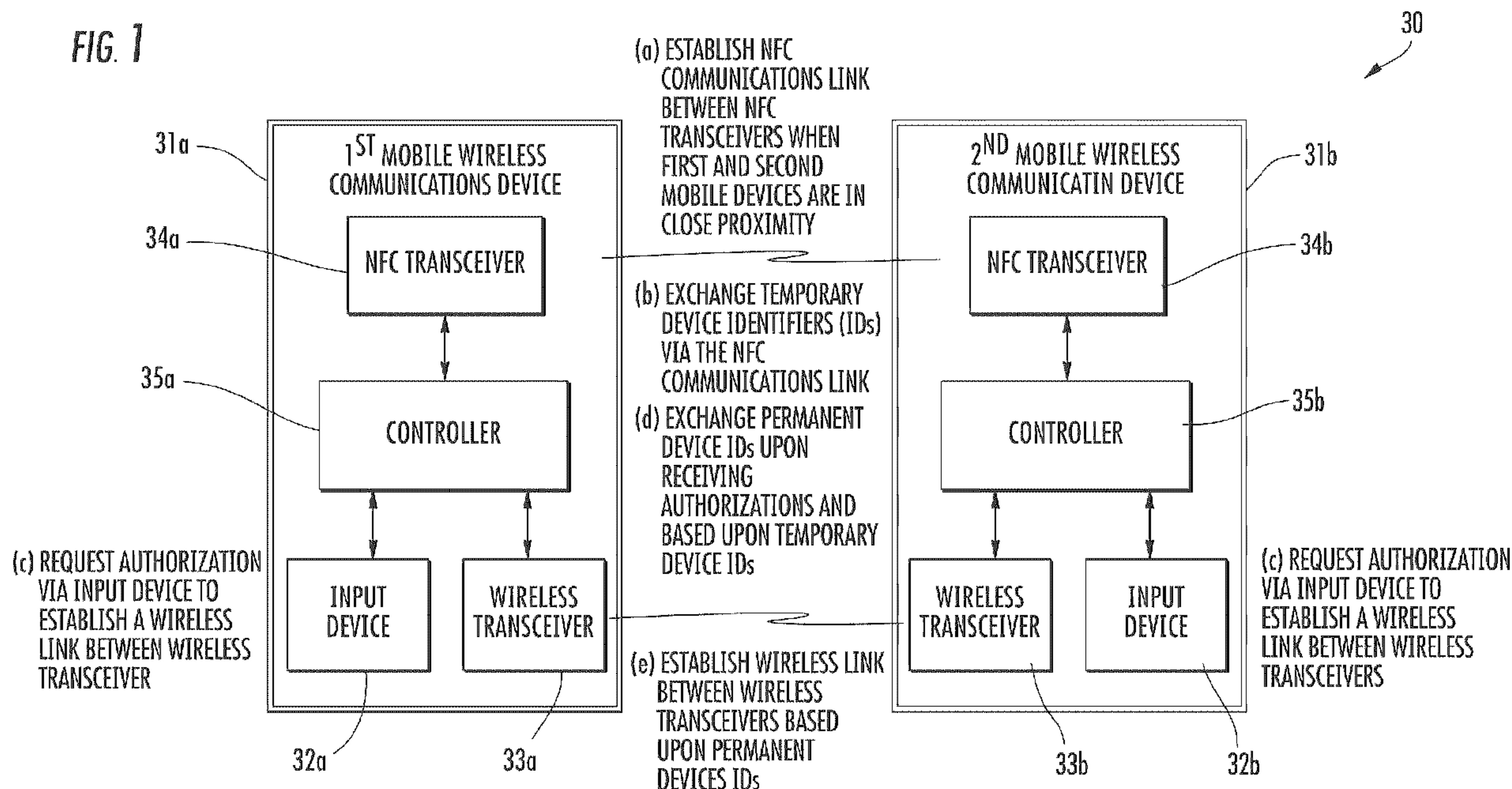




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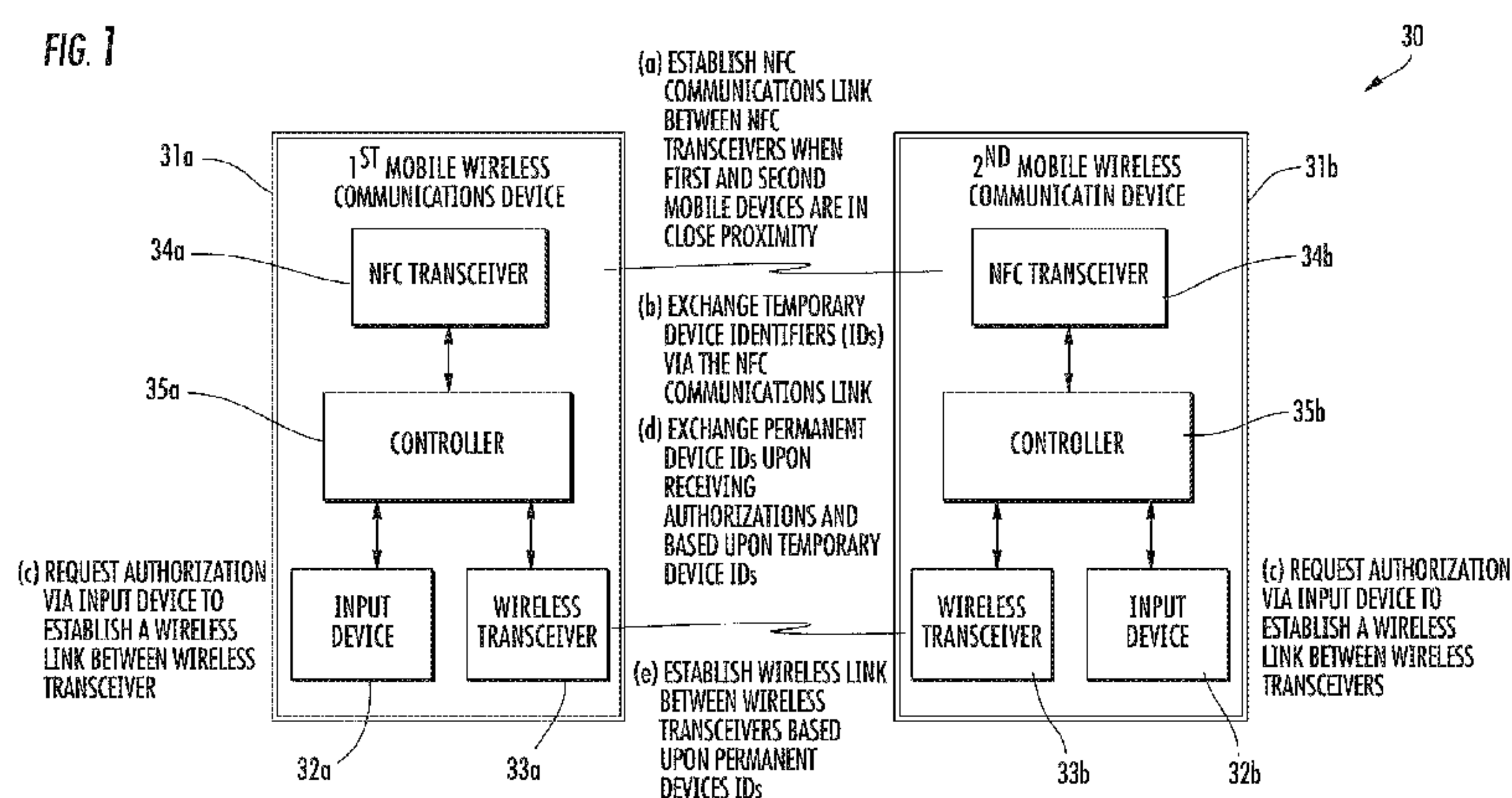
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The content of the above patent application is hereby
expressly incorporated by reference into the detailed
15 description hereof.

