

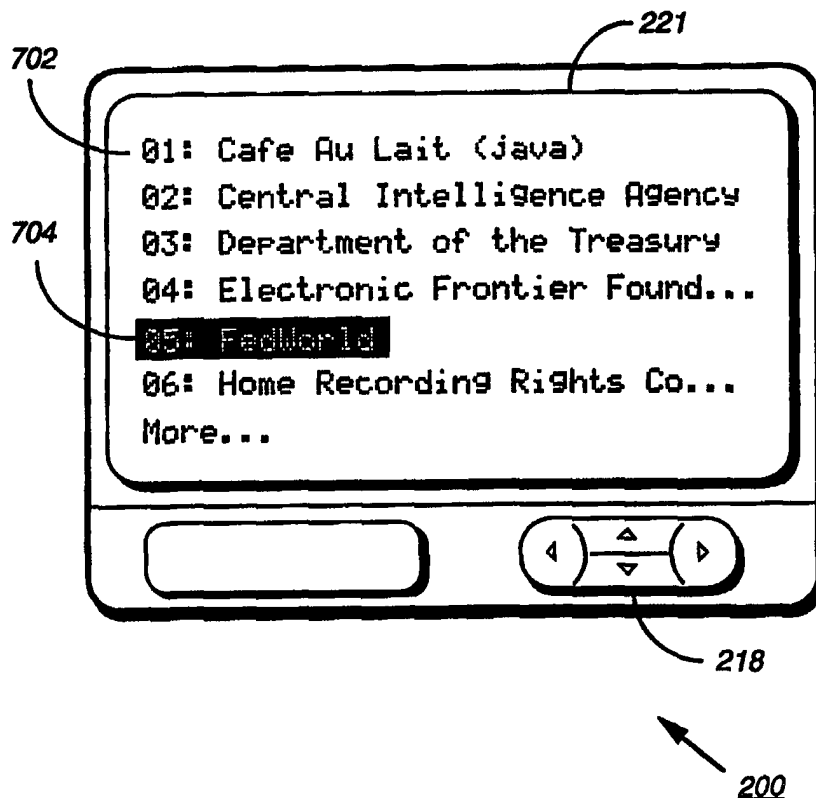


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(54) Title: REMOTE TOKEN BASED INFORMATION ACQUISITION SYSTEM**(57) Abstract**

A remote token based information acquisition system (100) operates to generate the wireless request and delivery of information corresponding with a uniform resource locator. The system includes a personal messaging device (200) having a receiver (205) that receives a selective call message including a selective call address and a canned message representing the uniform resource locator. A microprocessor (207) operates to determine selection of the personal messaging device, decoding, storage, and presentation of the canned message. A transmitter (204) coupled to the processor operates to send a reverse channel message requesting information corresponding with the uniform resource locator.



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REMOTE TOKEN BASED INFORMATION ACQUISITION SYSTEM**Field of the Invention**

5 This invention relates in general to two way personal messaging devices and more particularly to a two way personal messaging device that allows a user to access information residing on an intranet or Internet server.

Background of the Invention

10 Generally, if a user desires to access information residing on an intranet or Internet server, they must have direct access to a device having a wired connection to the intranet or Internet, the device further having a TCP/IP
15 protocol stack running. Although devices of this sort are fairly common now, they require a direct physical connection, e.g., via a dedicated high speed network or a dial-up network. This is inconvenient for a user that is mobile, since they
20 must access one of these connections using either a modem (in that case of dial-up access) or a network adapter that supports TCP/IP.

 Even with cellular telephone connections, the user is faced with an extremely inefficient information transfer
25 because the TCP/IP protocol stack must run on top of an asynchronous protocol such as PPP (point-to-point protocol) which is commonly used to access dial-up Internet services. The result is an expensive, inefficient connection that requires high bandwidth to convey information to the user.
30 Moreover, present Internet browser software requires several megabytes of memory to execute on a portable or other computing device. Furthermore, presentation of retrieved information in a format resembling that intended by an author or publisher of a document (e.g., an intended mode of
35 presentation) requires a fairly large information display. These constraints are clearly not practical when considering the small amount of memory available, and small display size of portable personal messaging devices, since the retrieved information cannot be presented in large screen formats

associated with conventional Internet browsers. Lastly, the markets in which such portable personal messaging devices are sold require that the device have extended operation time while away from typical alternating current power sources, and that the device remain portable, e.g., weighing only several hundred grams at most.

Consequently, what is needed is an apparatus that allows a mobile user to efficiently access Internet resources while maintaining extended battery life.

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a selective call communication signaling system configured for operation in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a typical personal messaging device for use in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3 illustrates an electronic information processing device or computer configured for operation in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4 illustrates a typical Internet web browser access screen for retrieving both default and personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 5 illustrates a typical Internet web browser access screen for retrieving default bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 6 illustrates a typical Internet web browser access screen for configuring personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 7 illustrates a typical Internet web browser access screen on a personal messaging device for configuring and accessing personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 8 illustrates a typical Internet web browser access screen on a personal messaging device for presenting information communicated to the personal messaging device from the paging terminal in accordance with the present invention.

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Description of a Preferred Embodiment

Referring to FIG. 1, a remote token based information acquisition system (e.g., a paging system **100**), accepts page or messaging requests from several external sources, e.g. a telephone **102**, a page entry device **104**, and a computer with a modem **106**. The computer **106** show here is exemplary in nature, and can function as a messaging client, a world wide web client, or as a world wide web host for both retrieving and serving information to other clients.

The page or messaging request is normally accepted through a telephone network input for a public or private telephone network **108** that preferably includes capabilities for connecting to a local area network (LAN) or wide area network (WAN) for effecting high speed network connections to devices such as a host computer **106**. The public or private telephone network **108** couples the page request from one of the sources (i.e., callers) to an automatic telephone input **110** at a paging terminal **112**. Optionally, a dedicated input **114** at the paging terminal **112** can accept a page request from a local video display terminal or console. The dedicated input **114** is usually associated with a telephone switchboard and message dispatch service that accepts the page request from a telephone caller and enters the page request into the paging terminal **112** typically via the video display terminal. The public or private telephone network **108**, as well as dedicated inputs, facilitate connection of one or more network connection devices **123** such as modems or high speed network interfaces, e.g., IEEE 802.3 or the like, supporting TCP/IP or the like connections to both the Internet and intranets.

Additionally, the paging terminal comprises a processor **109**, a default bookmark database **111** where default system bookmarks are stored, and a personalized bookmark database **113** where personalized bookmarks are stored. It is these

components that allow a user to easily access Internet and intranet resources.

