

[54] CARD-COMPUTER MODERATED SYSTEMS

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[57] ABSTRACT

A user controlled card computer C and communicating tamper-resistant part T are disclosed that conduct secure transactions with an external system S. All communication between T and S is moderated by C, who is able to prevent T and S from leaking any message or pre-arranged signals to each other. Additionally, S can verify that T is in immediate physical proximity. Even though S receives public key digital signatures through C that are checkable using public keys whose corresponding private keys are known only to a unique T, S is unable to learn which transactions involve which T. It is also possible for S to allow strictly limited messages to be communicated securely between S and T.

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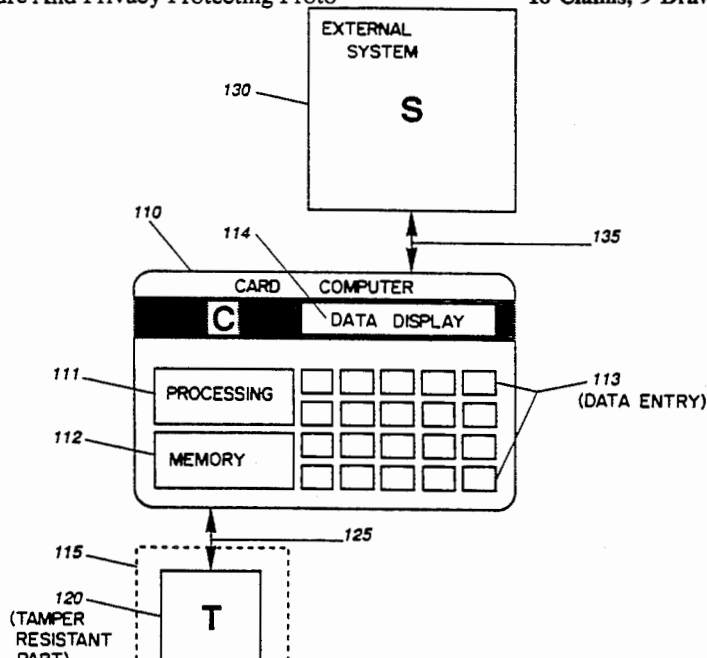


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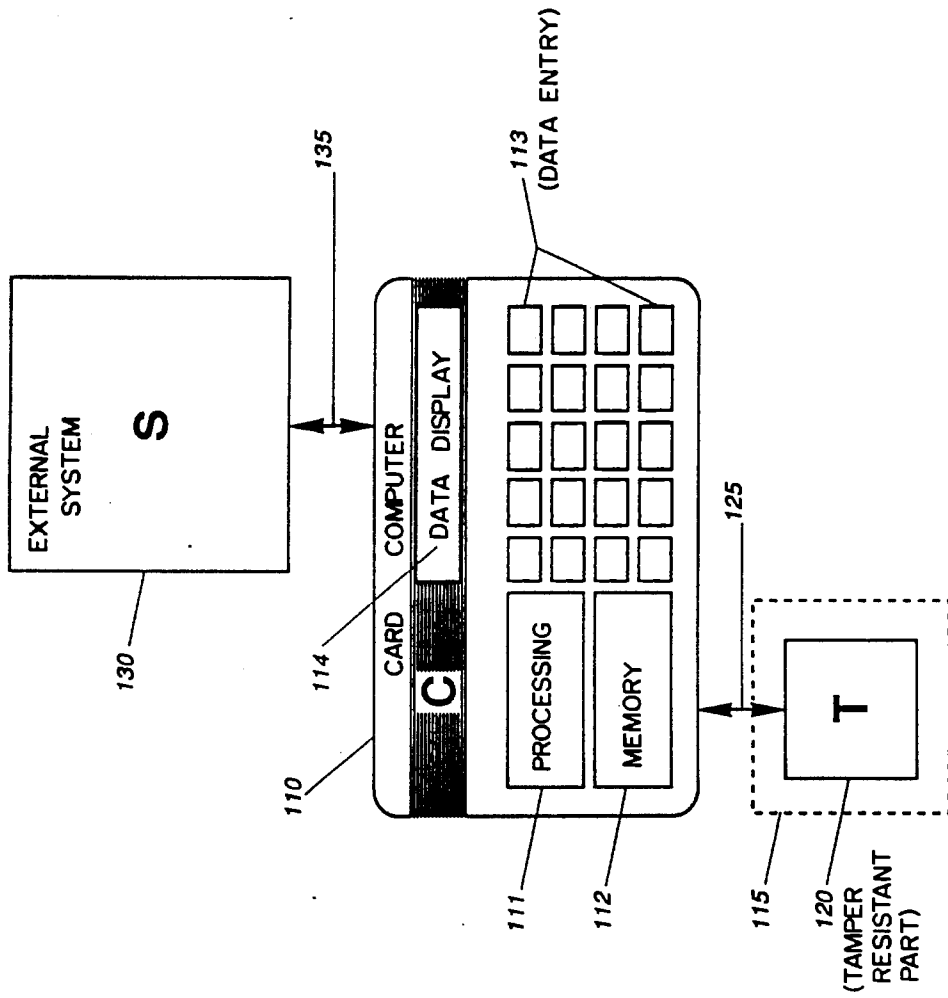