Technical Field

[0001] This application relates to the field of
communications, and more particularly, to electronic devices
20 and related methods that use near-field communication (NFC).

Background

[0002] Mobile communication systems continue to grow in
popularity and have become an integral part of both personal
25 and business communications. Various mobile devices now
incorporate Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) features such as
calendars, address books, task lists, calculators, memo and
writing programs, media players, games, etc. These multi-
function devices usually allow electronic mail (email)
30 messages to be sent and received wirelessly, as well as access
the Internet via a cellular network and/or a wireless local
area network (WLAN), for example.

[0003] Some mobile devices incorporate contactless card
technology and/or near field communication (NFC) chips. NFC
35 technology is commonly used for contactless short-range
communications based on radio frequency identification (RFID)

standards, using magnetic field induction to enable communication between electronic devices, including mobile wireless communications devices. These short-range communications include payment and ticketing, electronic keys, identification, device set-up service and similar information sharing. This short-range high frequency wireless communications technology exchanges data between devices over a short distance, such as only a few centimeters.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

[0004] FIG. 1 is a schematic block diagram of a wireless communications system in accordance with one example embodiment.

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[0005] FIG. 2 is a schematic block diagram of a mobile wireless communications device in accordance with an example embodiment.

[0006] FIGS. 3 and 4 are front views of mobile wireless communications devices in accordance with example embodiments.

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[0007] FIGS. 5 and 6 are flow diagrams illustrating method aspects associated with the system and mobile wireless communications devices of FIGS. 1-4.

[0008] FIG. 7 is a schematic block diagram illustrating example mobile wireless device components that may be used with the mobile wireless communications devices of FIGS. 1-4.

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Detailed Description

[0009] The present description is made with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which example embodiments are shown. However, many different embodiments may be used, and thus the description should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout, and

prime notation is used to indicate similar elements or steps in alternative embodiments.

[0010] Generally speaking, a wireless communications system is disclosed herein which may include a first mobile wireless communications device comprising a first input device, a first wireless transceiver, a first near-field communication (NFC) transceiver, and a first controller coupled to the first input device, the first wireless transceiver and the first NFC transceiver. A second mobile wireless communications device may include a second input device, a second wireless transceiver, a second NFC transceiver, and a second controller coupled to the second input device, the second wireless transceiver and the second NFC transceiver. At least one of the first controller and the second controller may be configured to establish an NFC communications link between the first NFC transceiver and the second NFC transceiver when the first mobile wireless communications device and second mobile wireless communications device are in proximity, provide a temporary device identifier (ID) via the NFC communications link, request authorization to establish a wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver, provide a permanent device ID upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID, and establish the wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver based upon the permanent device ID. As such, the temporary device ID may provide a way to communicate prior to authorizing the wireless link so that the more sensitive permanent device IDs are not compromised by an unauthorized source.

[0011] More particularly, at least one of the first mobile wireless communications device or the second mobile wireless communications device may include a display coupled to one of the first controller and the second controller, and the display being configured to display the request for

authorization. By way of example, each of the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver may comprise a Personal Area Network (PAN) transceiver, a Bluetooth transceiver, etc. Also by way of example, the temporary device
5 identifier may comprise a pseudorandom number, and the permanent device ID may comprise a Media Access Control (MAC) address.

[0012] Furthermore, at least one of the first input device or the second input device may comprise an input key. At least
10 one of the first input device or the second input device may comprise a touchscreen display. Also, at least one of the first controller and the second controller may be further configured to exchange data via the wireless link and terminate the wireless link upon a conclusion of the data
15 exchange, and purge the permanent device ID upon termination of the wireless link. The first mobile wireless communications device may also comprise a first cellular transceiver coupled with the first controller, and the second mobile wireless communications device may comprise a second cellular
20 transceiver coupled with the second controller. In addition, at least one of the first controller and the second controller may be configured to request authorization to establish the wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver via respective input devices.

[0013] A related mobile wireless communications device may include an input device, a wireless transceiver, a near-field communication (NFC) transceiver, and a controller coupled to the input device, the wireless transceiver, and the NFC transceiver. The controller may be configured to establish an
30 NFC communications link between the NFC transceiver and an NFC-enabled device when in proximity thereto, provide a temporary device identifier (ID) via the NFC communications link, request authorization to establish a wireless link between the wireless transceiver and the NFC-enabled device,

provide a permanent device ID to the NFC-enabled device upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID, and establish the wireless link between the wireless transceiver and the NFC-enabled device based upon the permanent device ID.

[0014] A related wireless communications method is for a first mobile wireless communications device comprising a first input device, a first wireless transceiver, a first near-field communication (NFC) transceiver, and a second mobile wireless communications device comprising a second input device, a second wireless transceiver, a second NFC transceiver. The method may include establishing an NFC communications link between the first NFC transceiver and the second NFC transceiver when the first mobile wireless communications device and second mobile wireless communications device are in proximity, providing a temporary device identifier (ID) via the NFC communications link, requesting an authorization to establish a wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver, providing a permanent device ID upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID, and establishing the wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver based upon the permanent device ID.

[0015] A related non-transitory computer-readable medium may have computer-executable instructions for causing a mobile wireless communication device comprising an input device, a wireless transceiver, and a near-field communication (NFC) transceiver to perform steps including establishing an NFC communications link between the NFC transceiver and an NFC-enabled device when in proximity thereto, and providing a temporary device identifier (ID) via the NFC communications link. The steps may further include requesting authorization to establish a wireless link between the wireless transceiver and the NFC-enabled device, providing a permanent device ID to

the NFC-enabled device upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID, and establishing the wireless link between the wireless transceiver and the NFC-enabled device based upon the permanent device ID.

- 5 **[0016]** Referring initially to FIG. 1, a wireless communication system **30** is first described. The system **30** illustratively includes first and second mobile wireless communications devices **31a**, **31b** (also referred to a "mobile devices" herein). Each of the first and second mobile devices
- 10 **31a**, **31b** illustratively includes a respective input device **32a**, **32b** (e.g., an input key(s), a touchscreen display, etc.), wireless transceiver **33a**, **33b**, near-field communication (NFC) transceiver **34a**, **34b**, and a controller **35a**, **35b** coupled to the respective input device **32a**, **32b**, the respective wireless
- 15 transceiver **33a**, **33b**, and the respective NFC transceiver **34a**, **34b**. By way of example, the controllers **35a**, **35b** may be implemented using a combination of hardware (e.g., microprocessor, etc.) and non-transitory computer readable medium components, as will be discussed further below.
- 20 **[0017]** By way of background, NFC is a short-range wireless communications technology in which NFC-enabled devices are "swiped," "bumped" or otherwise moved in close proximity to communicate. In one non-limiting example implementation, NFC may operate at 13.56 MHz and with an effective range of about
- 25 10cm, but other suitable versions of near-field communication which may have different operating frequencies, effective ranges, etc., for example, may also be used. The NFC transceivers **34a**, **34b** may be passive tags or active readers depending upon the given implementation. Example mobile
- 30 devices **31a**, **31b** may include portable or personal media players (e.g., MP3 players, video players, etc.), remote controls (e.g., television or stereo remotes, etc.), portable gaming devices, portable or mobile telephones, smartphones, etc.

