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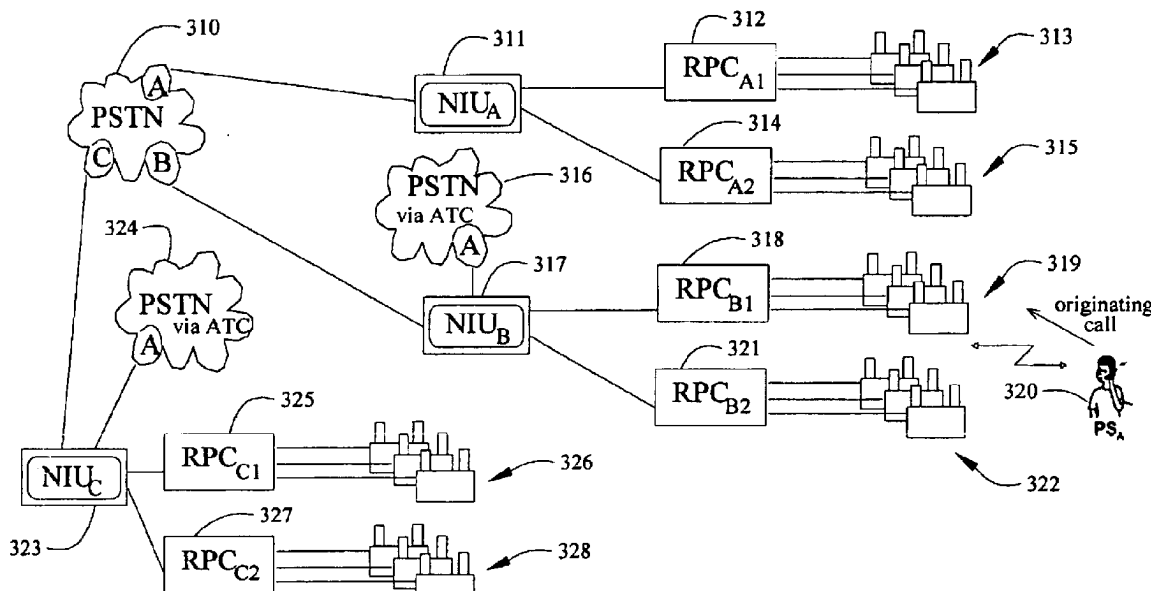
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ABSTRACT

(57) Communications system comprising a set of interface
devices adapted to be coupled to a public switch telephone
network (PSTN) and radio transceivers. The interface
devices are configured to serve in various geographic
regions. The radio transceivers are coupled to the interface
devices in the set of interface devices. The radio transceivers
are for communication with mobile subscribers. The mobile
subscribers each have a home region. The circuitry coupled
to the set of interfaces routes a call through a path including
an interface device that serves the mobile subscriber's home
region, for a call involving the PSTN and a mobile sub-
scriber located outside the mobile subscriber's home region.

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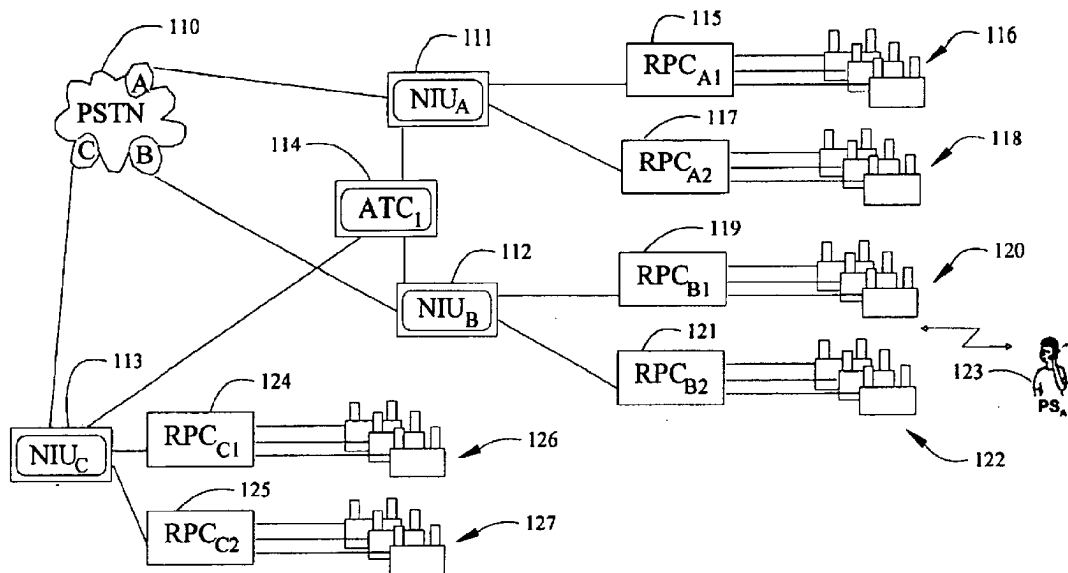