After accepting the page request, the paging terminal **112** encodes and transmits, via a conventional transmitter **116**, a selective call message comprising a selective call address, and possibly a canned message, to a selective call receiver (more generically referred to as a personal messaging device). Conventional paging systems may convey information from a caller to pager user via a plurality of message formats. These message formats are commonly referred to as message sources, each of which can denote a mode of data (e.g., characters, numbers, audio, graphics, or "just a beep") being sent to the pager. FIG. 1 illustrates a number of selective call receivers, subscriber units, personal messaging units, personal messaging devices, or the like, that may receive information via either an alphanumeric display message page (this type of messaging device is shown in more detail in FIG. 2) **118**, a numeric display message page **120**, a voice message page, **121** or a tone only page **122**. In the later case, the tone only page **122** (i.e., no message page), alerts (e.g., an audible beep), the user that a caller wants the pager user to respond by calling a prearranged telephone number, such as a receptionist telephone number.

Alternatively, the paging terminal **112** is coupled with a paging receiver **115** that operates to receive reverse channel signaling information (e.g., acknowledge back pages) from a two-way capable selective call receiver. The acknowledge back response conveys information such as whether a particular message was correctly received (i.e., without errors) or possibly, a response either generated ad hoc or from a predetermined list of "canned" responses. In response to a content of the reverse channel signaling information, the paging terminal **122** will search the default bookmark database **111** or the personalized bookmark database **113**, and based on matching a token returned in the reverse channel message, the paging terminal **112**, using the processor **109** in conjunction with the network connection device **123** accesses a host computer **106** to retrieve information content representing information corresponding with a uniform resource locator

(url). The information content may then be broadcast as a return selective call message to the requesting messaging device in either its raw form (e.g., the actual information content of the document or object pointed to by the url), or
5 as formatted by the paging terminal **112** for proper display by the personal messaging device.

To load bookmarks in the personal messaging device, the processor **109** creates the personalized bookmark database **113** containing personalized bookmarks as selected by a user or by
10 default, and a generates a corresponding personalized bookmark canned message. The personalized bookmark canned message will be more fully discussed in reference to FIG. 7, and may be an abbreviated version of the text accompanying the url, and the canned message may contain a number as a token representing
15 the specific entry of the personalized bookmark in the personalized bookmark database **113** stored at the paging terminal **112**.

A conventional selective call receiver commonly receives a message, alerts the pager user, and optionally presents the
20 message information according to a message format that is mapped to a pager address on the paging system. The unique pager address typically represents the message format (e.g., alphanumeric, numeric, voice, or tone only), supported by the selective call receiver. Therefore, by matching the unique
25 pager address with the appropriately formatted message, a page with a specific message format may be effectively broadcast to selected personal messaging devices by the paging terminal **112**.

Modern selective call receivers may be capable of
30 receiving and presenting message information in a plurality of formats, typically using separate pager addresses mapped to the same selective call receiver. When more than one format is supported by a selective call receiver, there may be several unique sources (paging addresses) associated with the
35 receiver that will allow correct reception of a different message format. For example, one pager address may be mapped to a numeric display message format and a second pager address may be mapped to a voice message format. Therefore,

information may be conveyed from a caller to the pager user in either numeric display message format or voice message format.

Hence, the aforementioned communication system **100** is capable of receiving message information in a plurality of formats. The message formats are mapped to unique pager addresses supported by the communication system. Where more than one pager address and message format pairs are mapped to the same selective call receiver, information may be conveyed from a caller to a pager user in a plurality of message formats as discussed above.

Referring to FIG. 2, the illustration shows a typical block diagram for a personal messaging device (e.g., such shown in FIG. 1, being capable of receiving an alphanumeric message **118**, a numeric message **120**, a voice message **121**, or a tone only message **122**, in accordance with the present invention. A battery **201** supplies power to the personal messaging device **200** which operates to receive an information signal via an antenna **202**. An antenna switch **203** couples the antenna **202** between one of a transmitter **204** or a receiver **205** that couples the received information signal to a conventional demodulator **206** that is capable of recovering analog or digital information. Received digital information is recovered as a serial bit stream that is then coupled to a microcontroller **207** for interpreting and decoding the serial bit stream as address, control, and data signals. In the preferred embodiment, the microcontroller **207** may comprise a processor **208**, a bit synchronization detector **209**, a word synchronization detector **210**, an address correlator **211**, a baud rate detector **212**, a data decoder **213**, a battery saving control circuit **214**, and a timing control **215**, implemented in hardware, software, or a combination thereof. Examples of commercially available microcontrollers suitable for implementing the preferred embodiment of the present invention are Motorola's MC68HC05xx, MC68HC08xx, M68HC11xx, or the like. Complete descriptions of these devices are available in Motorola's data book set entitled "Microprocessor, Microcontroller, and Peripheral Data," volumes I and II, Series A, © 1995 by MOTOROLA, INC.

More specifically, in the microcontroller **207** the serial bit stream is coupled to the baud rate detector **212** that determines a receiving data rate associated with the recovered information. When the receiving data rate is determined, the bit synchronization detector **209** establishes synchronization between the microcontroller's data decoding components (**208**, **211**, and **213**) and the individual signals (e.g., address, control, and data signals) in the recovered information. Once bit synchronization is established, the word synchronization detector **210** searches the serial bit stream for information indicating the beginning of a batch or frame. When the microcontroller **207** has established both bit and word synchronization, the recovered information may be searched for a group identification code associated with the personal messaging device. When a group identification code is found corresponding to the personal messaging device, it will search only those code frames associated with it's group for pages intended for the personal messaging device. During the period between like frames, the microcontroller **207** will preferably activate the battery saver **214** to "shut-down" the receiver **205** and demodulator **206**, thereby conserving power and extending battery life. The interval between like frames is known in the art as a "sleep" period. Preferably, the system protocol operates such that pages targeted for a specific group identifier, and pages intended for a particular personal messaging device, are sent only during the transmission of that peripheral's designated paging group, therefore, no pages are missed during the sleep period. A peripheral that operates in this fashion is said to be in a "battery saving" mode.

In determining the selection of the particular personal messaging device, a correlation is performed between a predetermined address associated with the personal messaging device and a received address. To accomplish this, the address correlator **211**, which comprises a signal processor, performs a comparison between the address signal recovered from the received information signal and a predetermined address associated with the personal messaging device, generating a detection indicating selection of the personal

messaging device when the recovered address is substantially equivalent to the predetermined address. The predetermined address or addresses associated with the personal messaging device are preferably stored in the non-volatile memory **217** or code plug. Optionally, the non-volatile memory **217** may reside inside a support integrated circuit (not shown) or in the microcontroller **207** itself. The non-volatile memory **217** typically has a plurality of registers for storing a plurality of configuration words that characterize the operation of the personal messaging device, and may be used to store representations of one or both of the default and personalized bookmarks, including a copy of the personalized bookmark(s) stored in the personalized bookmark database **113**. When a detection is generated, the microcontroller **207** may generate an alert responsive to a selected alerting mode, e.g., a tone alert would be generated when a tone-only mode is selected. Alternatively, in response to a valid data address correlation and a corresponding detection, the decoder **213** operates to decode at least one message from the received information signal and couples message information to a RAM (Random Access Memory) **220**.