FIG. 2

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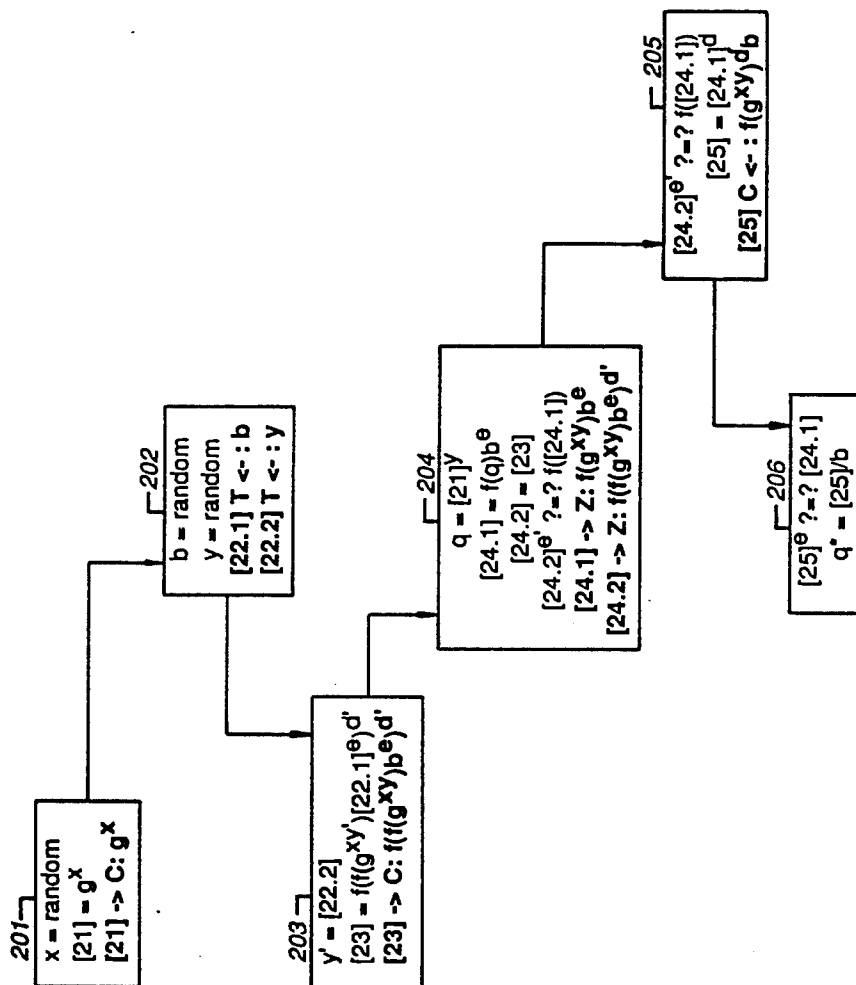