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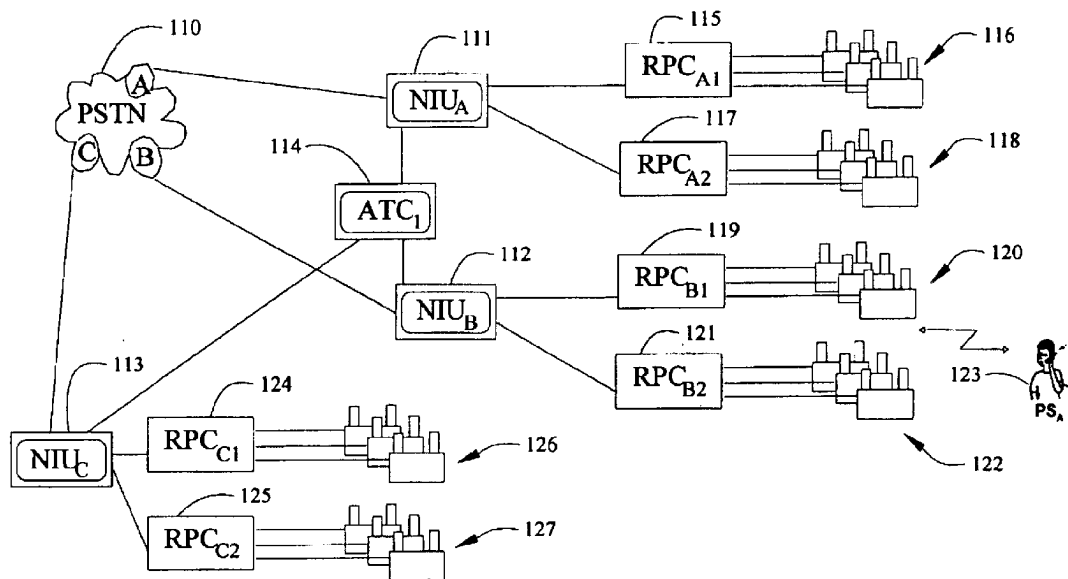