[0018] As discussed above, an NFC connection or link is often used to establish a wireless PAN connection, such as a Bluetooth connection, in which data for establishing the Bluetooth connection is communicated. However, such data typically includes sensitive information, such as a Bluetooth Media Access Control (MAC) address which uniquely identifies a given device. It may be desirable not to communicate such data to unknown or untrusted sources, as this information could be used to track the whereabouts of a mobile device, or potentially for other surreptitious purposes. Yet, typical pairing protocols require the exchange of such information prior to establishing a Bluetooth link, and thus may be communicated without approval when NFC communications are established.

[0019] Referring additionally to FIG. 5, beginning at Block **50**, the controllers **35a, 35b** may be configured to establish an NFC communications link between the NFC transceivers **34a, 34b** when the first and second mobile devices **31a, 31b** are in close proximity (e.g., when bumped or swiped), at Blocks **51-52**. The controllers **35a, 35b** may be further configured to exchange temporary device identifiers (IDs) (e.g., an alphanumeric string) via the NFC communications link, at Block **53**, and request authorization via the input devices **32a, 32b** to establish a wireless link between the wireless transceivers **33a, 33b**, at Block **54**. By way of example, the temporary device IDs may be pseudorandom numbers respectively generated by the controllers **35a, 35b** whenever a pairing is initiated with another NFC-enabled device (although they may be generated beforehand as well). In this way, the mobile devices **31a, 31b** may use the temporary IDs to communicate until authorization is obtained to exchange more sensitive data. Other temporary device IDs besides pseudorandom numbers may also be used, such as an ID from a relatively large "dictionary" or list of IDs that is used only a single time or repeated infrequently so

that tracking or other undesirable events are much less likely to occur.

[0020] Once the authorization is received, at Block **55**, then controllers may exchange permanent device IDs (e.g., Bluetooth MAC addresses, etc.) based upon the temporary device identifiers, at Block **56**, and establish the wireless (e.g., Bluetooth) link between the wireless transceivers **33a**, **33b** based upon the permanent device IDs. As such, the temporary device IDs provide a way to communicate prior to authorizing the wireless link so that the more sensitive permanent device IDs are not provided to an unauthorized source, and rather the permanent devices IDs are exchanged once it can be determined that the other mobile device is a trusted source.

[0021] An example mobile device **131** is shown in FIG. 3, which illustratively includes a portable housing **136**, a display **137** carried by the portable housing **136**, as well as a trackball **138** and a keypad **139** as input devices. The mobile device **131** would also include components similar to those discussed above with reference to FIG. 1, which are not shown for ease of illustration. The display **137** is configured to display the request for authorization. In the illustrated example, this takes the form of an on-screen menu providing two options with respect to a requested wireless connection, namely: (1) establish a connection with the paired device (i.e., the NFC-enabled device in proximity with the mobile device **131**); or (2) not to establish a wireless link with the paired device (i.e., because it is unknown, not trustworthy, etc.). The trackball **138** (or keypad **139**) may be used to select the desired option from the menu.

[0022] In some implementations, a more extensive list of authorization menu options may be provided, such as in the example mobile device **131'** of FIG. 4. Here, the mobile device **131'** illustratively includes a touchscreen display **137'** and function buttons **140'**. In this example, menu options are

provided for sending or receiving a picture from an NFC-enabled device, as well as the option not to establish a wireless (e.g., Bluetooth) link with the other NFC-enabled device.

5 **[0023]** If the option to establish the wireless link is selected (i.e., authorization is provided), the mobile device controllers **35a**, **35b** are further configured upon establishing the wireless link to exchange data (e.g., a picture file(s), etc.) via the wireless link, and terminate the wireless link
10 upon a conclusion thereof. The controllers **35a**, **35b** may also be configured to purge the permanent device IDs received from one another upon termination of the wireless link, if desired, at Blocks **59'**-**62'** (see FIG. 6).

15 **[0024]** In some embodiments, both devices need not be performing the above-described authorization operations; rather only one of the two devices may perform the authorization operations. Referring to FIG. 2, the mobile device **31'** may provide a temporary device ID to another NFC-enabled device when in close proximity therewith, but the NFC-
20 enabled device may or may not provide a temporary device ID (i.e., it may convey a permanent ID) or request authorization before establishing the wireless link. Yet, the controller **35'** does request the authorization, and only establishes the wireless link upon receiving the authorization to do so. This
25 advantageously helps secure against a wireless connection being established with the wireless transceiver **33'** without prior authorization, to thereby help avoid tracking or other undesirable actions. In the example of FIG. 2, the mobile device **31'** further illustratively includes a cellular
30 transceiver **36'** for communicating via a cellular network, which is illustratively represented as a cell tower **37'**.

35 **[0025]** A related non-transitory computer-readable medium may have computer-executable instructions for causing a mobile device **31'** to perform steps comprising establishing an NFC

communications link between the NFC transceiver **35'** and an NFC-enabled device when in close proximity thereto, and providing a temporary device ID to the NFC-enabled device via the NFC communications link. Further steps may include
5 requesting authorization via the input device **32'** to establish a wireless link between the wireless transceiver **33'** and the NFC-enabled device, providing a permanent device ID to the NFC-enabled device upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID, and establishing the wireless
10 link between the wireless transceiver and the NFC-enabled device based upon the permanent device ID, as discussed above.

[0026] The foregoing will be further understood with reference to an example implementation thereof. Referring again to FIG. 1, when the mobile devices **31a, 31b** are tapped
15 together or otherwise moved in close proximity to one another, the NFC transceivers exchange pseudorandom numbers as temporary device IDs. A menu is provided (such as on the display **137** or **137'** in FIGS. 3 and 4, respectively), at which point an appropriate send or receive (or both) option is
20 chosen, or the wireless connection is cancelled if it is not desired to establish the wireless link between the mobile devices **31a, 31b**. In the event that a send or receive (or both) option is chosen, then Bluetooth MAC addresses are exchanged as the permanent IDs, and a Bluetooth peer-to-peer
25 connection is established using the pseudorandom numbers as discoverable names. These discoverable names may then be changed back to default names, if desired, in some embodiments. It should be noted that in some implementations, the authorization may be performed without requiring a user to
30 select the various options (i.e. the authorization may be received automatically). In accordance with one example, a challenge-response exchange between the two devices may be used.

[0027] Considered in other terms, both mobile devices **31a**, **31b** switch to Bluetooth discoverable modes using the pseudorandom numbers they exchanged via the NFC link as their temporary Bluetooth name. The mobile devices **31a**, **31b** search
5 for one another, pair, and then switch back to a non-discoverable mode. In accordance with one example, an exchanged pseudorandom number(s) may be used to initiate a Diffie-Hellman key exchange. Another example is that the random number may encode a certificate/private key used for
10 other cryptographic protocols.

[0028] When the initial data exchange is complete (e.g., sending a selected picture, etc.), various options are available. An example option is to prompt whether the Bluetooth connection should remain open or should be closed
15 (such as through an on-screen menu, for example). Another example option is to automatically terminate the connection when the given data transfer operation is complete. Still another example option is to "forget" or purge the Bluetooth MAC addresses that were exchanged, as discussed above, and
20 this may even be a default operation that is automatic and set at the time of manufacturing, if desired.

