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(54) **APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING A WIRELESS LOCAL NETWORK AND A WIRED VOICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

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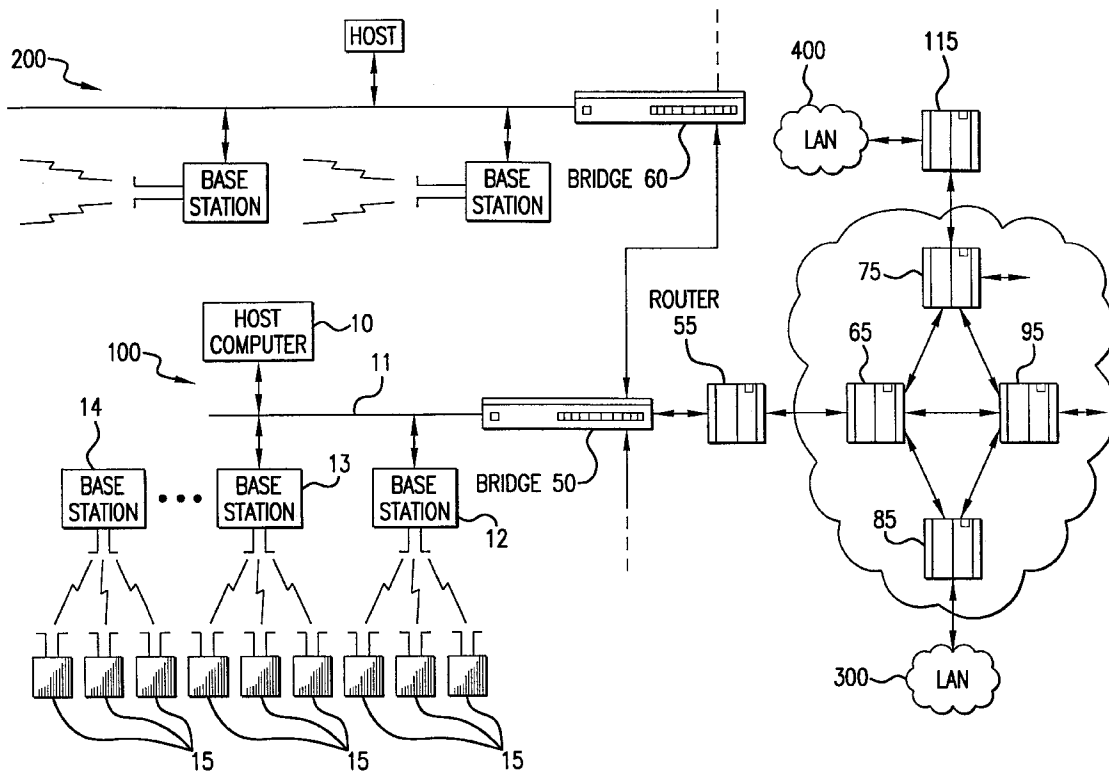
