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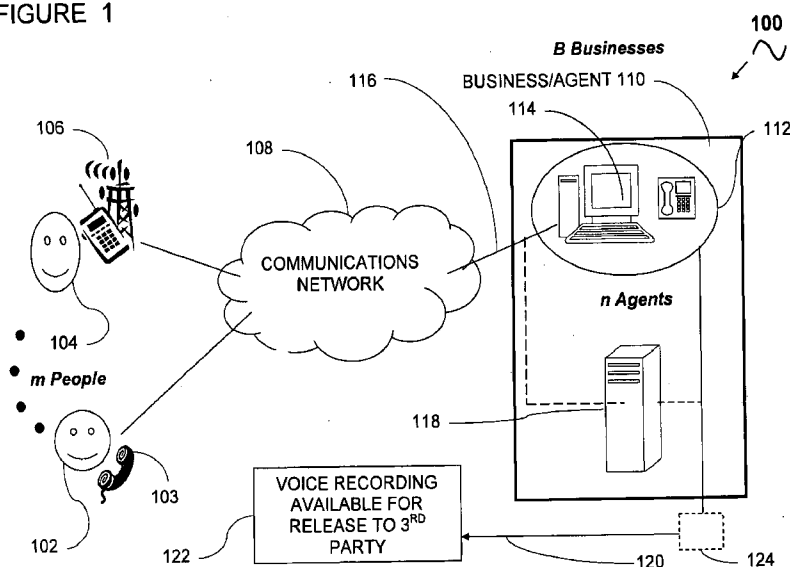
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(54) Title: SELECTIVE SECURITY MASKING WITHIN RECORDED SPEECH

FIGURE 1



(57) Abstract: A marker is derived from an interaction between a person and an agent of a business and the agent's user interface. A part of a speech signal that corresponds to a portion of the person's special information is located with the marker. The speech signal results from the interaction between the person and the agent. The part of the speech signal that corresponds to the portion of the person's special information is rendered unintelligible.

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X	US 6,519,699 B2 (LU et al.) 11 February 2003 (11.02.2003), Abstract; col. 2, line 62 to col. 3, line 7; Fig. 1; Fig. 2, element 225	1-13, 72-90

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Group 1, claim(s) 1-13 and 72-90, drawn to method and system to protect a person's special information by determining if the person's special information is contained within the speech signal.

Group 2, claim(s) 14-25, 37-53 and 58-65, drawn to method and system to protect a person's special information by determining a time that corresponds to an activity and utilizing the activity to associate an identifier with a speech signal.

Group 3, claim(s) 26-36, 54-57, 66-71 and 91-103, drawn to method and system to protect a person's special information by correlating an activity in an area of a user interface with a speech signal.

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