FIG. 2

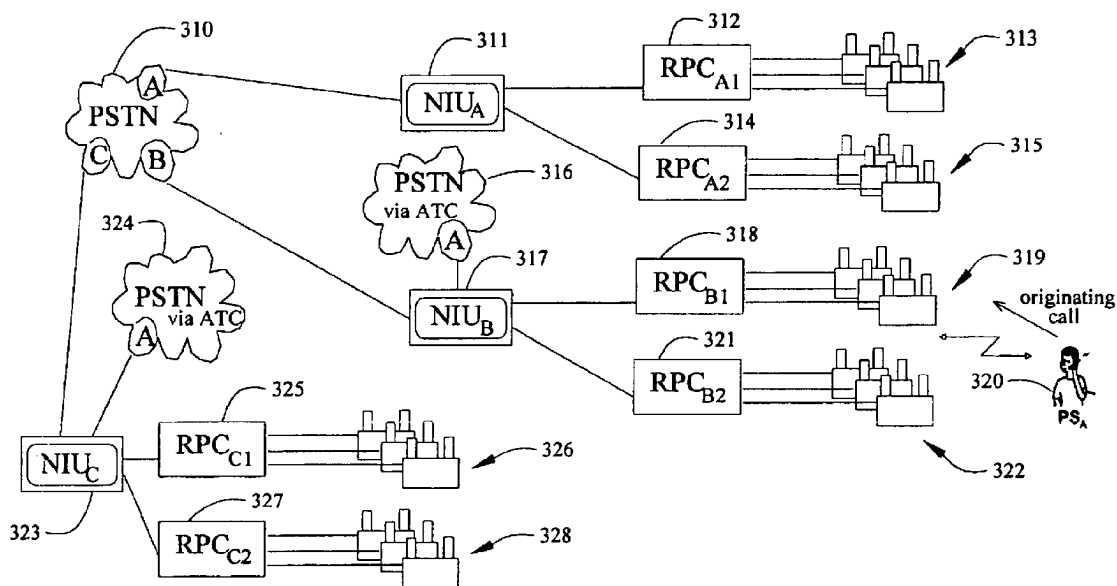


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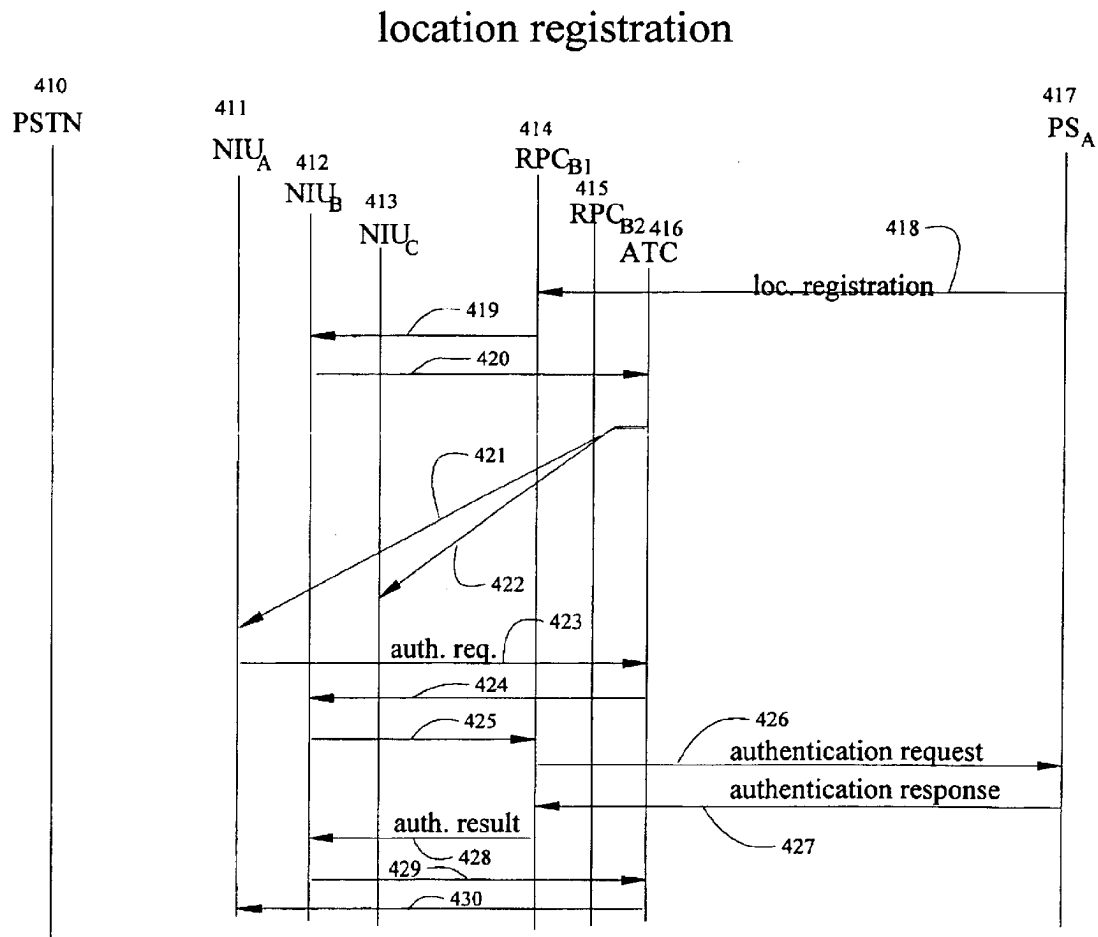