In accordance with the recovered information, the programmed operating parameters stored in the non-volatile memory **217**, and settings associated with the user controls **218**, the personal messaging device may present at least a portion of the message information, such as by an information display **221**. Alternatively, the user may be alerted that a message has been received by an alert transducer **219** that generates an audible, visual, or tactile alert. The user may view received message information on the information display **221** by manually activating an appropriate user control **218** such as a message read control (not shown).

The microcontroller **207** may also include items such as a conventional signal multiplexer, a voltage regulator and control mechanism, a current regulator and control mechanism, environmental sensing circuitry such as for light or temperature conditions, audio power amplifier circuitry, control interface circuitry, and information display illumination circuitry. These elements are arranged in a

known manner to configure the personal messaging device as requested by a customer.

In the preferred embodiment, upon receipt of a message, the processor **208** communicates the decoded received message to the RAM **220** for temporary storage of the message. If the message is a "canned" message, e.g., one commonly referred to as a predetermined, pre-stored, or programmable message, or token representing a canned message, all of which serve to represent selected information accessible via the paging terminal **112**, it may be stored in either non-volatile memory **217** or RAM **220**. Upon successful reception and decoding of the message, the transmitter **204**, as instructed by processor **208**, may generate an automatic acknowledge back response to the paging terminal **112** indicating that the message has been correctly received and decoded. However, if the decoder **213** cannot successfully decode the message, a negative acknowledge back response is returned to the paging terminal **112** indicating that the message has not been correctly received and decoded.

In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the user may select one or more of the responses provided by the canned messages received, and the processor **208** will generate an acknowledge back response containing a request representing the information desired by the user. The acknowledge back response is broadcast to the paging terminal **112** via the transmitter **204**. In turn, the paging terminal **112** receives the request and operates to access the information using a conventional Internet access device, e.g., a computer running TCP/IP protocol or the like. The paging terminal **112** may then format the retrieved information for transmission to the personal messaging device **200**. The information is then broadcast to the personal messaging device **200** which decodes and preferably stores and presents the information in a format substantially similar to that intended by an originator. If needed, the computer or personal messaging device may selectively format the retrieved information to take best advantage of the information display capability of the personal messaging device.

In this way, the personal messaging device 200 gives a paging subscriber the option of operating as a conventional standalone selective call paging receiver, that is, receiving, storing and displaying messages. It further allows the communication of messages containing information such as tokens and "canned messages" representing uniform resource locators that access Internet related resources for communication to the personal messaging device 200.

Referring to FIG. 3, the illustration shows an electronic information processing device 300 or computer, configured for operation in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The computer 300 may encompass any number of devices such as a dedicated pocket paging assistant, a personal computer, an electronic pocket organizer, a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, or the like. As illustrated, the electronic information processing device 200 or computer minimally comprises a micro-controller 301 with a system timing clock 302, central processing unit 303, electronic memory in the form of random access memory (RAM) 304, read only memory (ROM) 305, mass storage (e.g., a disk drive or the like) 306, a display driver 307, general I/O interface or data port 308, and an interface 309 that accommodates any number of input means for general information entry. In the preferred embodiment, the computers information input means 309 (e.g. a keyboard 311, a mouse 312, a pen or puck activated tablet, or trackpad 313, a track ball 314, an audio activated command processor 315, or the like) allows a user to enter and manipulate information. After information is entered, it may be communicated to the paging terminal 112 via a conventional modem 310 or the like. The system formed by the elements depicted in FIGs. 1 and 2 realizes many advantages over the prior art selective call messaging systems and screen saver systems. The electronic information processing device or computer 300 can be commanded to automatically send either user entered or pre-stored messages to a selective call messaging subscriber defined in the screen saving application. Since the computer 300 includes both message storage and transmission capability, the system essentially functions as a real time or deferred information

access system. For instance, this system would eliminate the problem of being away from a fixed location such as your office, and needing to access information on an intranet or the Internet.

5 Referring to FIG. 4, the illustration shows a typical Internet web browser access screen **400** for retrieving both default and personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

10 The screen **400** includes conventional hyperlink annotations for a "System Default Bookmark Listing" and a "Personal Bookmark Listing." When a user wants to view either of these categories, the user selects the category by navigating to the hyperlink and selecting the link. Any
15 number of means can be used to access the information stored at the hyperlink, such as an "html" (hyper text markup language) compliant browser that implements the "http" (hyper text transport protocol" suite. These components are typically integrated in a single executable application that
20 runs on a personal computer such as illustrated in FIG. 3.

Referring to FIG. 5, the illustration shows a typical Internet web browser access screen **500** for retrieving default bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

25 The screen **500** show in FIG. 5 is accessed by executing the "url" (uniform resource locator) associated with the hypertext link "System Default Bookmark Listing" shown in FIG. 4. On this screen, several predetermined urls are presented, corresponding with those stored in the default bookmark
30 database **111**. Note that new urls are highlighted with the word "NEW" to notify the user on recent additions.

The default bookmark database **111** contains a default bookmark (or bookmarks, as displayed) and a corresponding default bookmark canned message. If the user wants to add one
35 of the default bookmarks to their list of personal bookmarks, they can selectively include and exclude default bookmarks from the default bookmark database **111** as personalized bookmarks in the personalized bookmark database **113**. When a user selects a displayed bookmark, the user has the option to

add this bookmark to their personal database, delete or
exclude this bookmark from their personal database, or to view
the information as pointed to by the bookmark. This operation
can be performed at either the computer **300** or using the
5 personal messaging device **200**.

The canned message corresponding with the selected
bookmark is sent to the personal messaging device **200**.
Transmission may be immediate or deferred. The canned message
comprises, either singly or in combination, a textual
10 representation of the displayed text annotating the url (e.g.,
"FedWorld"), the url (e.g., <http://fedworld.gov>), and a
tokenized representation (e.g., 05: FedWorld, as shown in FIG.
7).

Referring to FIG. 6, the illustration shows a typical
15 Internet web browser access screen **600** for configuring
personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and
personal messaging device in accordance with the present
invention.

The access screen **600** in FIG. 6 represents "Tony's
20 Personal Bookmarks." These bookmarks are stored in the
personalized bookmark database **113** on the paging terminal
112, and accessed from one of the devices such as the personal
computer **106** or electronic information processing device **300**.
These personal bookmarks may be configured from this screen as
25 discussed in reference to FIG. 5, using either the browser
running on the computer **300** or the personal messaging device
200. Additional bookmarks can be added as required while
browsing by invoking an add function.