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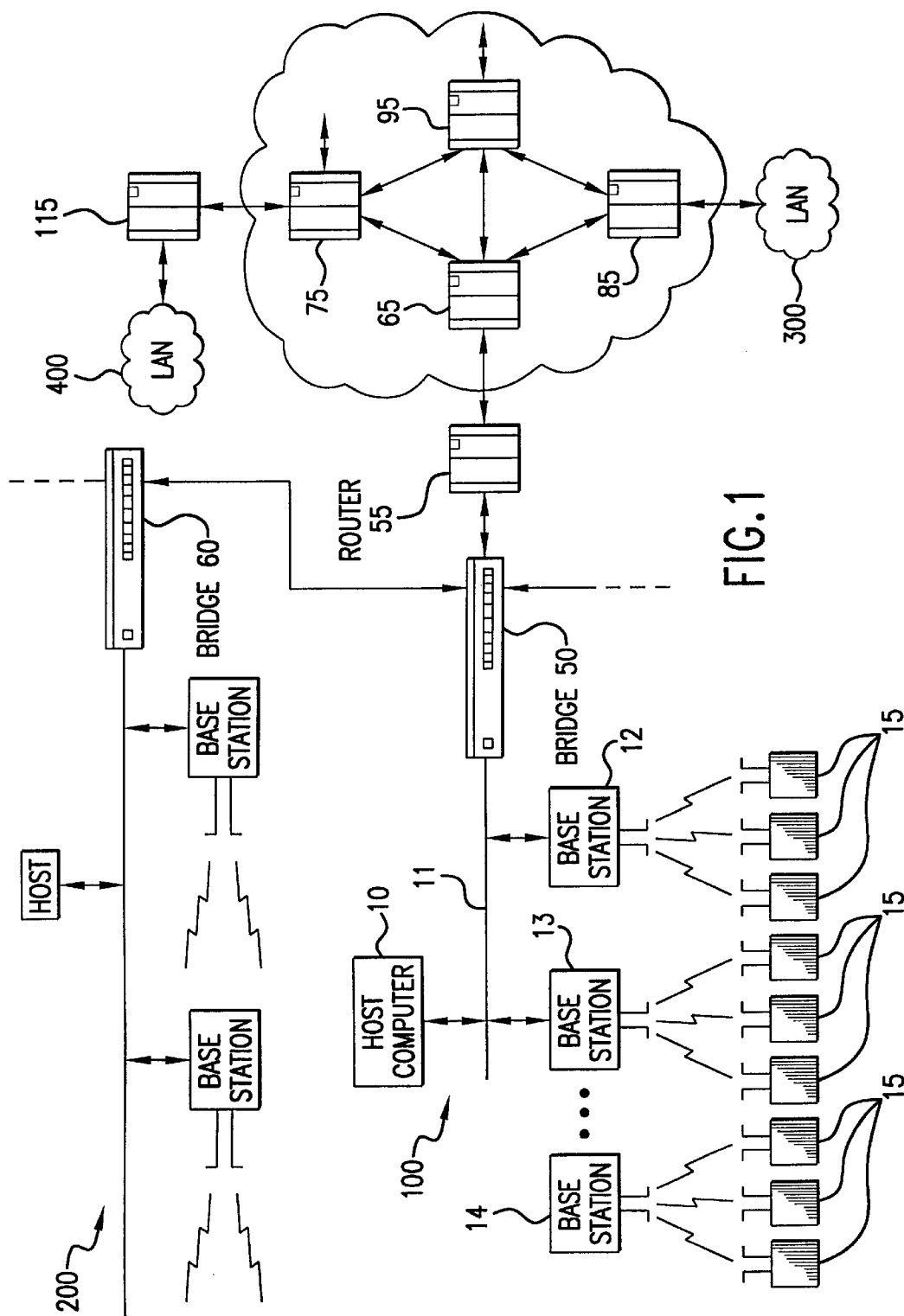
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for interfacing a wireless local area network with a wide area, cellular or public switched telephone network including the function of a wireless LAN base station or access point, and a gateway. The interface may