[0029] Various embodiments of the above-described systems, methods, and computer-readable media may provide numerous technical advantages. One of these advantages in some
25 embodiments is that a special or designated button or menu option is not required to activate NFC operation. Simply tapping or otherwise moving the devices together initiates the process. Moreover, by exchanging temporary device IDs (e.g., pseudorandom numbers), neither mobile device has revealed any
30 private information. Thus, in some embodiments, if a given mobile device is maliciously scanned via NFC, all that is transmitted is a pseudorandom number. Since it is a pseudorandomly generated number, this would not facilitate tracking of the mobile device. Additionally, the temporary

device ID (e.g., pseudorandom number) exchange may advantageously cause the above-described authorization menu to be displayed so that there is a warning that scanning via NFC has occurred, and thereby provide an alert to a potential
5 attack attempt. Further, the pseudorandom number is dynamic, and therefore not a constant like a permanent Bluetooth MAC address that may potentially be used to track a mobile device over time.

[0030] Example components of a mobile wireless
10 communications device **1000** that may be used in accordance with the above-described embodiments are further described below with reference to FIG. 7. The device **1000** illustratively includes a housing **1200**, a keyboard or keypad **1400** and an output device **1600**. The output device shown is a display **1600**,
15 which may comprise a full graphic LCD. Other types of output devices may alternatively be utilized. A processing device **1800** is contained within the housing **1200** and is coupled between the keypad **1400** and the display **1600**. The processing device **1800** controls the operation of the display **1600**, as
20 well as the overall operation of the mobile device **1000**, in response to actuation of keys on the keypad **1400**.

[0031] The housing **1200** may be elongated vertically, or may take on other sizes and shapes (including clamshell housing structures). The keypad may include a mode selection key, or
25 other hardware or software for switching between text entry and telephony entry.

[0032] In addition to the processing device **1800**, other parts of the mobile device **1000** are shown schematically in FIG. 7. These include a communications subsystem **1001**; a
30 short-range communications subsystem **1020**; the keypad **1400** and the display **1600**, along with other input/output devices **1060**, **1080**, **1100** and **1120**; as well as memory devices **1160**, **1180** and various other device subsystems **1201**. The mobile device **1000** may comprise a two-way RF communications device having data

and, optionally, voice communications capabilities. In addition, the mobile device **1000** may have the capability to communicate with other computer systems via the Internet.

[0033] Operating system software executed by the processing device **1800** is stored in a persistent store, such as the flash memory **1160**, but may be stored in other types of memory devices, such as a read only memory (ROM) or similar storage element. In addition, system software, specific device applications, or parts thereof, may be temporarily loaded into a volatile store, such as the random access memory (RAM) **1180**. Communications signals received by the mobile device may also be stored in the RAM **1180**.

[0034] The processing device **1800**, in addition to its operating system functions, enables execution of software applications **1300A-1300N** on the device **1000**. A predetermined set of applications that control basic device operations, such as data and voice communications **1300A** and **1300B**, may be installed on the device **1000** during manufacture. In addition, a personal information manager (PIM) application may be installed during manufacture. The PIM may be capable of organizing and managing data items, such as e-mail, calendar events, voice mails, appointments, and task items. The PIM application may also be capable of sending and receiving data items via a wireless network **1401**. The PIM data items may be seamlessly integrated, synchronized and updated via the wireless network **1401** with corresponding data items stored or associated with a host computer system.

[0035] Communication functions, including data and voice communications, are performed through the communications subsystem **1001**, and possibly through the short-range communications subsystem. The communications subsystem **1001** includes a receiver **1500**, a transmitter **1520**, and one or more antennas **1540** and **1560**. In addition, the communications subsystem **1001** also includes a processing module, such as a

digital signal processor (DSP) **1580**, and local oscillators (LOs) **1601**. The specific design and implementation of the communications subsystem **1001** is dependent upon the communications network in which the mobile device **1000** is intended to operate. For example, a mobile device **1000** may include a communications subsystem **1001** designed to operate with the Mobitex™, Data TAC™ or General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) mobile data communications networks, and also designed to operate with any of a variety of voice communications networks, such as AMPS, TDMA, CDMA, WCDMA, PCS, GSM, EDGE, etc. Other types of data and voice networks, both separate and integrated, may also be utilized with the mobile device **1000**. The mobile device **1000** may also be compliant with other communications standards such as 3GSM, 3GPP, UMTS, 4G, etc.

[0036] Network access requirements vary depending upon the type of communication system. For example, in the Mobitex and DataTAC networks, mobile devices are registered on the network using a unique personal identification number or PIN associated with each device. In GPRS networks, however, network access is associated with a subscriber or user of a device. A GPRS device therefore typically involves use of a subscriber identity module, commonly referred to as a SIM card, in order to operate on a GPRS network.

[0037] When required network registration or activation procedures have been completed, the mobile device **1000** may send and receive communications signals over the communication network **1401**. Signals received from the communications network **1401** by the antenna **1540** are routed to the receiver **1500**, which provides for signal amplification, frequency down conversion, filtering, channel selection, etc., and may also provide analog to digital conversion. Analog-to-digital conversion of the received signal allows the DSP **1580** to perform more complex communications functions, such as demodulation and decoding. In a similar manner, signals to be

transmitted to the network **1401** are processed (e.g. modulated and encoded) by the DSP **1580** and are then provided to the transmitter **1520** for digital to analog conversion, frequency up conversion, filtering, amplification and transmission to
5 the communication network **1401** (or networks) via the antenna **1560**.

[0038] In addition to processing communications signals, the DSP **1580** provides for control of the receiver **1500** and the transmitter **1520**. For example, gains applied to communications
10 signals in the receiver **1500** and transmitter **1520** may be adaptively controlled through automatic gain control algorithms implemented in the DSP **1580**.

[0039] In a data communications mode, a received signal, such as a text message or web page download, is processed by
15 the communications subsystem **1001** and is input to the processing device **1800**. The received signal is then further processed by the processing device **1800** for an output to the display **1600**, or alternatively to some other auxiliary I/O device **1060**. A device may also be used to compose data items,
20 such as e-mail messages, using the keypad **1400** and/or some other auxiliary I/O device **1060**, such as a touchpad, a rocker switch, a thumb-wheel, or some other type of input device. The composed data items may then be transmitted over the communications network **1401** via the communications subsystem
25 **1001**.

[0040] In a voice communications mode, overall operation of the device is substantially similar to the data communications mode, except that received signals are output to a speaker **1100**, and signals for transmission are generated by a
30 microphone **1120**. Alternative voice or audio I/O subsystems, such as a voice message recording subsystem, may also be implemented on the device **1000**. In addition, the display **1600** may also be utilized in voice communications mode, for example

to display the identity of a calling party, the duration of a voice call, or other voice call related information.

[0041] The short-range communications subsystem enables communication between the mobile device **1000** and other
5 proximate systems or devices, which need not necessarily be similar devices. For example, the short-range communications subsystem may include an infrared device and associated circuits and components, NFC or a Bluetooth™ communications module to provide for communication with similarly-enabled
10 systems and devices.

[0042] Many modifications and other embodiments will come to the mind of one skilled in the art having the benefit of the teachings presented in the foregoing descriptions and the associated drawings. Therefore, it is understood that various
15 modifications and embodiments are intended to be included within the scope of the appended claims.