When a bookmark is added that does not appear in either
30 the default bookmark database **111** or personalized bookmark
database **113**, the personal computer **106** or electronic
information processing device **300** notifies the paging terminal
122 to add the new bookmark to the personalized bookmark
database **113**. Moreover, the local client, e.g., the personal
35 computer **106** or electronic information processing device **300**,
may also add the new bookmark to a local database (in the non-
volatile memory of the personal messaging device) that
replicates the information (e.g., the tokens) stored in the
personalized bookmark database **113** on the paging terminal

112. In each of the above cases, a token is generated by the paging terminal 112 and stored in the personalized bookmark database 113, along with a canned message representing the textual annotation of the url, and the actual url. In this way, the personal messaging device 200 need only use enough memory to store the token and an associated label, e.g., the canned message, which may be an abbreviation of the full name associated with the url.

Referring to FIG. 7, the illustration shows a typical Internet web browser access screen on a personal messaging device for configuring and accessing personalized bookmarks communicated to the paging terminal and personal messaging device in accordance with the present invention.

The personal messaging device 200 displays, using the information display 221, a list of canned messages and associated tokens 702. The tokens (e.g., 01, 02, 03, 04 ... in this case) compactly and conveniently represent the actual url pointers and information content. By way of example, this particular personal messaging device 200 displays six access locations on a screen, allowing the user to select (shown in inverse contrast) 704 any one to request access (via a reverse channel message) and load the information content corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

Referring to FIG. 8, the illustration shows a typical Internet web browser access screen on a personal messaging device for presenting information communicated to the personal messaging device from the paging terminal in accordance with the present invention.

In FIG. 8, the processor in the personal messaging device operates to format the information corresponding with the uniform resource locator for presentation on the information display in a manner that substantially corresponds with an intended mode of presentation, e.g., in a format resembling that intended by the author or publisher of a document. More simply, the information received from the paging system, that which was retrieved from the url, is formatted by either the personal messaging device or the paging terminal to closely resemble the way it would have been presented on the browser for which it was created. Alternatively, the information may

be presented in a text only mode, replacing graphics with "place holders" containing text in those areas that are context sensitive. This preserves the functionality of the original source document (html source) while significantly decreasing the amount of air-time needed to convey messages between the wireless host (e.g., paging terminal **112**) and the personal messaging device **200**.

Lastly, the information may be presented in a pure text only mode where the graphics and place holders are deleted by either the paging terminal **112** or the personal messaging device **200**. Preferably, the paging terminal **112** would perform this function, since this would result in the most efficient use of broadcast air-time by reducing the amount of data that needs to be sent to the personal messaging device **200**.

As can be appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art, this invention can be realized in a number of embodiments of which the disclosed embodiment is only one of many equivalent alternatives. The encoding methods, canned messages, proposed token scheme and procedures, as well as the wireless protocols, are illustrated by way of example, and future improvements in these area can easily be adapted to accommodate the principles embodied in the present invention.

I claim:

CLAIMS

1. A remote token based information acquisition system, comprising:

5 a personal messaging device, comprising:

a receiver that receives a selective call message comprising a selective call address and a canned message representing a uniform resource locator;

10 a processor coupled to the receiver, the processor operating to determine selection of the personal messaging device, decode, store, and present the canned message representing a uniform resource locator; and

15 a transmitter coupled to the processor, the transmitter operating to send a reverse channel message requesting information corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

2. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 1 wherein the personal messaging device
20 further comprises:

a non-volatile memory that stores the canned message representing a uniform resource locator.

3. The remote token based information acquisition system
25 according to claim 1 wherein the personal messaging device further comprises:

a random access memory that stores the canned message representing a uniform resource locator.

30 4. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 3 wherein the random access memory stores an information content of a return selective call message, the information content representing information corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

5. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 3 wherein the personal messaging device further comprises:

an information display that presents a representation
5 of the information corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

6. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 5 wherein the processor in the personal
10 messaging device operates to format the information corresponding with the uniform resource locator for presentation on the information display in a manner that substantially corresponds with an intended mode of presentation.

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7. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 3 wherein the processor in the personal messaging device operates to allow a user to selectively include and exclude default bookmarks from a default bookmark
20 database as personalized bookmarks in a personalized bookmark database, the default bookmark database and personalized bookmark database residing in a paging terminal.

8. The remote token based information acquisition system
25 according to claim 7 wherein a copy of the personalized bookmark database is maintained in a non-volatile memory of the personal messaging device.

9. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 1 further comprising:

a paging terminal, comprising:

a processor;

5 a default bookmark database coupled to the processor, the default bookmark database containing a default bookmark and a corresponding default bookmark canned message; and

a personalized bookmark database coupled to the processor and the default bookmark database, the personalized
10 bookmark database containing personalized bookmark as selected by a user, and a corresponding personalized bookmark canned message.

10. The remote token based information acquisition system
15 according to claim 9 wherein the paging terminal further comprises:

a receiver coupled to the processor, the receiver operating to receive the reverse channel message requesting information corresponding with the uniform resource locator;

20 and

a transmitter coupled to and responsive to the processor, that based upon the reverse channel message, controls the transmitter to broadcast a return selective call message with an information content representing information
25 corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

11. The remote token based information acquisition system according to claim 10 wherein the paging terminal further comprises:

30 a network connection device coupled to the processor, the network connection device operating to acquire an actual information content as pointed to by the uniform resource locator in response to the processor matching a token returned in the reverse channel message with one of the corresponding
35 default bookmark canned message and the corresponding personalized bookmark canned message.

12. A personal messaging device, comprising:

a receiver that receives a selective call message comprising a selective call address, a canned message representing a uniform resource locator, and a return selective call message;

a processor coupled to the receiver, the processor operating to determine selection of the personal messaging device, decode, store, and present a canned message representing a uniform resource locator, based on the selective call message;

a non-volatile memory coupled to the processor, the non-volatile memory operating to store the canned message representing a uniform resource locator;

a transmitter coupled to the processor, the transmitter operating to send a reverse channel message based on the canned message, the reverse channel message requesting an information content of a return selective call message;

a random access memory coupled to the processor and the transmitter, the random access memory operating to store the information content of the return selective call message received in response to the reverse channel message sent by the transmitter, the information content representing information delivered from the uniform resource locator; and

an information display coupled to the processor and the random access memory, the information display operating to present the information content of the return selective call message.

13. The personal messaging device according to claim 12 wherein the processor in the personal messaging device further operates to format the information corresponding with the uniform resource locator for presentation on the information display in a manner that substantially corresponds with an intended mode of presentation.