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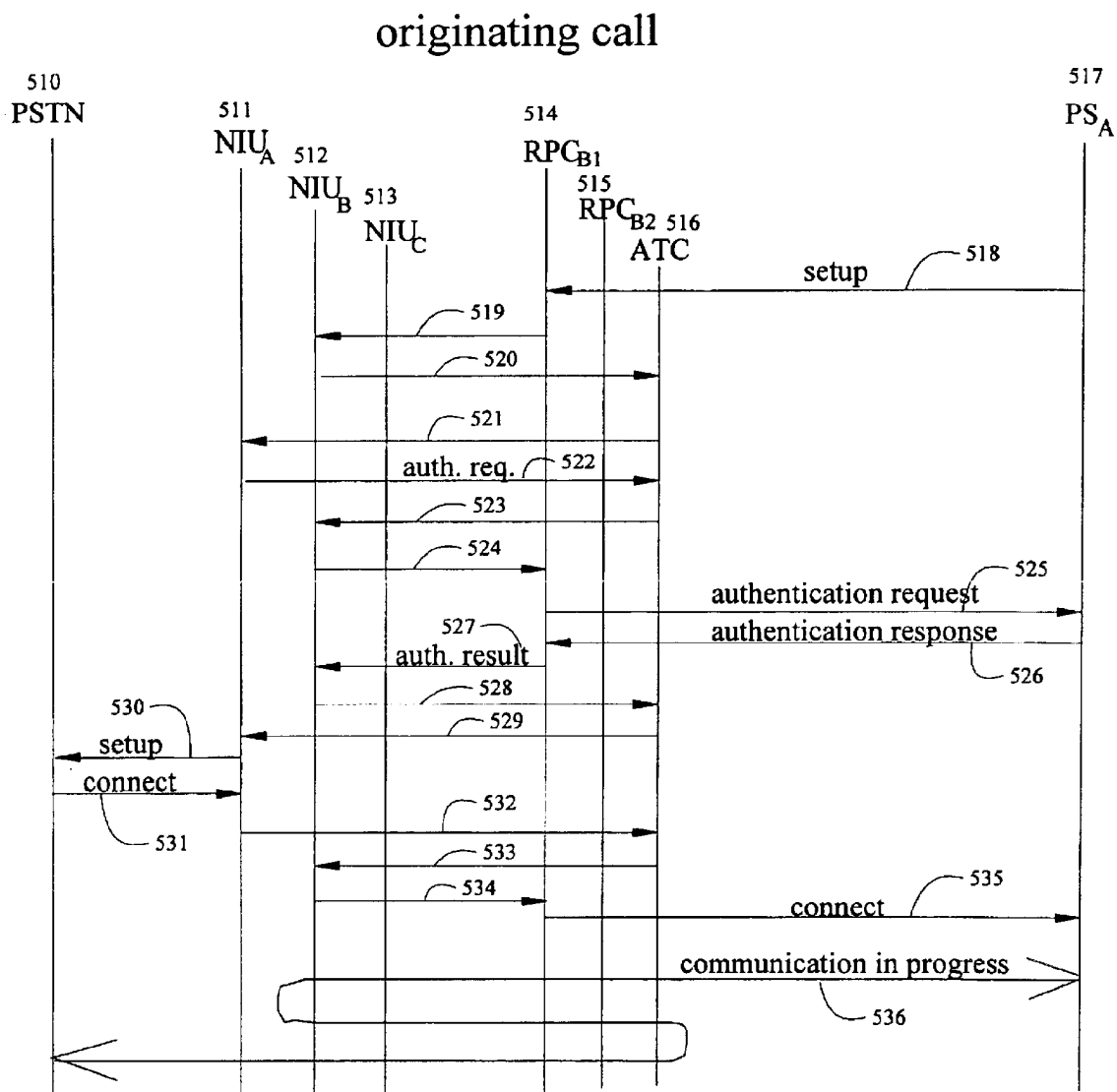


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