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wireless communications system comprising:
a first mobile wireless communications device
5 comprising a first input device, a first wireless transceiver,
a first near-field communication (NFC) transceiver, and a
first controller coupled to said first input device, said
first wireless transceiver and said first NFC transceiver; and
a second mobile wireless communications device
10 comprising a second input device, a second wireless
transceiver, a second NFC transceiver, and a second controller
coupled to said second input device, said second wireless
transceiver and said second NFC transceiver;
wherein at least one of said first controller and
15 said second controller is configured to
establish an NFC communications link between
said first NFC transceiver and said second NFC
transceiver when said first mobile wireless
communications device and second mobile wireless
20 communications device are in proximity,
provide a temporary device identifier (ID) via
the NFC communications link,
request authorization to establish a wireless
link between said first wireless transceiver and
25 said second wireless transceiver,
provide a permanent device ID upon receiving
the authorization and based upon the temporary
device ID, and
establish the wireless link between said first
30 wireless transceiver and said second wireless
transceiver based upon the permanent device ID.
2. The wireless communications system of Claim 1
wherein at least one of said first mobile wireless

communications device or said second mobile wireless communications device comprises a display coupled to one of said first controller and said second controller, the display being configured to display the request for authorization.

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3. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein each of said first wireless transceiver and said second wireless transceiver comprises a Personal Area Network (PAN) transceiver.

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4. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein each of said first wireless transceiver and said second wireless transceiver comprises a Bluetooth transceiver.

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5. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein the temporary device identifier comprises a pseudorandom number.

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6. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein the permanent device ID comprises a Media Access Control (MAC) address.

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7. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said first input device or said second input device comprises an input key.

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8. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said first input device or said second input device comprises a touchscreen display.

9. The wireless communications system of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said first controller and said second controller is further configured to:

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exchange data via the wireless link and terminate the wireless link upon a conclusion of the data exchange; and

purge the permanent device ID upon termination of the wireless link.

10. The wireless communications system of Claim 1
5 wherein at least one of said first controller and said second controller is configured to request authorization to establish the wireless link between said first wireless transceiver and said second wireless transceiver via respective input devices.

10 11. A wireless communications method for a first mobile wireless communications device comprising a first input device, a first wireless transceiver, a first near-field communication (NFC) transceiver, and a second mobile wireless communications device comprising a second input device, a
15 second wireless transceiver, a second NFC transceiver, the method comprising:

establishing an NFC communications link between the first NFC transceiver and the second NFC transceiver when the first mobile wireless communications device and second mobile
20 wireless communications device are in proximity;

providing a temporary device identifier (ID) via the NFC communications link;

requesting an authorization to establish a wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second
25 wireless transceiver;

providing a permanent device ID upon receiving the authorization and based upon the temporary device ID; and

establishing the wireless link between the first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver based
30 upon the permanent device ID.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein at least one of the first mobile wireless communications device or the second mobile wireless communications device comprises a display; and

further comprising displaying the request for authorization on the display.

13. The method of Claim 11 wherein each of the
5 first wireless transceiver and the second wireless transceiver comprises a Bluetooth transceiver.

14. The method of Claim 11 wherein the temporary
device identifier comprises a pseudorandom number.

10 15. The method of Claim 11 wherein the permanent device ID comprises a Media Access Control (MAC) address.

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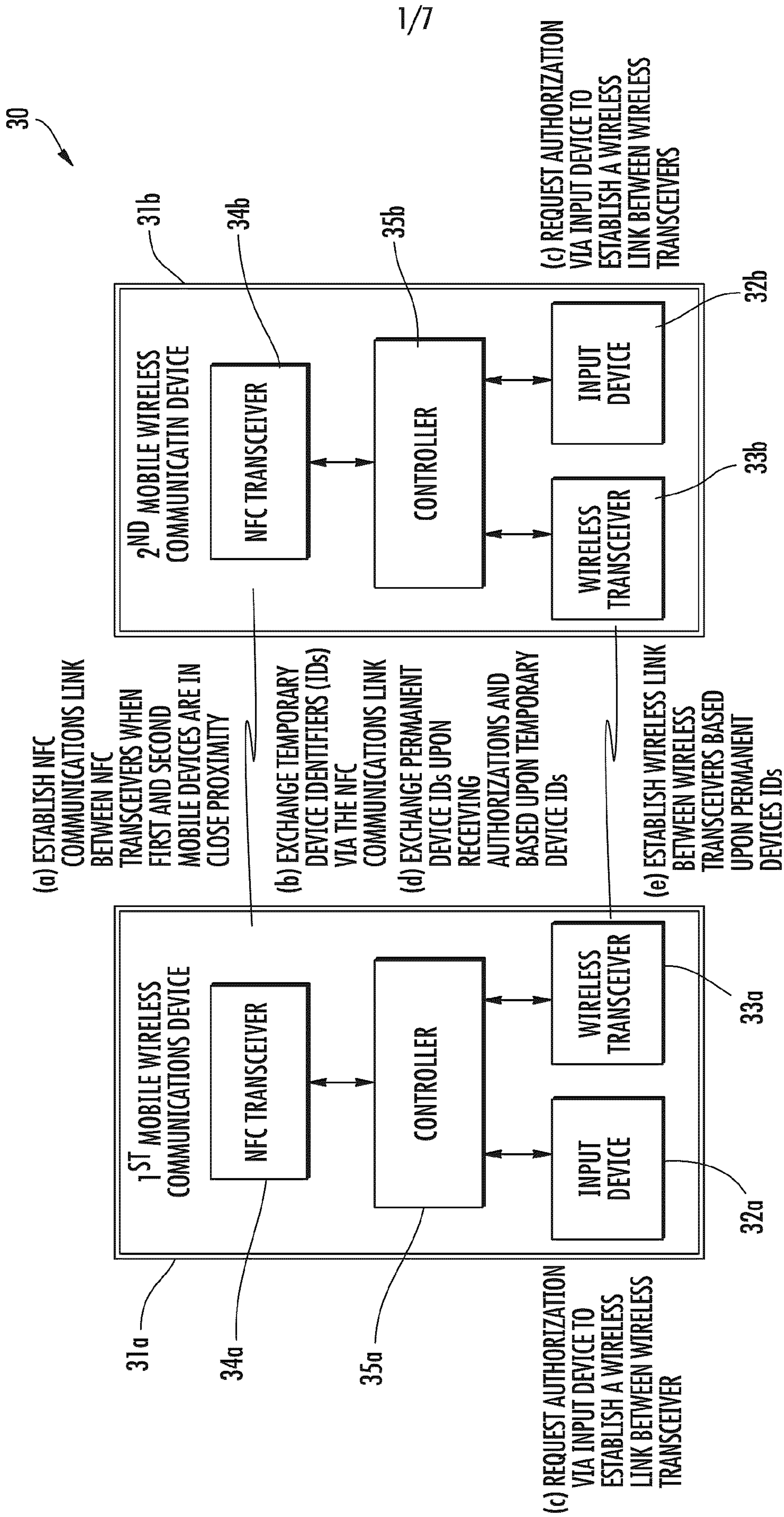


