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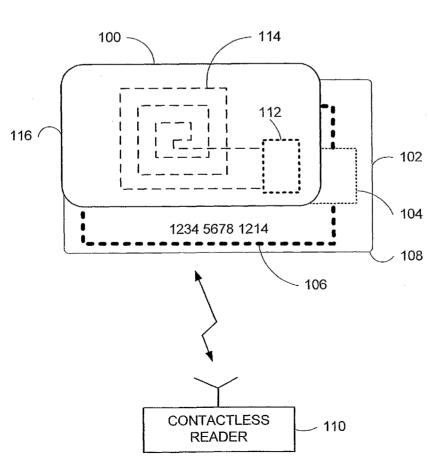
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus and method is provided to prevent contactless portable electronic consumer devices such as an RF identification device (RFID)3 tokens, mini-cards, key fobs, cellular phones, smart card, etc. from being wirelessly interrogated. In one embodiment, a decoy circuit capable of detecting interrogation transmitted to a contactless portable consumer device is used to prevent one or more interrogation devices from interrogating an authentic circuit in the contactless portable consumer device.



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