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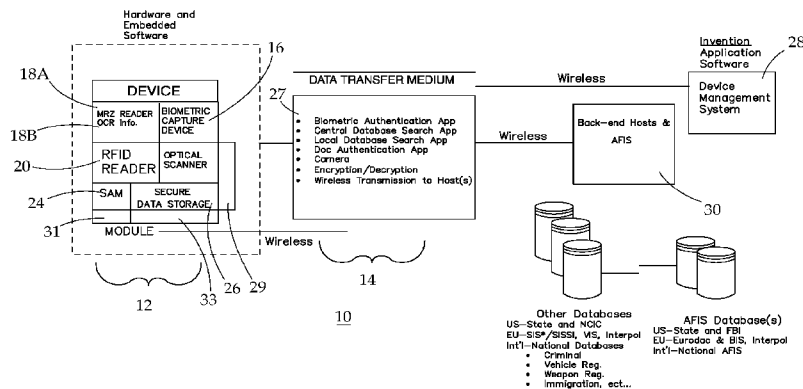


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A device possessing a secure multifunctional authentication service integrated with data storage capability, where-in the device is disposed to comprise a multifunctional intelligent peripheral or accessory device, which, upon implementation into a system, is disposed to control a set of transactions that the system is designated to perform by the device, in conjunction with a data transfer medium which is under the control of the device.

5 **AN INTELLIGENT PERIPHERAL DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR THE
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AUTHENTICATION SERVICE WITH DATA STORAGE CAPABILITY**

10 CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to and takes the benefit of United States Provisional Application No. 61/274,139 filed on August 13, 2009, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to devices and methods for identification, verification and authentication
20 of individuals and/or documents, and more particularly to a device possessing a secure multifunctional authentication service integrated with data storage capability, wherein the device is disposed to comprise a multifunctional intelligent peripheral or accessory device, which, upon
25 implementation into a system, is disposed to control a set of transactions that the system is designated to perform by the device, in conjunction with a data transfer medium which is under the control of the device.

5 Description of the Related Art

In 1987, MITRE Corporation prepared a review of Technologies for National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2000. This review was used as the framework for building 10 the NCIC 2000 program. A significant part of that review addressed the need for law enforcement patrol officers to have the ability to transmit and receive fingerprint and photo information. The review recommended, "The FBI undertake to capture, store, and transmit fingerprint 15 images in a digital form, either binary or in gray scale of the two thumb impressions of a subject in the wanted or missing person file." It was further recommended, "The FBI conduct a study to determine the most cost effective transmission system for photograph, fingerprints, text, and 20 other FBI services that would satisfy user requirements for rapid response using the NCIC 2000 system.

Although the NCIC 2000 project has now been fulfilled and upgrades to the system have been established, the area of fingerprint transmission and other supporting 25 recommendations have not been successfully implemented. Based on surveys taken at the time these capabilities were among the highest priority for implementation. A proof of concept demonstration was conducted in 1989 in three

5 locations, but the required technology to successfully
initiate the project was not available.

Increasing demands on law enforcement have made it
even more imperative that officers possess access to
critical identification information, which includes
10 positive identification by fingerprint, independent of the
location of an officer. With the advent of the wireless
infrastructure, it is no longer necessary to rely on land
based telephone lines to for reliable communication.
Wireless systems provide the officers with access to
15 critical information via handheld devices that are
available at any location. The officer can access and
retrieve data using streamlined interfaces that utilize
modern query software. Thus, the officer has immediate
access to databases, not only in the immediate
20 organization, but also to other databases such as NCIC-2000
or the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

The primary interest in a mobile/wireless fingerprint
capability has been for real-time positive identification
purposes by law enforcement personnel performing 1:N
25 searches to determine the identity of a suspect and link
that identity to other already determined suspect
information. Changes in world events have brought about an
increased need to verify the identity of individuals and

5 link these individuals to documents that establish their
identity. In these circumstances a 1:1 comparison to
verify the claimed identity is sufficient. The need to
verify identity may vary from security to fraud prevention
to border control. Civil applications such as public aid,
10 customs, immigration, passport, and healthcare ID
verification as well as commercial enterprises (banks and
credit cards) are areas wherein mobile/wireless
fingerprinting may be applied.