14. The personal messaging device according to claim 12 wherein the processor in the personal messaging device operates to allow a user to selectively include and exclude default bookmarks from a default bookmark database as
5 personalized bookmarks in a personalized bookmark database, the default bookmark database and personalized bookmark database residing in a paging terminal.

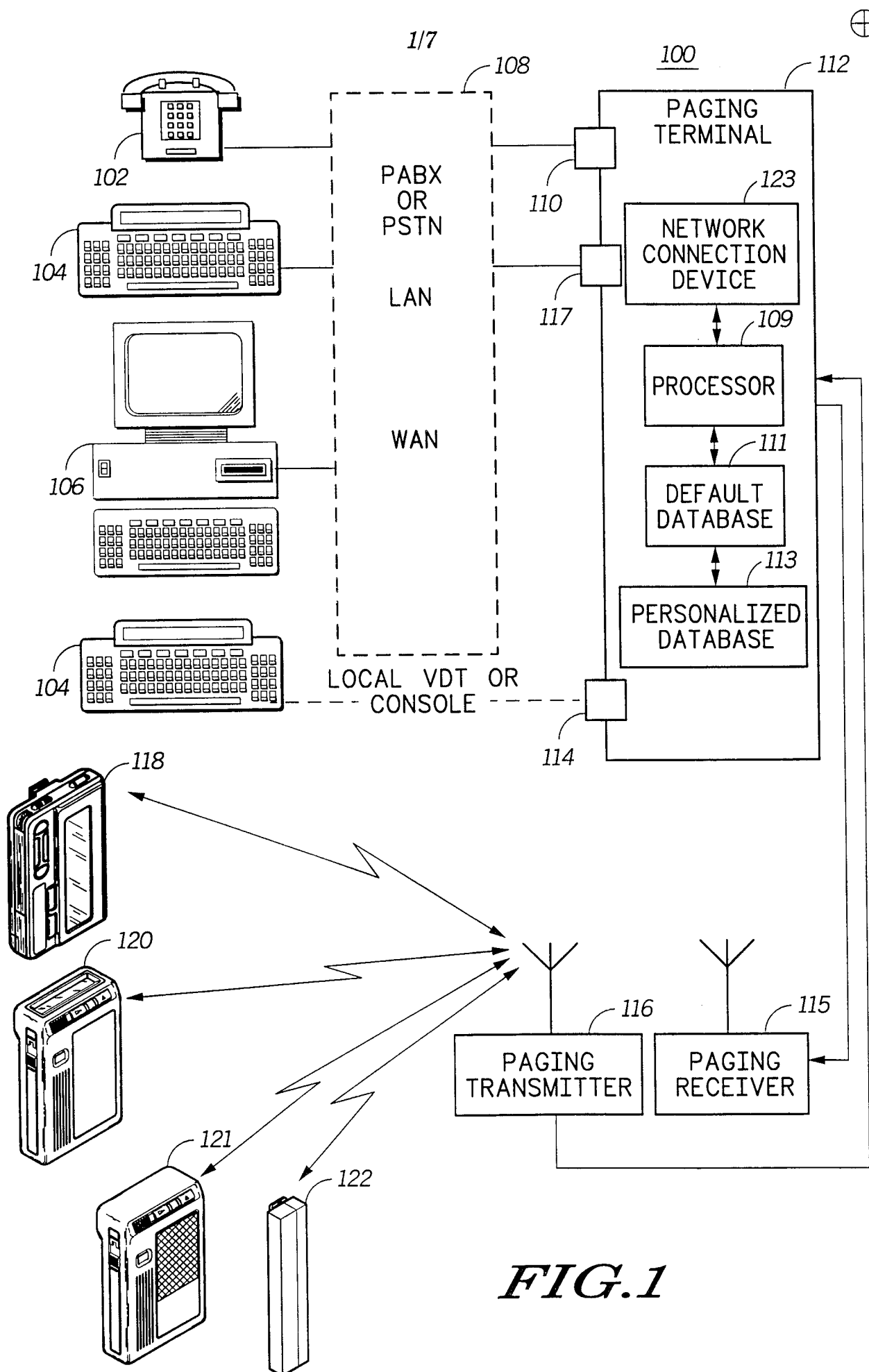
15. The personal messaging device according to claim 14
10 wherein a copy of the personalized bookmark database is maintained in the non-volatile memory of the personal messaging device.

16. A paging terminal, comprising:
15 a processor;
a default bookmark database coupled to the processor, the default bookmark database containing a default bookmark and a corresponding default bookmark canned message; and
a personalized bookmark database coupled to the
20 processor and the default bookmark database, the personalized bookmark database containing a personalized bookmark as selected by a user, and a corresponding personalized bookmark canned message.

25 17. The paging terminal according to claim 16 further comprising:
a receiver coupled to the processor, the receiver operating to receive a reverse channel message requesting information corresponding with a uniform resource locator; and
30 a transmitter coupled to and responsive to the processor, that based upon the reverse channel message, controls the transmitter to broadcast a return selective call message with an information content representing information corresponding with the uniform resource locator.

18. The paging terminal according to claim 17 further comprising:

5 a network connection device coupled to the processor, the network connection device operating to acquire an actual information content as pointed to by the uniform resource locator in response to the processor matching a token returned in the reverse channel message with one of the corresponding default bookmark canned message and the corresponding personalized bookmark canned message.