FIG. 3

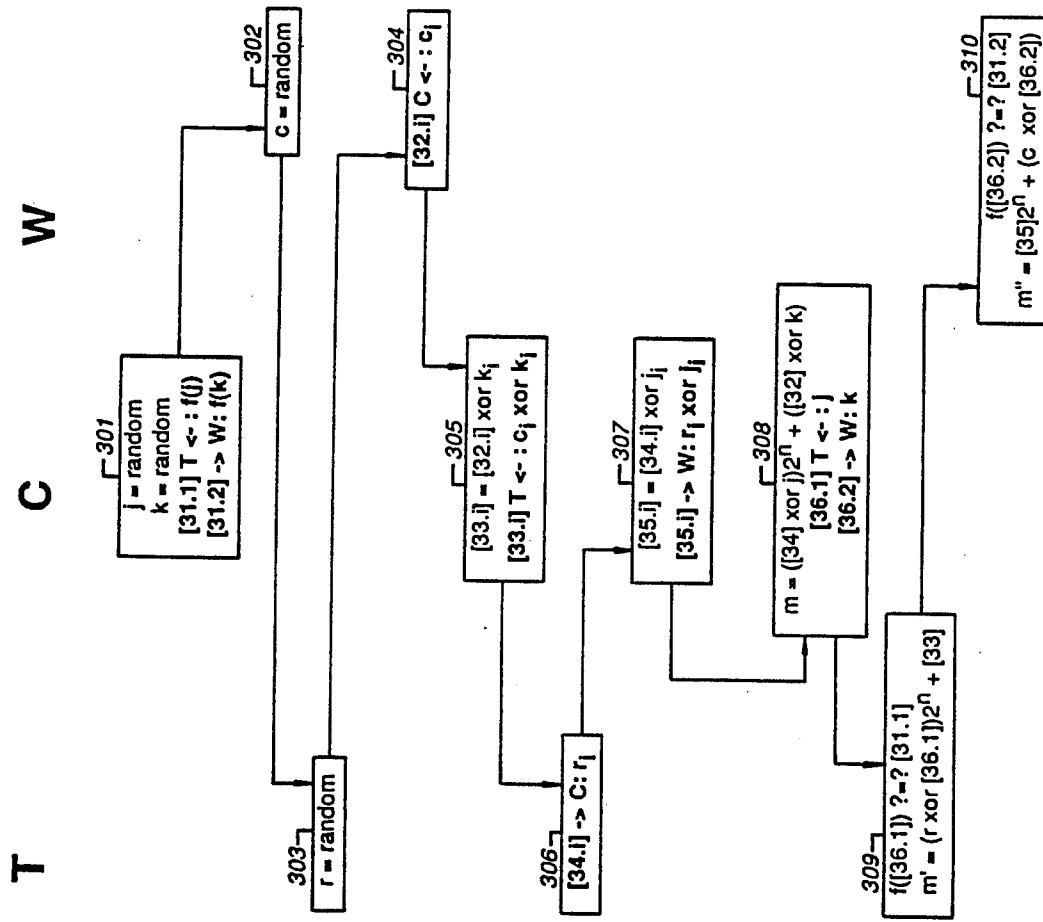
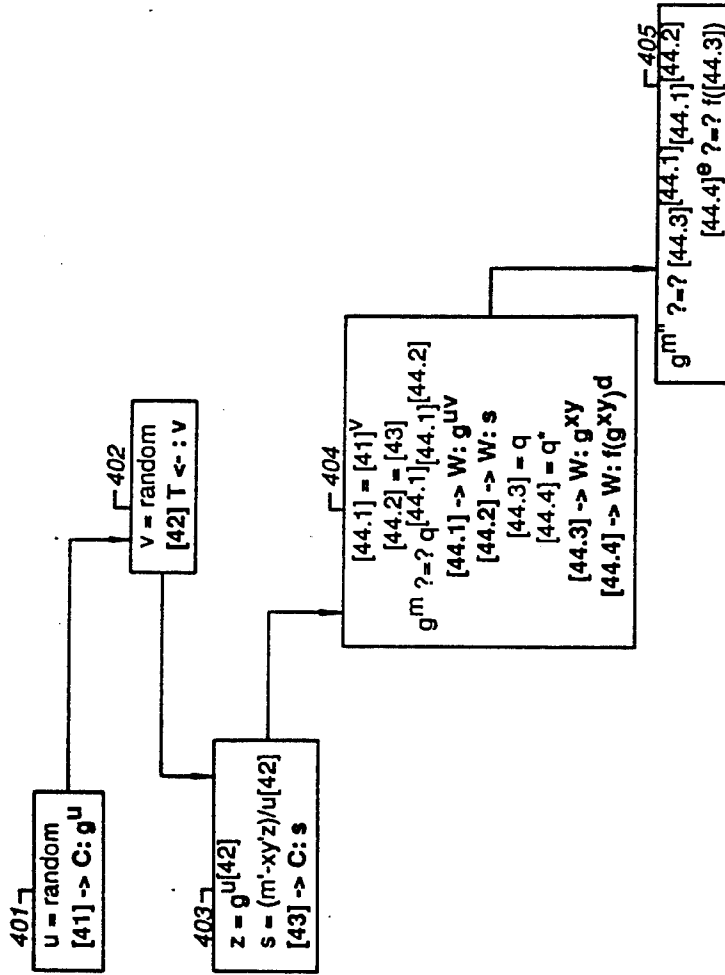


FIG. 4

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