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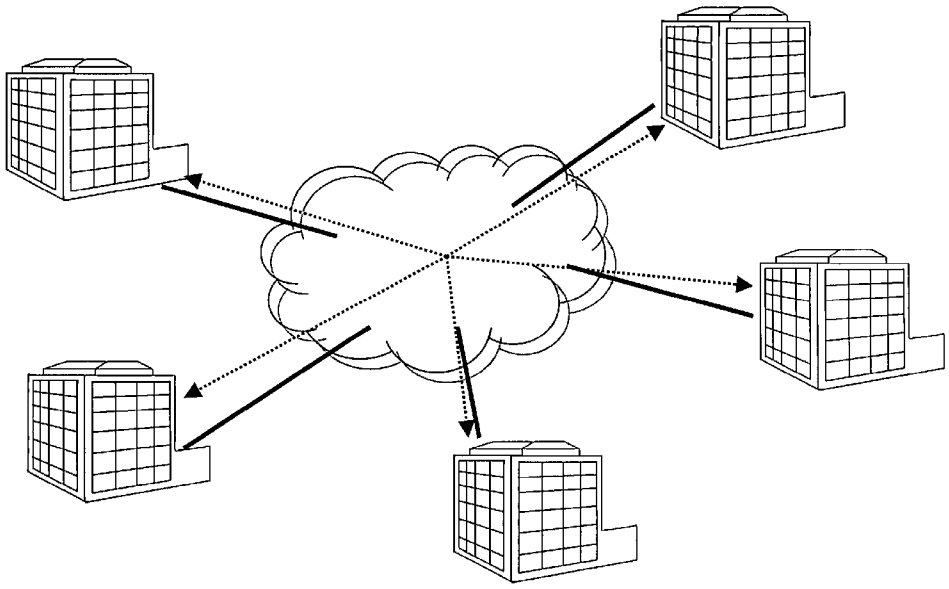


Fig. 8

(57) Abstract: System and methods for providing an intelligent overlay for providing dynamic control policies, keys and management of same for secure communication of information, data and/or communication over a network without requiring any change in the network hardware or infrastructure and requiring a minimum number of policies and SAs to create a full mesh, wherein the number of policies is less than N(N-I) and number of SAs is less than 2N(N-I), where N is the number of end points on the network.

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