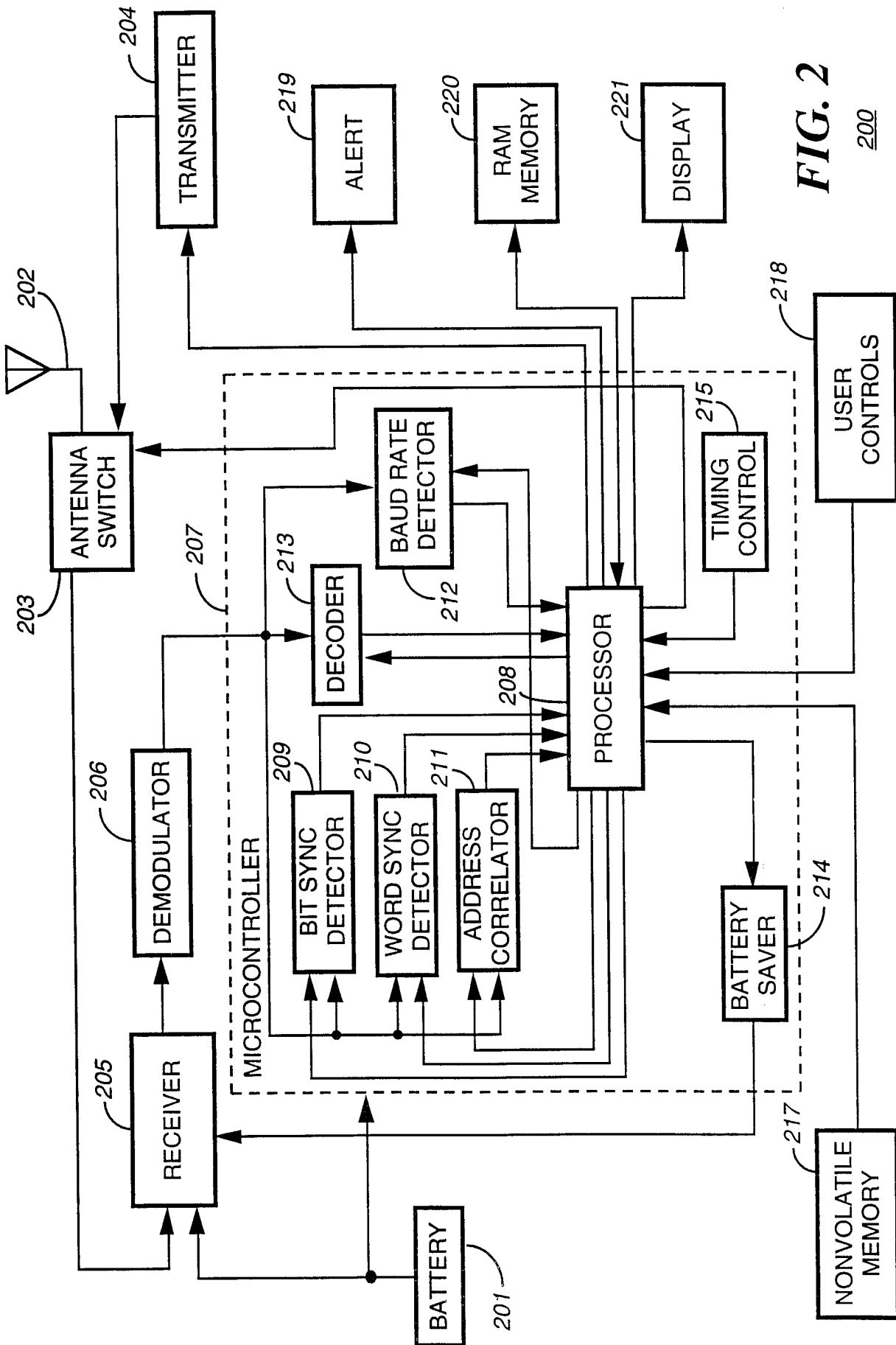


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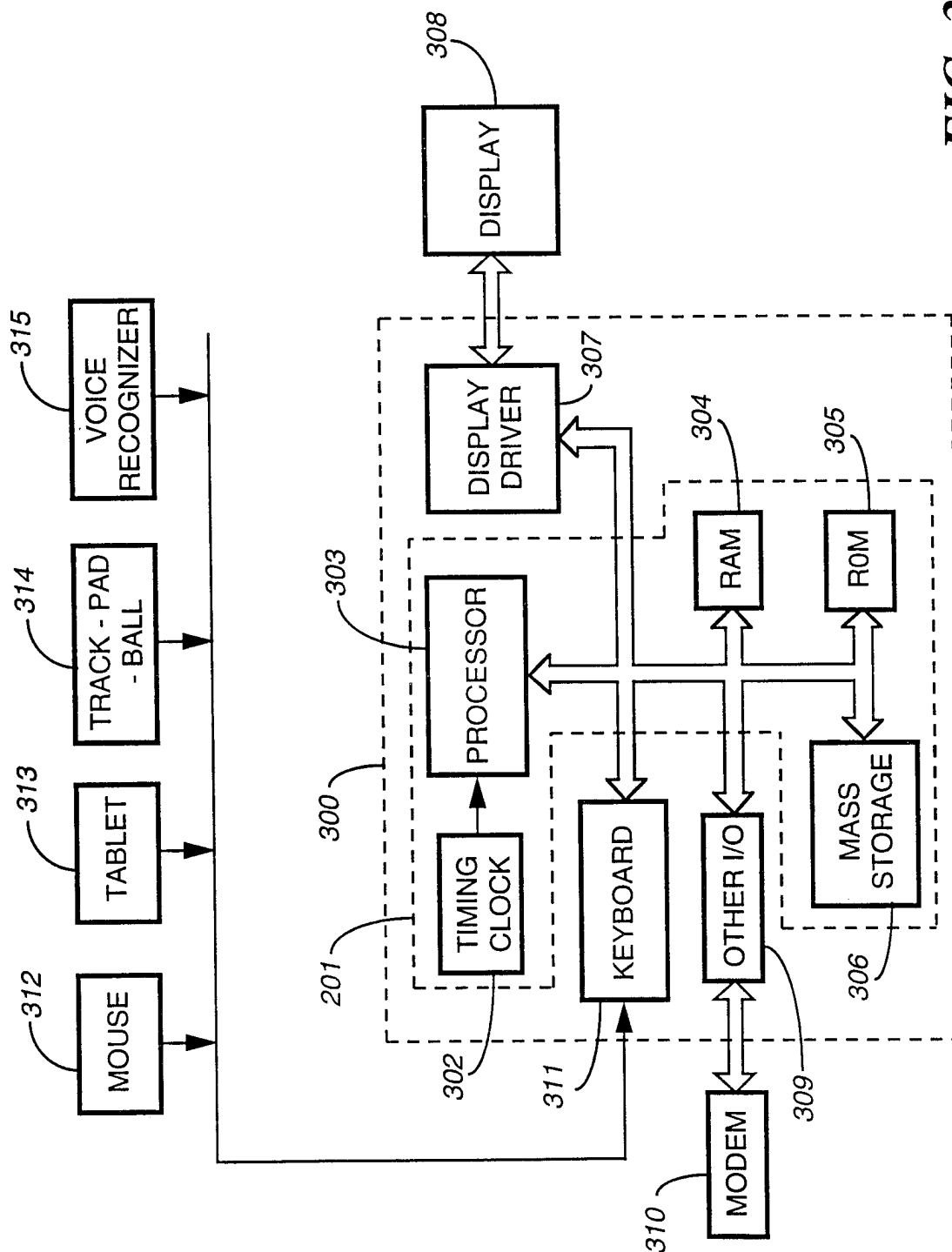
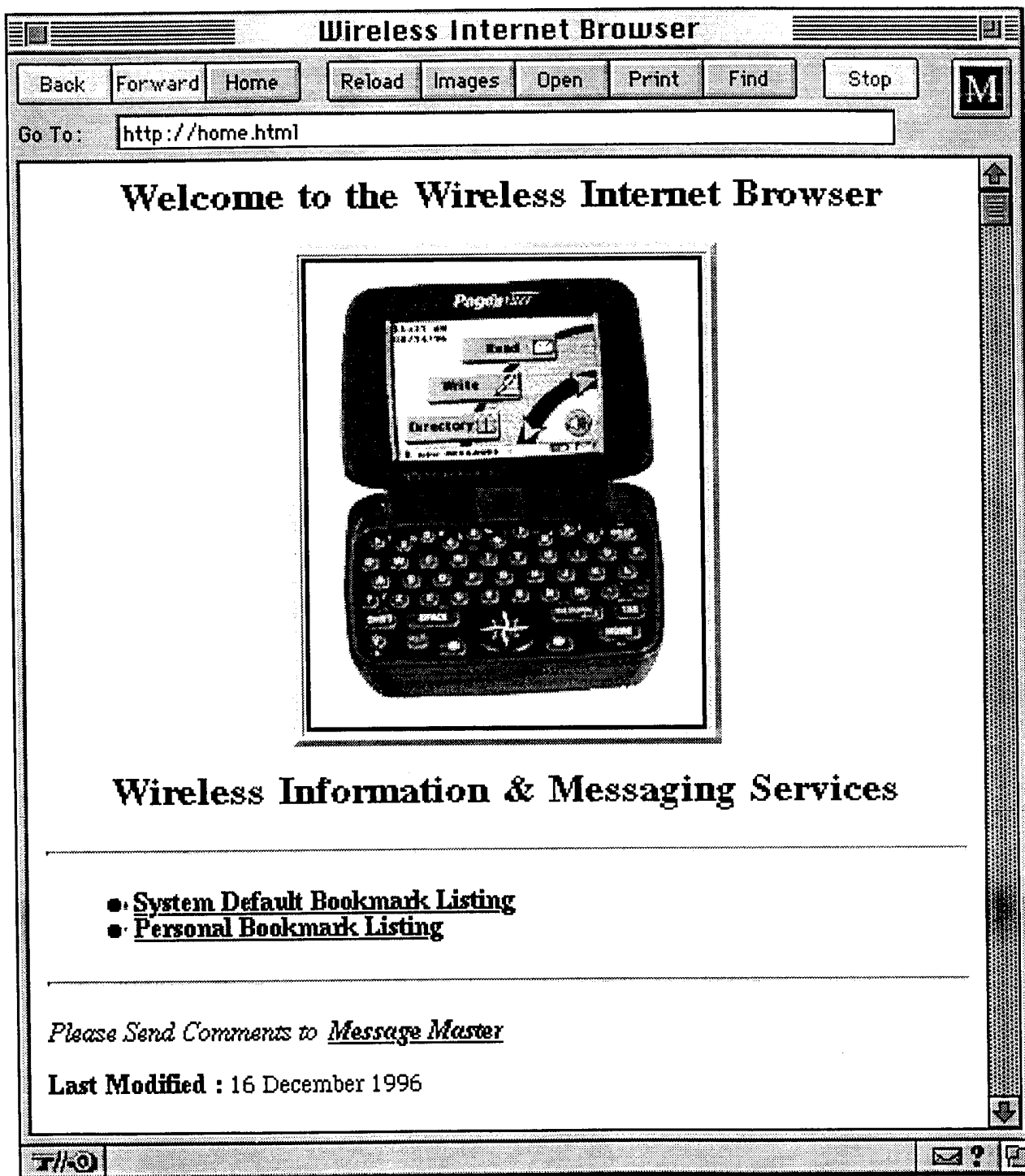


