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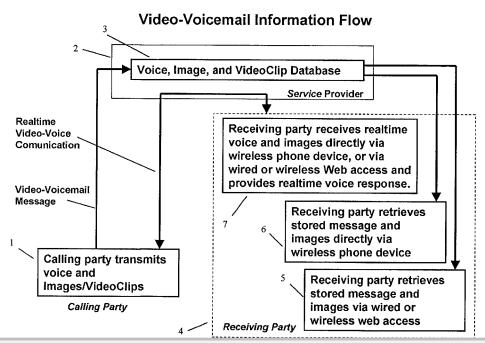
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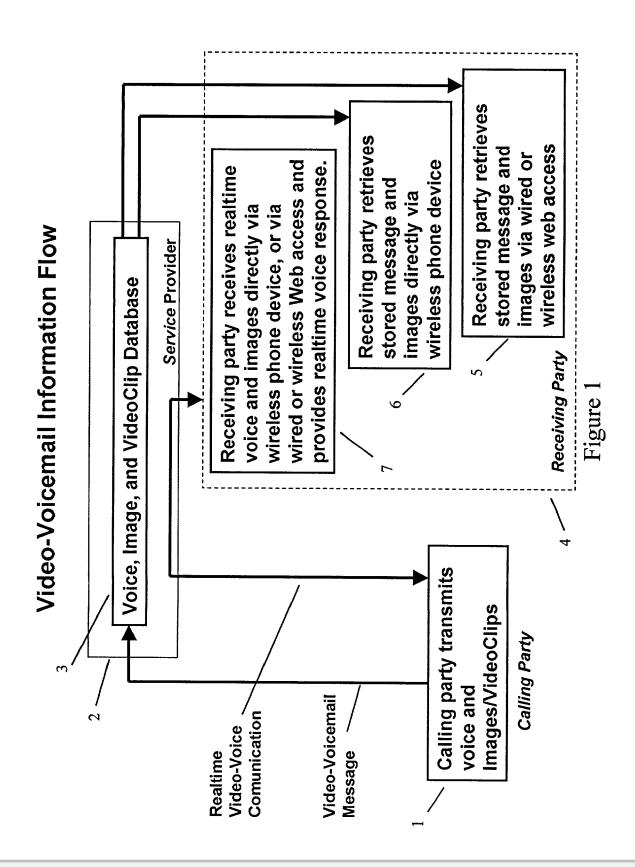
An enhanced communication and voicemail solution for mobile phones is described where still images and/or video clips are injected into the voice stream creating a "videovoice" call. When a receiving party is not available to take a video-voice call, this combined stream of voice and image information is stored at the mobile service provider in a manner similar to voice mail today. Then, stored videovoicemails may be retrieved at a later time by the receiving party. Also, realtime video-voice conversations may be recorded for later retrieval in order to document the conversation or because a party in the conversation is not able to view the images realtime.

While the sending party may use a normal size mobile phone containing a miniature digital camera, the receiving party may view video-voicemail images on a variety of devices including a wireless mobile phone or PDA, or alternately a conventional PC connected to the World Wide Web.

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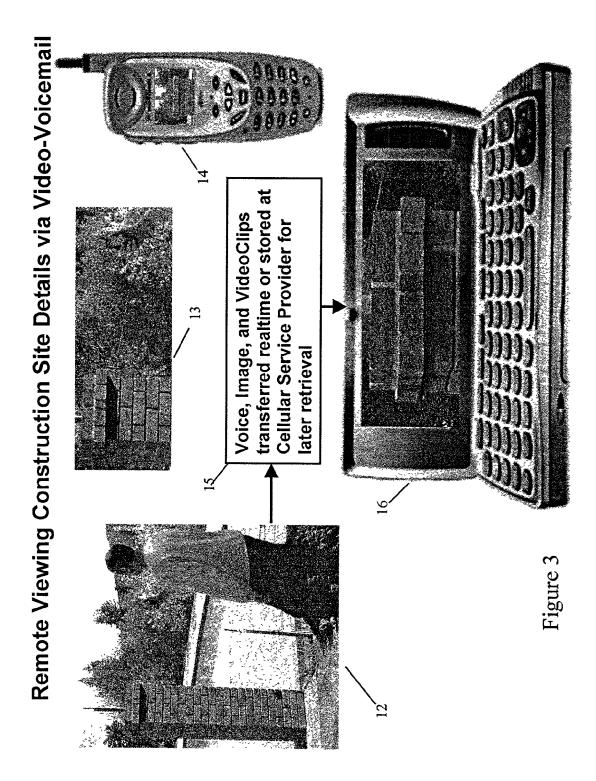








(Camera Exposed) Figure 2c Rear View Camera Integrated into Cellular Phone (Camera Covered) Figure 2b Rear View 8 (# Send Figure 2a Front View | Caller ID: | 408-873-9345 | John Smith | 30





20 Image Positioning in Voice Stream for Video-Voicemail Still Shot Figure 4 Still Shot Voice Stream Still Shot



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