contain one or more different types of gateways, including a PSTN voice gateway, an analog modem gateway, and others. The apparatus may also include a well designed to receive the handset or mobile computer device to recharge the battery as well as to automatically transfer data when the phone or device is secured in the well.

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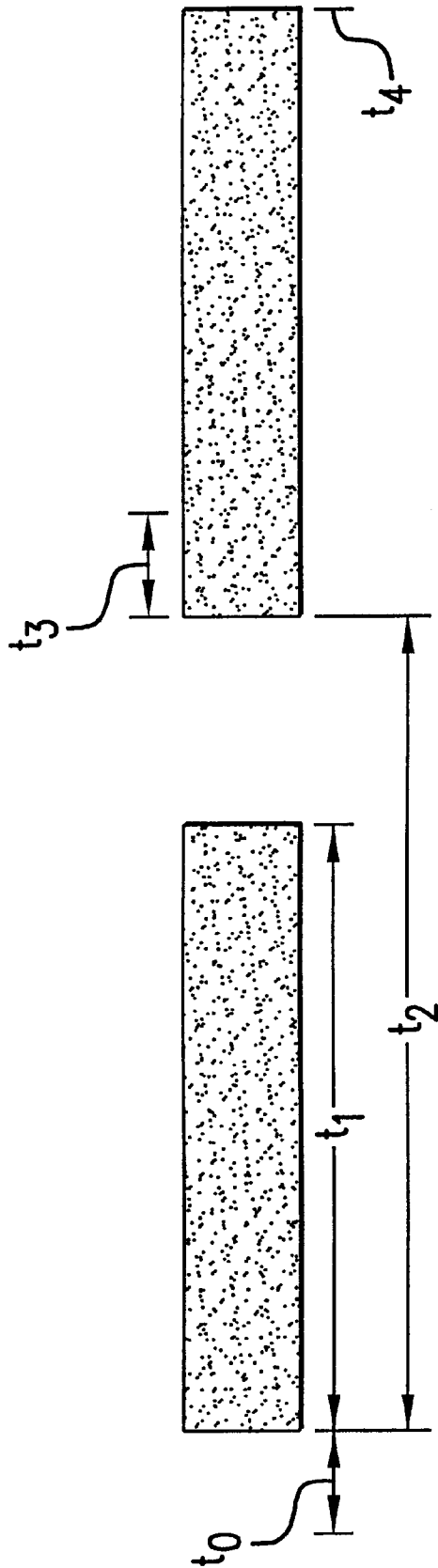


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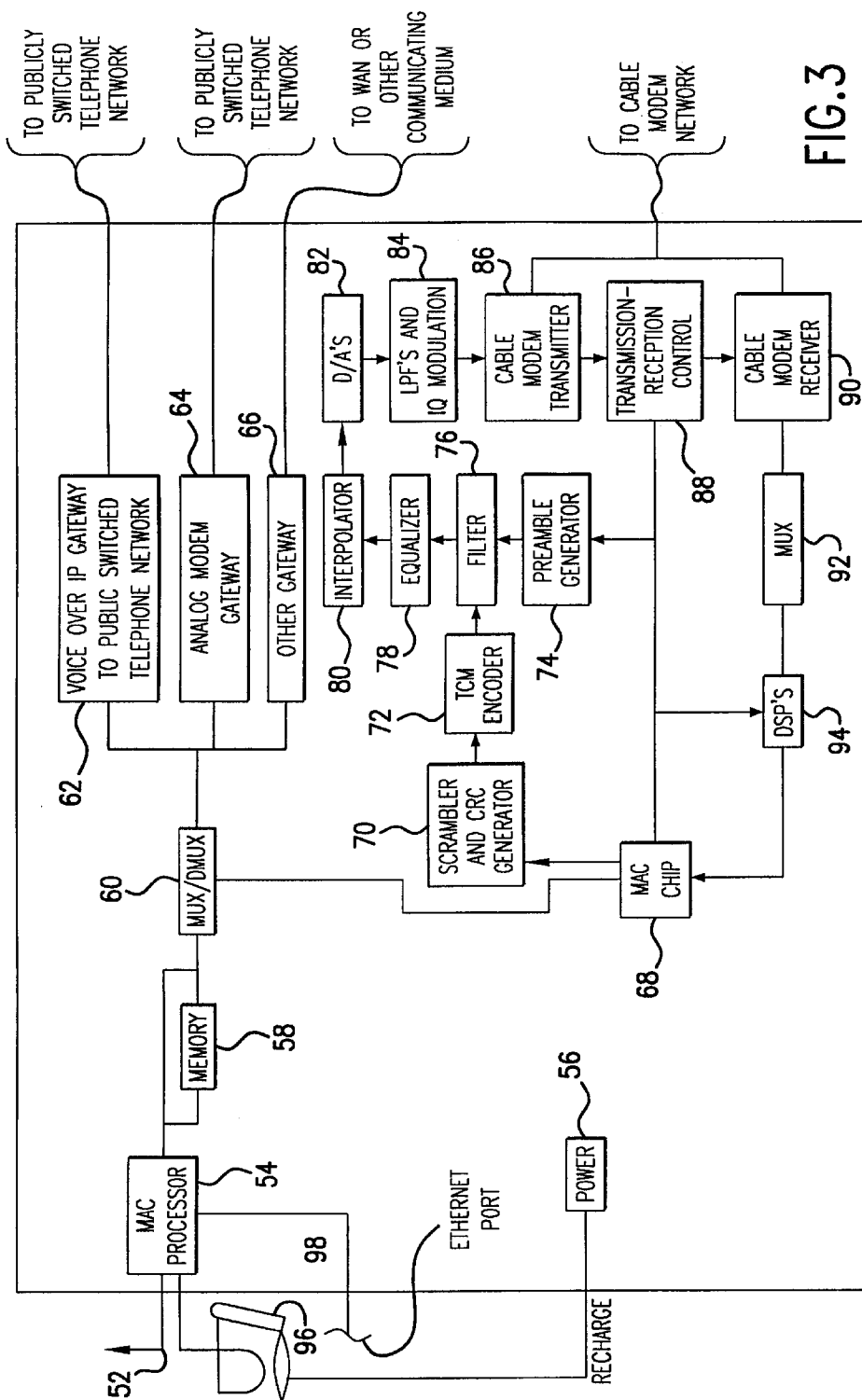


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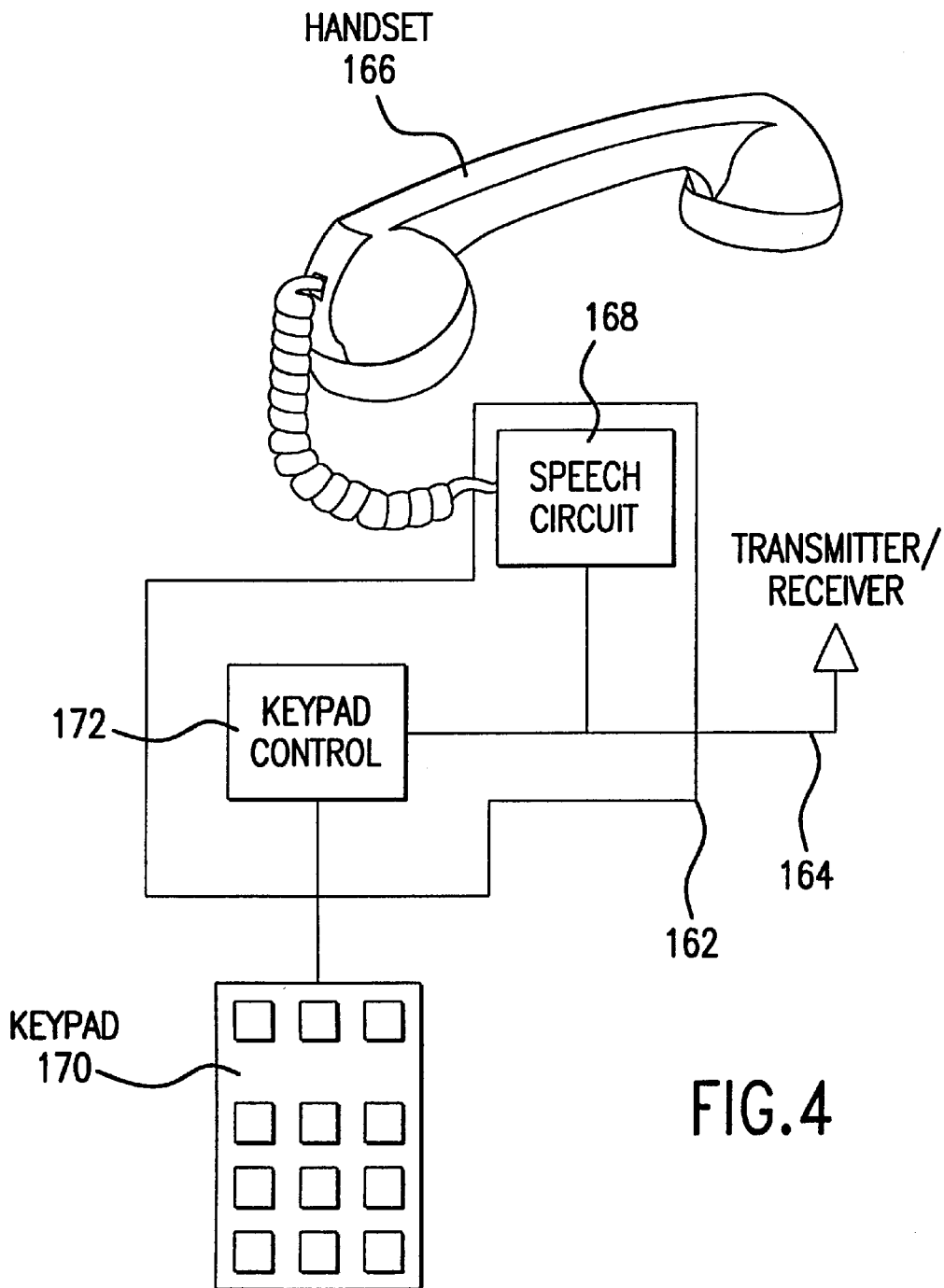


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