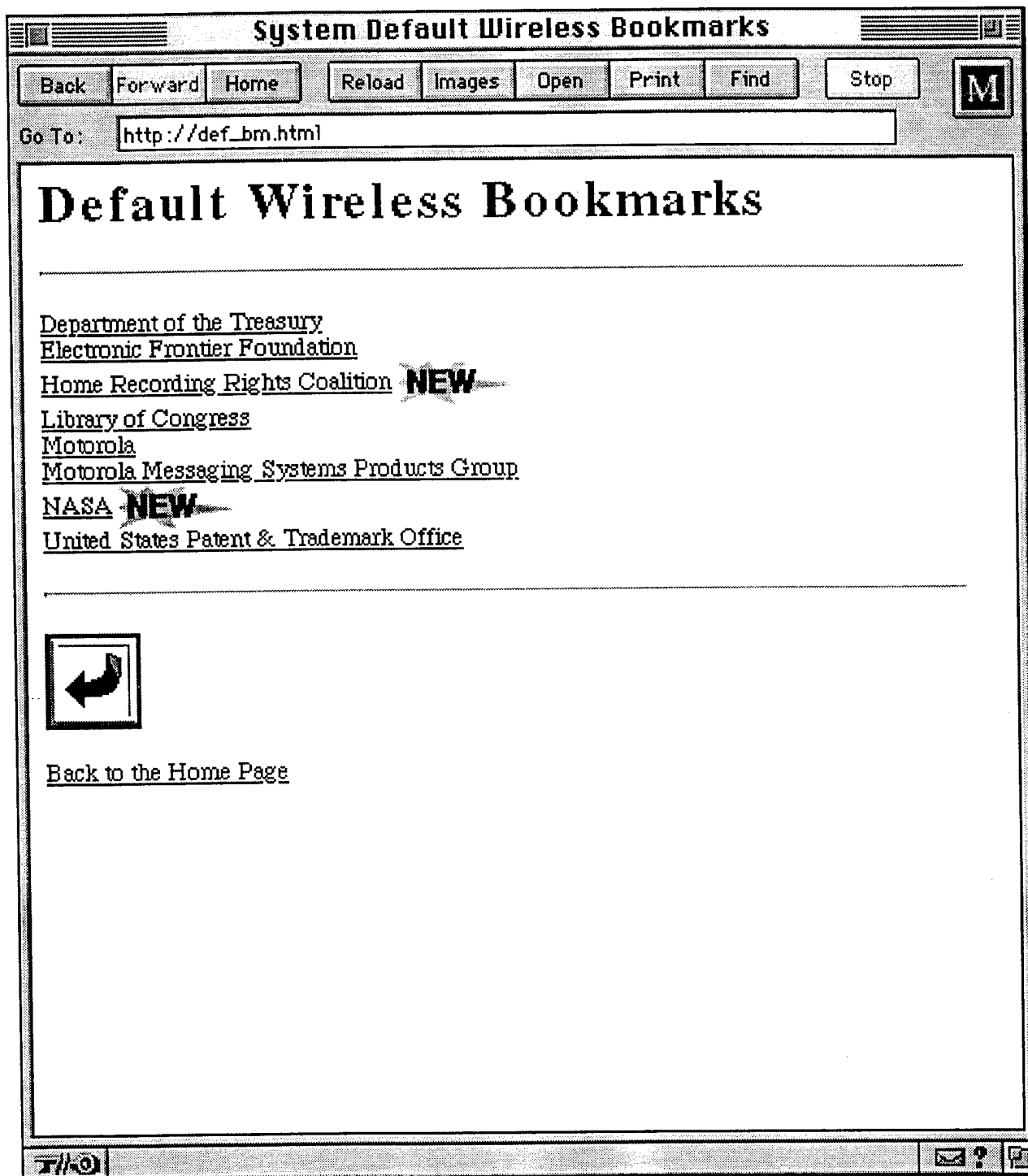
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FIG. 4