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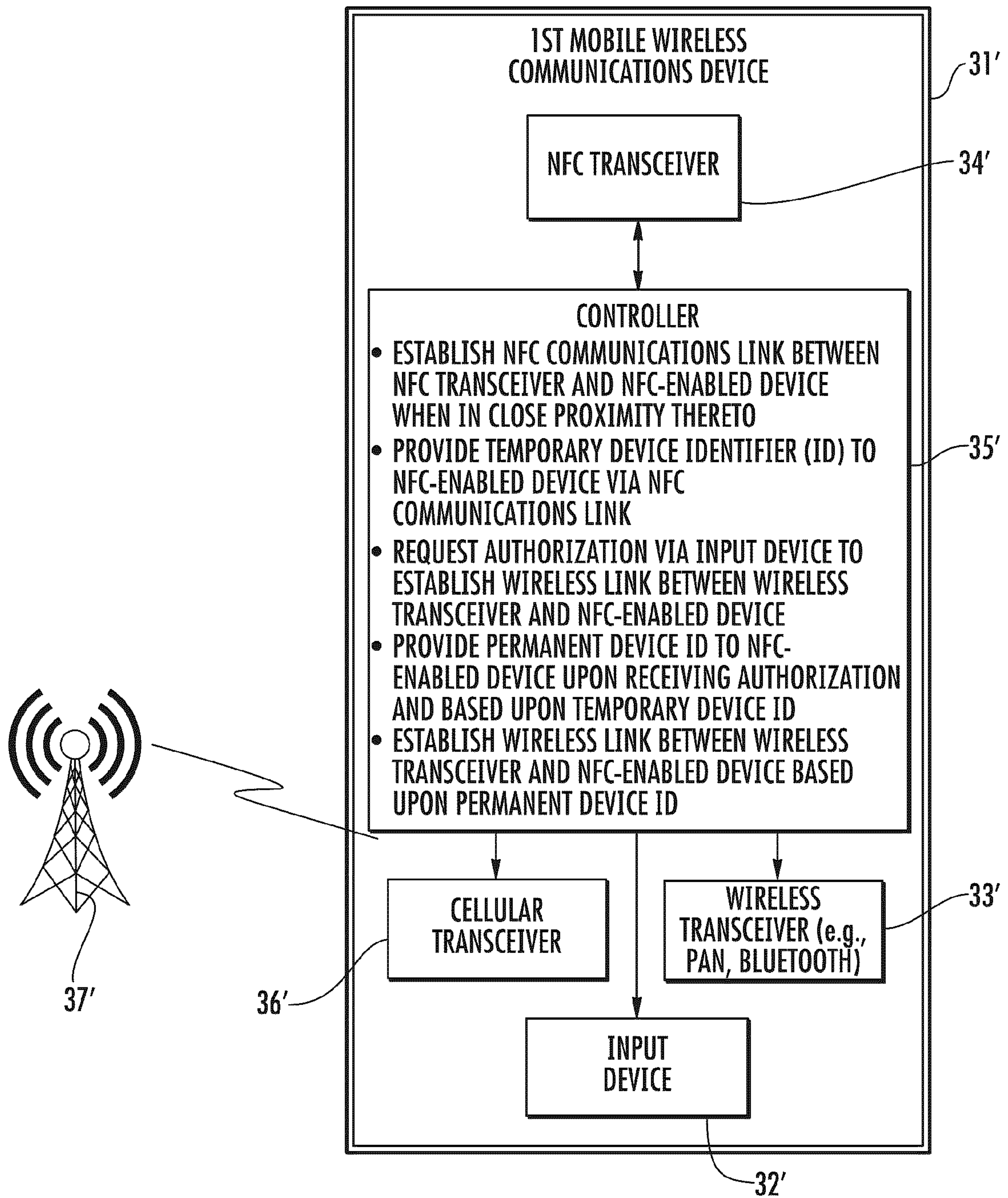
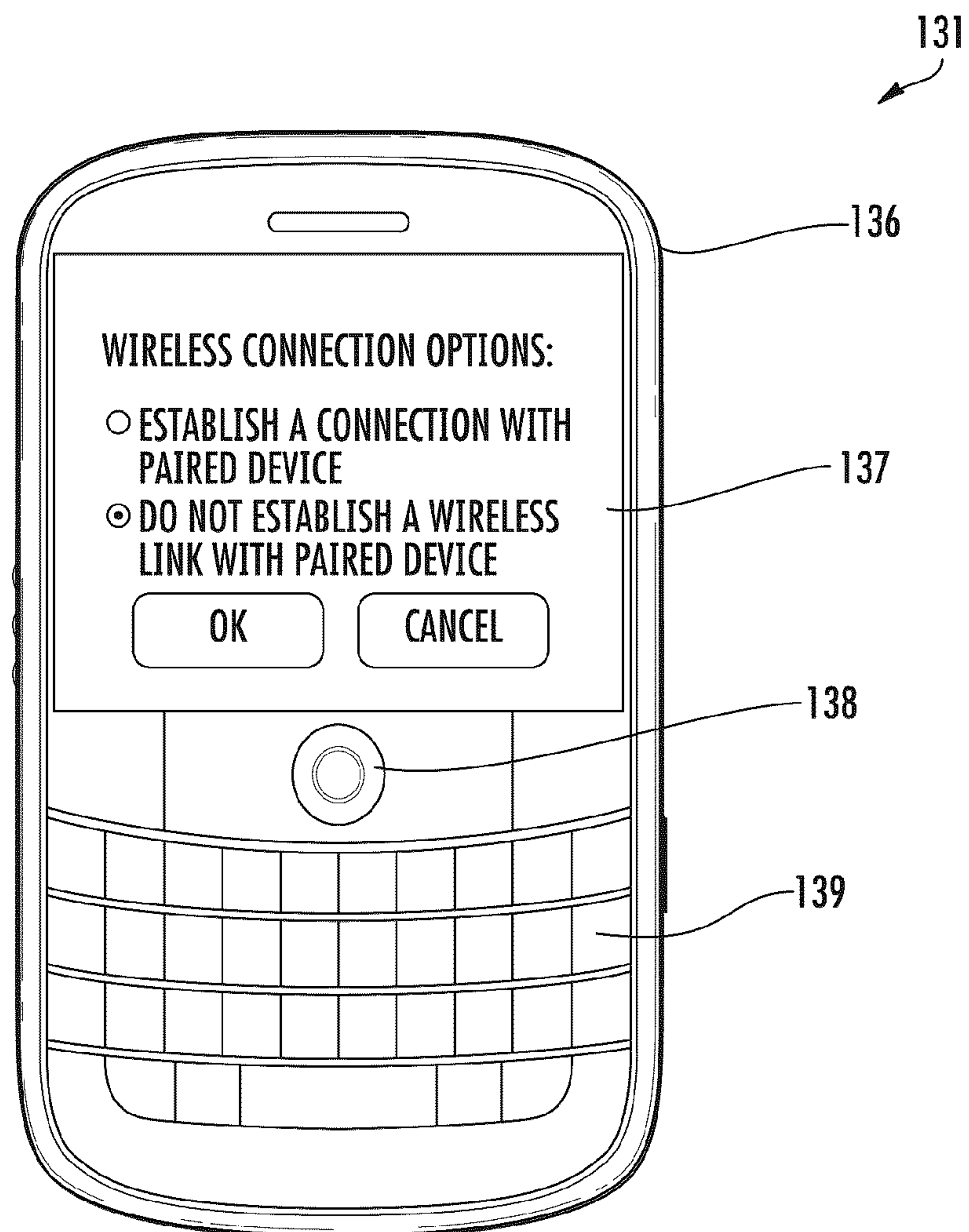


