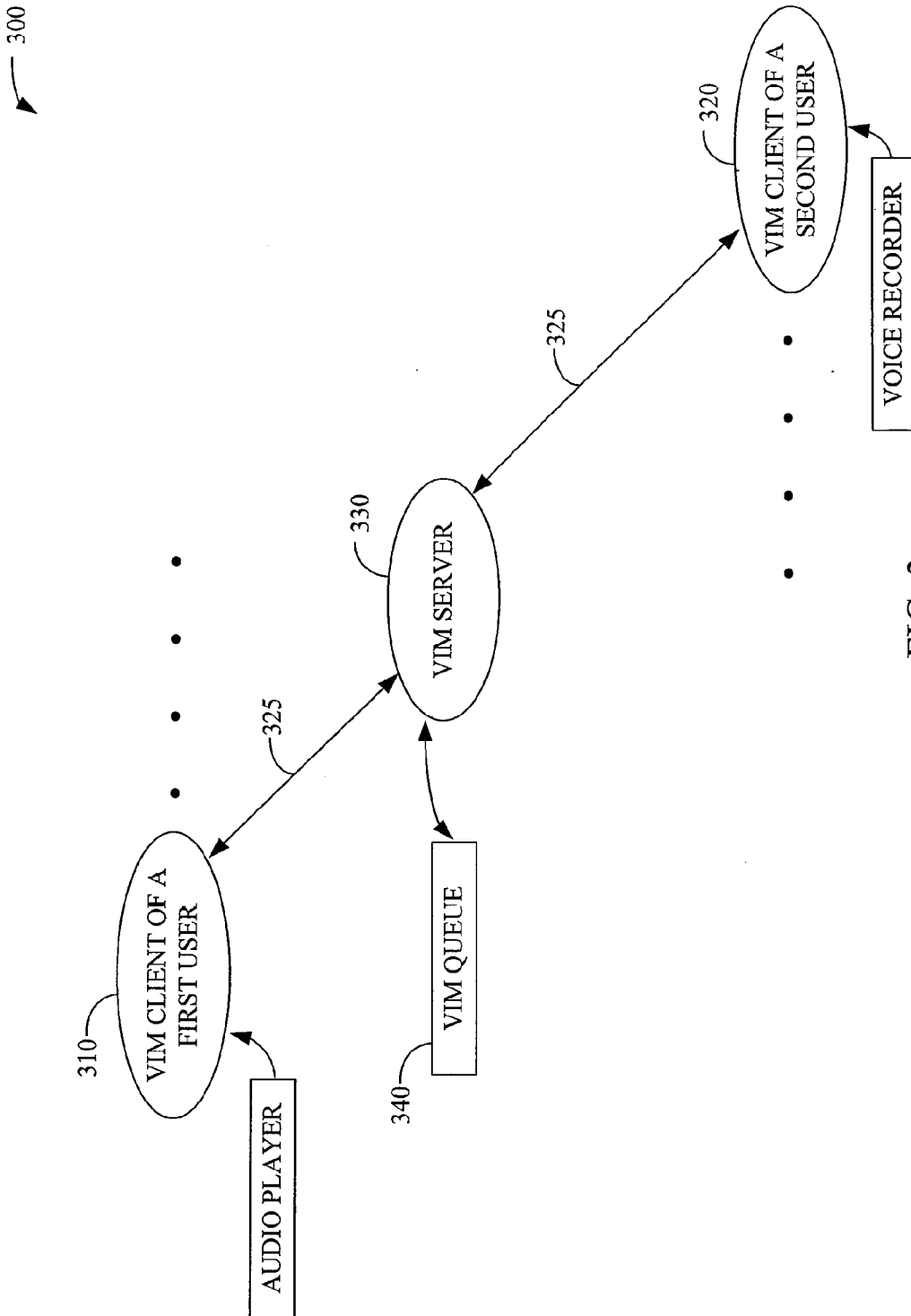


FIG. 3

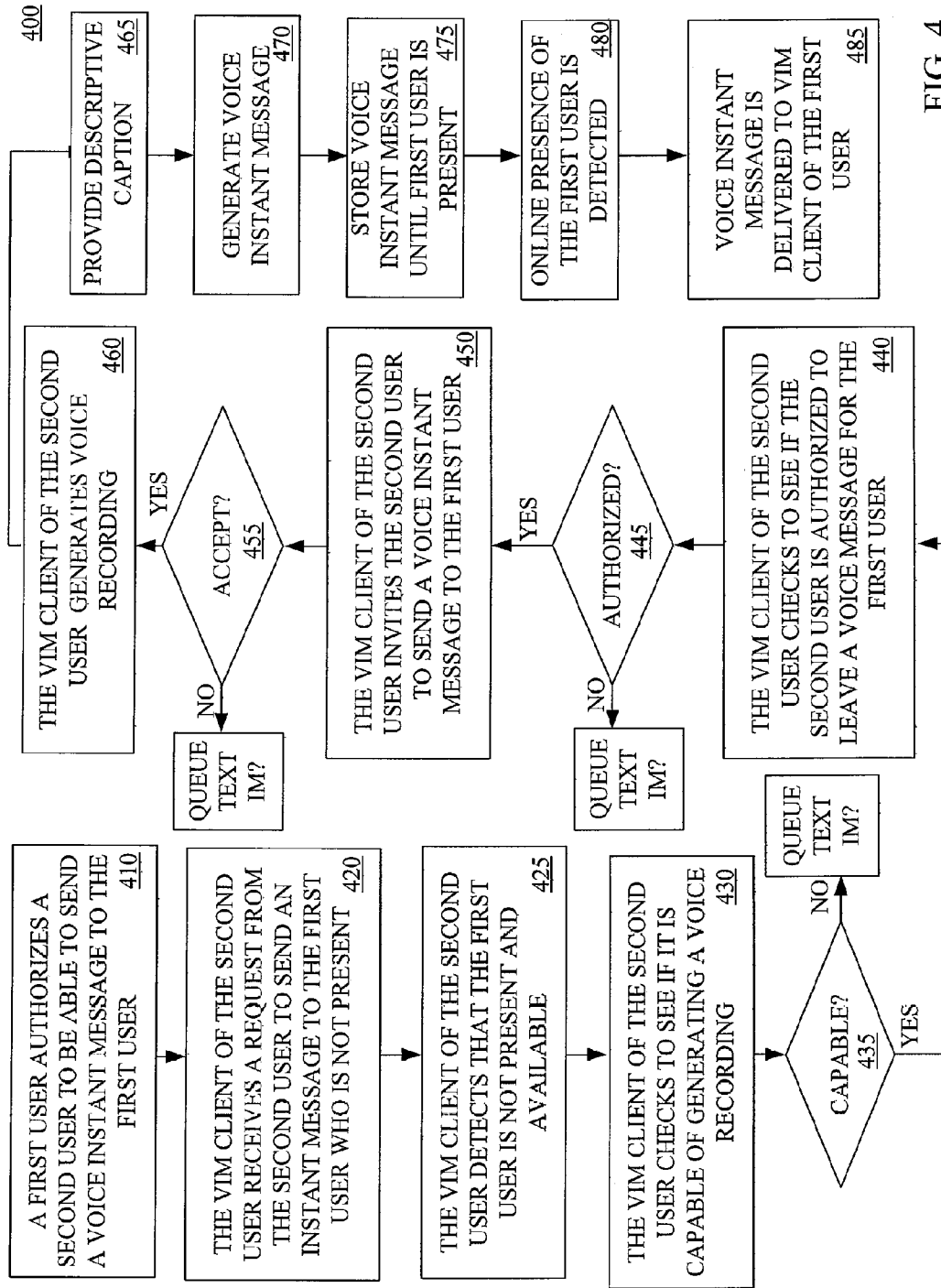


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