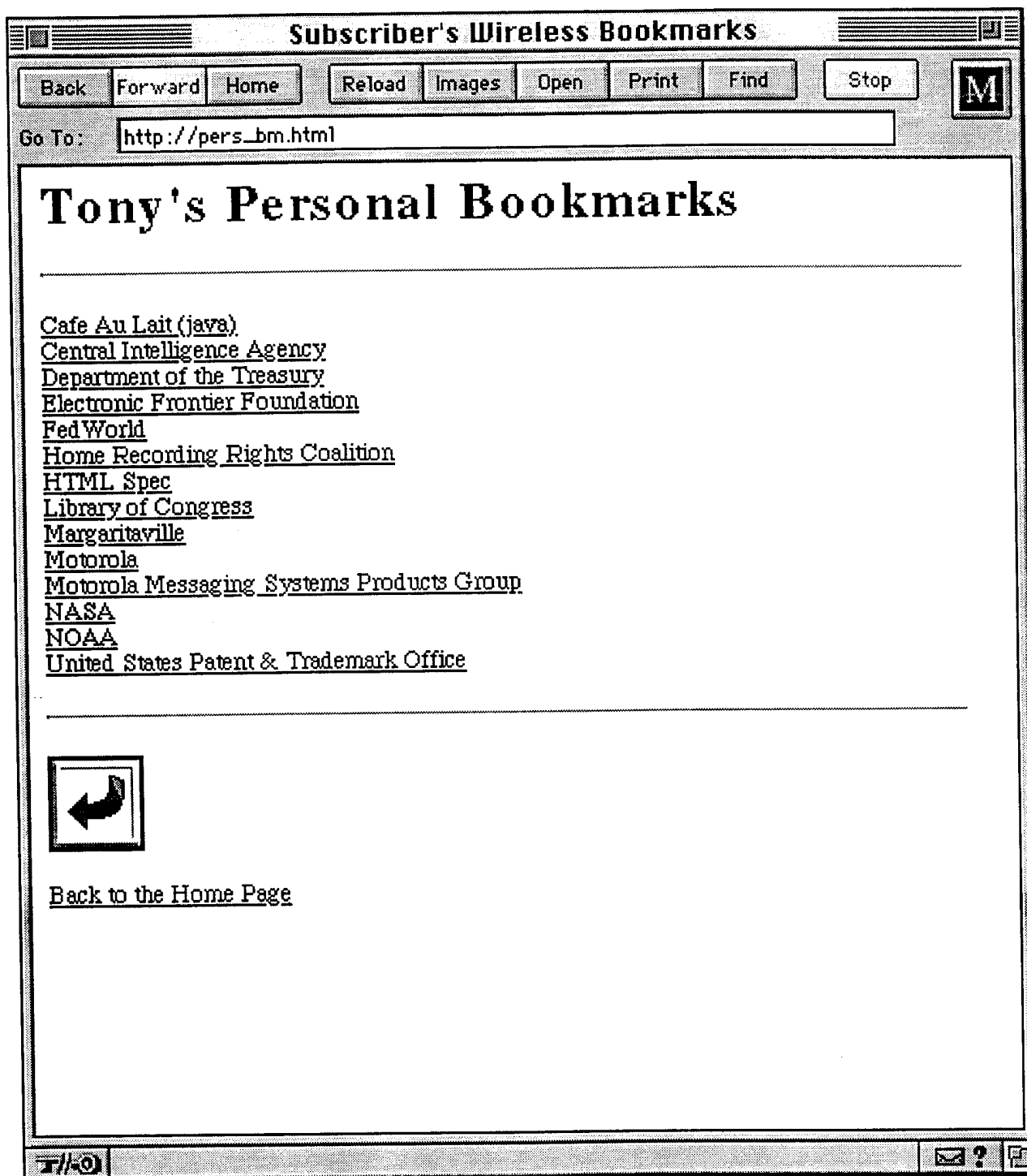




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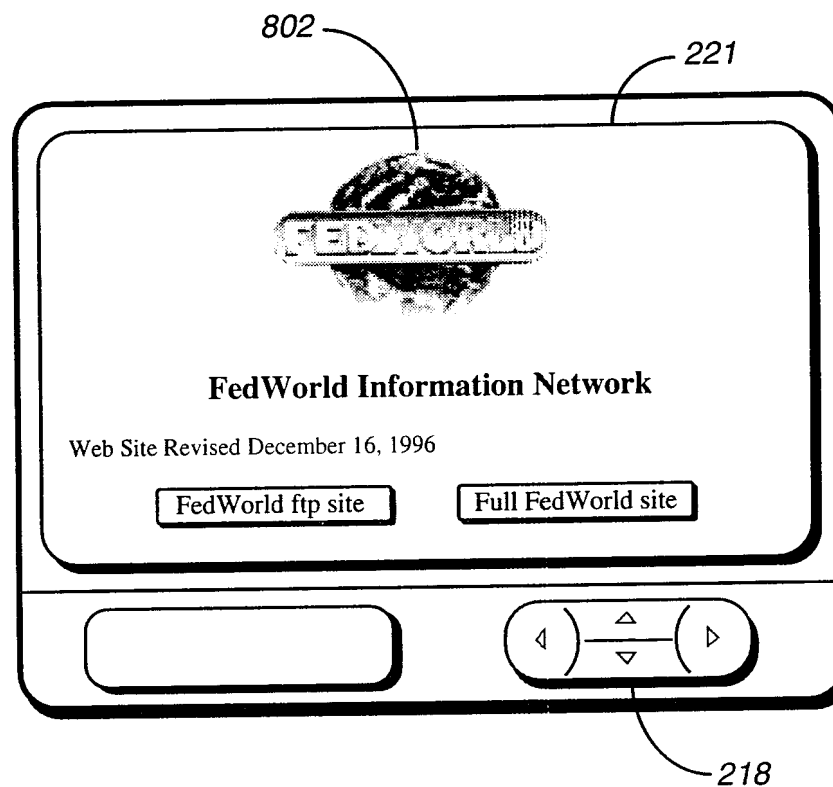


FIG. 8

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