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**FIG. 3**

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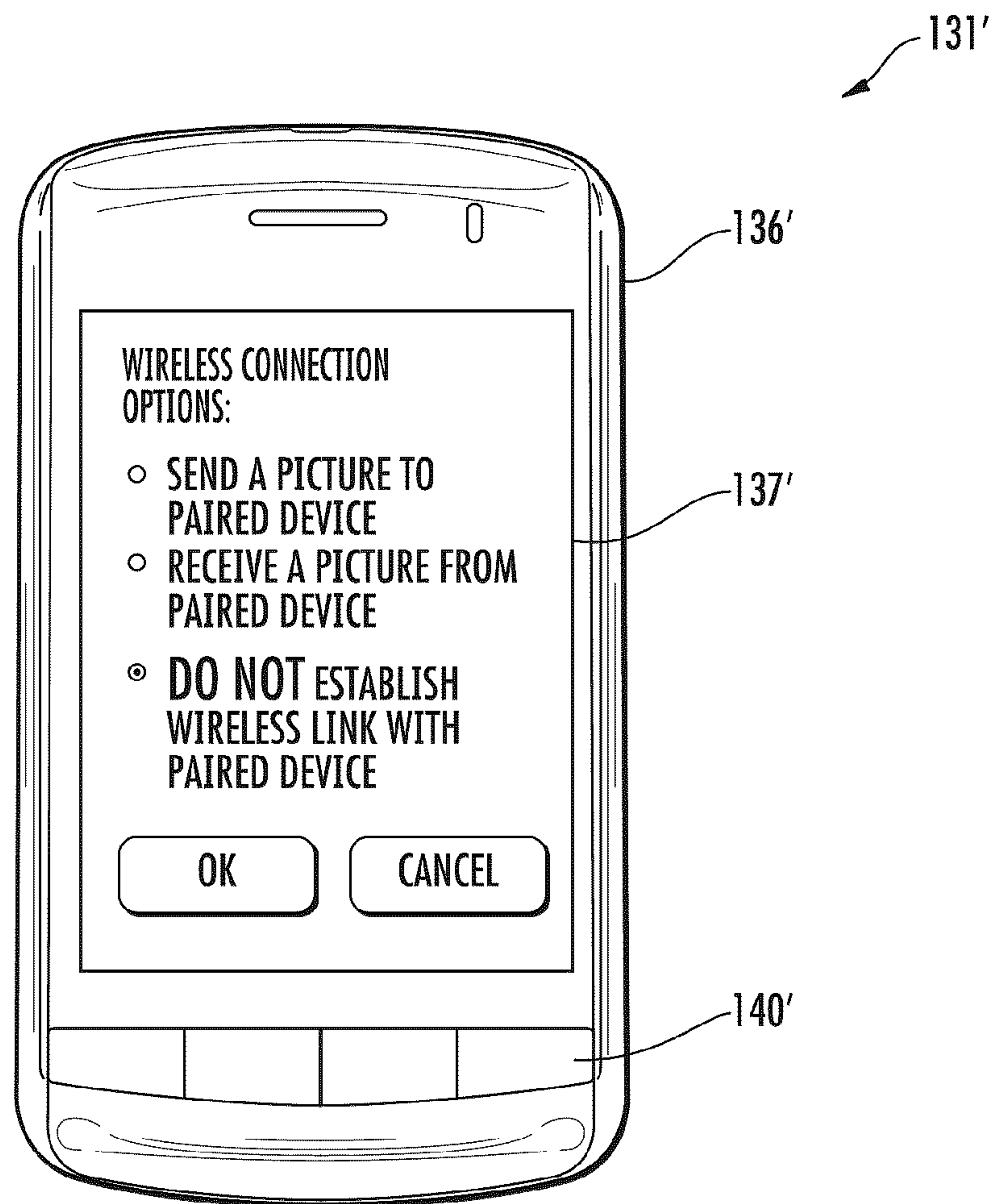


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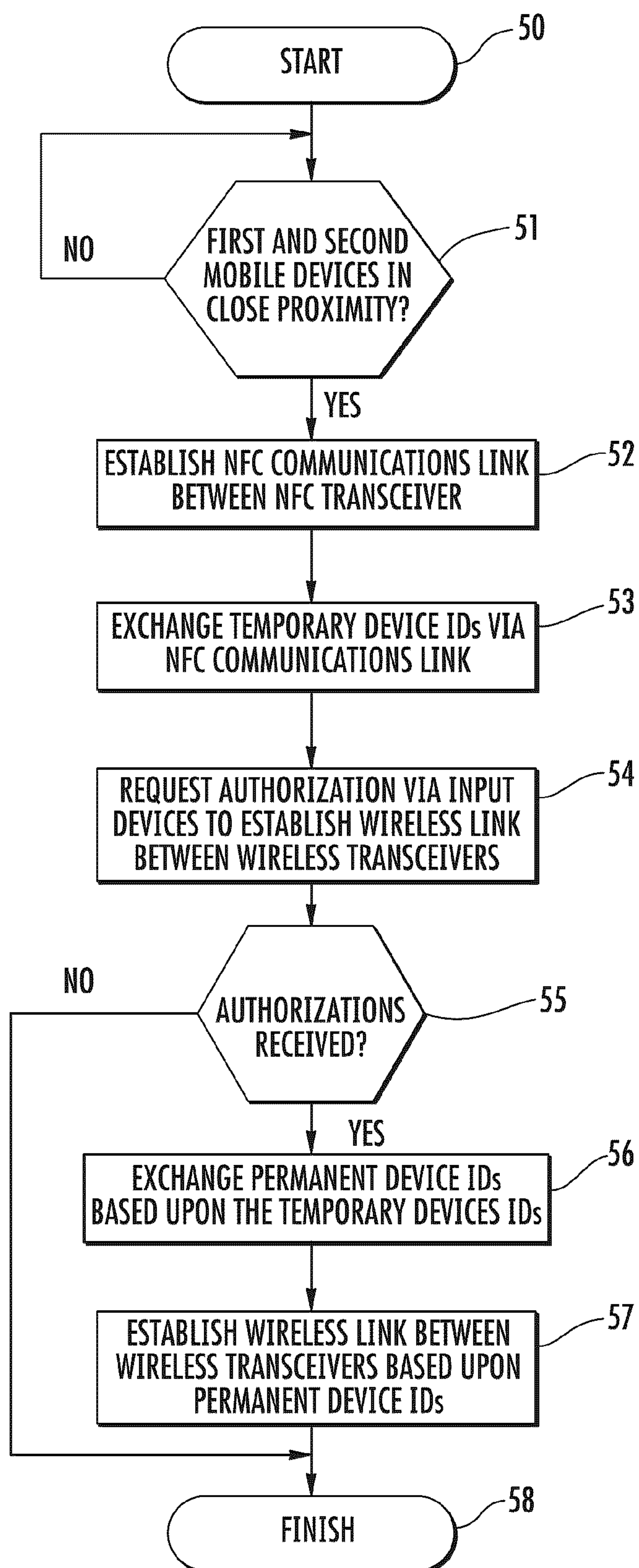


