Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR NOTIFICATION OF A PARTY IN A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Abstract: Systems, methods, and machine-readable articles of manufacture enable private notification of a participant in a telephone conference. In representative embodiments, a system receives a telephone call (210) intended for a first conference participant, generates an informative announcement (220, 225) containing information regarding the call, mixes the informative announcement with the conference audio (235), and privately plays (235) the mixed audio to the first participant. In other representative embodiments, the system concurrently generates a non-informative announcement (225), mixes the non-informative announcement with the conference audio (235), and plays the second mixed audio to the other conference participant or participants (235a). In this way, the first participant is notified of the incoming call while simultaneously listening to the conference audio, and the information regarding the call is not shared with the other conference participant or participants.
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