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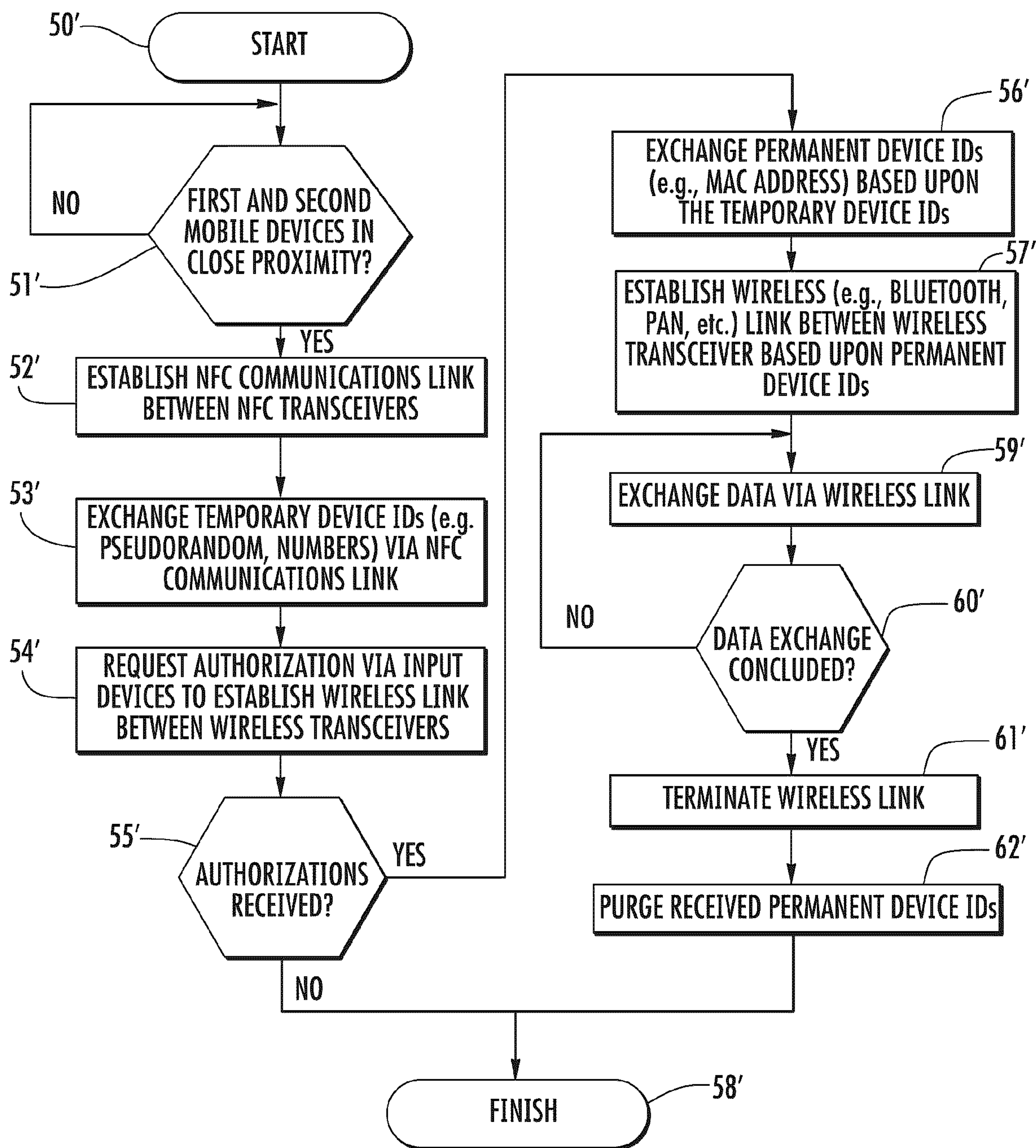


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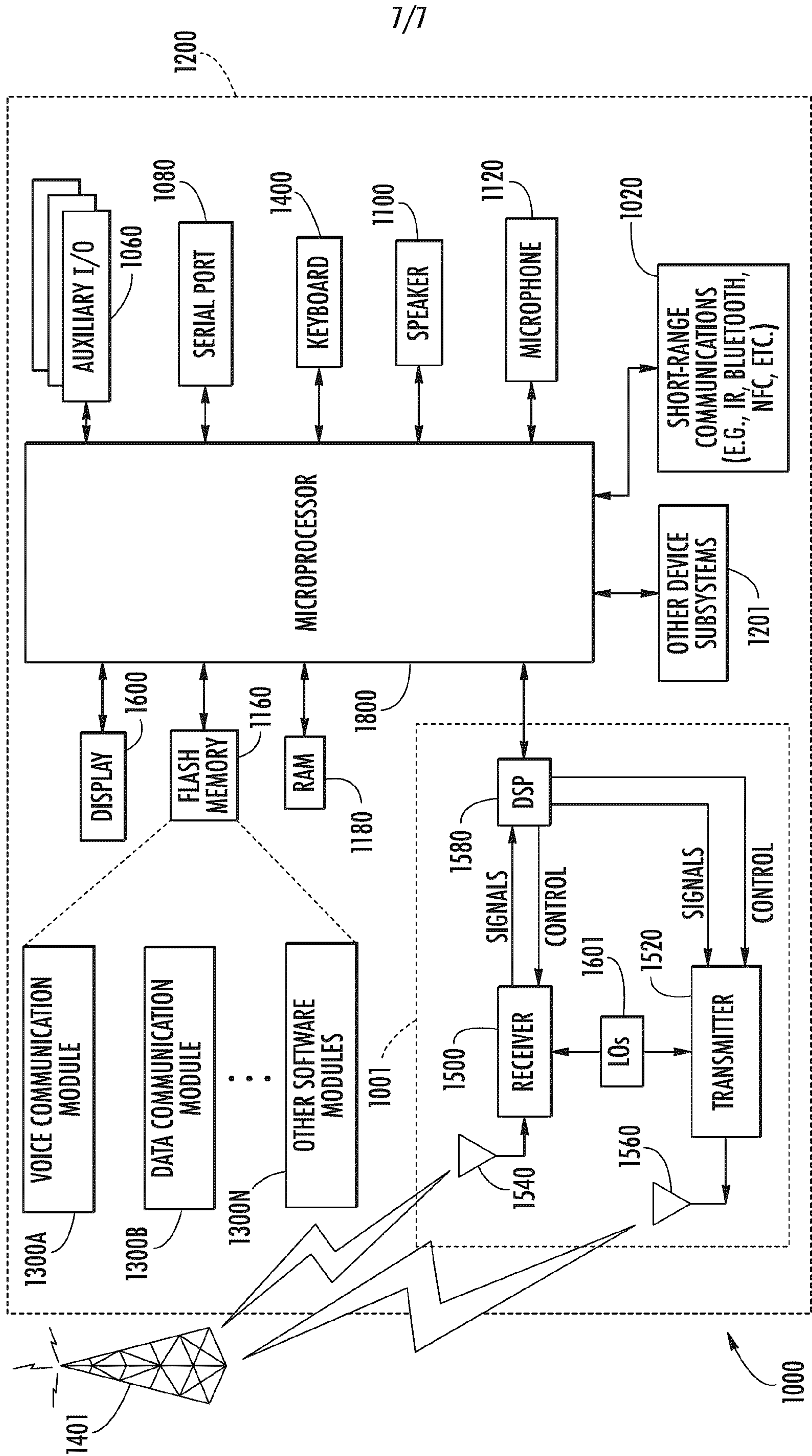


FIG. 7

FIG. 1