Outside the United States, governments are developing
15 new electronic border control solutions, specifically in
the European Union ("EU"), where starting in 2012 the use
of EU electronic passports shall enable the use of un-
manned gates for entry and exit from the Schengen zone for
its citizens. The EU shall also enable the use of e-visa
20 and e-passport and e-id entry and exit for non-EU
nationals. These stations will be manned; however the
personnel will require special equipment to process these
transactions. At fixed locations like airports, standard
computing technology with biometric and secure credential
25 reading accessories will suffice, however at land border
crossings and seaports, a handheld configuration will be
required. Thus, the scenarios wherein border guards need to

5 check people on trains, buses or vessels need to be
addressed.

Today, several systems have been implemented using
mobile wireless technology, however all deployments except
the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") use specialized
10 Personal Digital Assistant ("PDA") equipment. LAPD uses
the Cogent "BlueCheck" device, which is an accessory to a
Smartphone or PDA. Its function is limited to capturing
fingerprints and the Smartphone or PDA only forwards the
information to a central Automated Fingerprint
15 Identification System ("AFIS"). Therefore, with increased
focus on Border Control and the use of secure electronic
credentials, there is a need for these mobile handheld
devices to incorporate more than just biometric
identification.

20 In addition, there is a need for officers to be able
to capture both printed and electronically stored
information from secure credentials and then use this
information to validate the authenticity of the
credentials, to ascertain the holder's correct identity,
25 and finally to establish whether the identified holder is
in a national or even the international databases.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The instant invention, as illustrated herein, is clearly not anticipated, rendered obvious, or even present in any of the prior art mechanisms, either alone or in any
10 combination thereof.

The instant invention provides for an intelligent peripheral device possessing a secure multifunctional authentication service integrated with data storage capability, wherein the device is disposed to comprise a
15 multifunctional intelligent peripheral or accessory device, which, upon implementation into a system, is disposed to control a set of transactions that the system is designated to perform by the device, in conjunction with a data transfer medium which is under the control of the device.

20 The instant invention provides for a device for the authentication and verification of individuals and/or documents through a secure multifunctional authentication service with data storage capability, wherein the device is disposed to be in data communication with a plurality of
25 remote databases through a data transfer medium. In one embodiment the data transfer medium may be defined as a medium for the transfer of a plurality of information from the device to the remote databases. Furthermore, the

5 device includes a secure information exchange device to
allow for the secure pairing and operation between the
device and the data transfer medium, wherein the secure
information exchange device ("SIED") enables the creation
of a trusted and encrypted environment between the device
10 and the data transfer medium, preferably for the
identification, verification and authentication of
individuals and/or documents.

The instant invention provides the requirements of
both a 1:N and 1:1 biometric application, in combination
15 with the need to conduct searches using demographic data
and validate an individual's identity through a plurality
of stored biometric information in the electronic
credential using the newly established Extended Access
Control ("EAC") protocols.

20 The instant application possesses the ability to
perform a plurality of biometric functions, depending on a
particular situation and/or the requirements of an operator
of the instant invention, wherein the functions, include
but are not limited to the following:

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- 1:N Local Identification
- 1:N Remote Identification
- 1:1 Local Verification

5 • 1:1 Remote Verification

In addition, a special credential authentication function allows the operator of the instant invention to obtain information as to the authenticity of the secure
10 credential of a subject in question; these credentials include, but are not limited to:

- E-Passports
- Standard Passports
- 15 • National Identifications
- Drivers Licenses

An operator of the instant invention may select any combination of or all of these functions to meet their
20 needs. As this is the case, the device is configurable to accommodate any combination of the main functions along with their sub-functions.

Identification with a Limited Device Only Database

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(1:Few and Local Search)

5 The instant invention is disposed to allow for the
storage of a plurality of databases including, but not
limited to a watch list, fingerprint and/or Denied Persons
List ("DPL") or other type of subset database. This
embodiment allows for the operator of the instant invention
10 to identify subjects, preferably in situations where
communications may be limited including, but not limited
to, remote areas or buildings wherein communication signals
are not reliable. Furthermore, this embodiment may be
utilized in a scenario wherein a specific set of
15 individuals are being searched against, as opposed to
single entity.

The solution provides for the means to update the
plurality of databases stored on the device by the operator
via the data transfer medium. Furthermore, each device is
20 disposed to be uniquely identifiable in order that it may
be discerned the identity of the device that accesses the
database information. Moreover, the database(s) are
encrypted when stored on the device and the device is
disposed to delete any database information, should the
25 device encounter tampering and/or use with without proper
authorization.

The operator is able to run the following scenarios
using this function:

- 5 1. *Fingerprint ("FP") search Only* – FP captured and are searched on the accessory;
- 2. *Demographic Search Only* – Demographic data is captured via a machine readable zone ("MRZ") reader on the device if an Optical Character Recognition ("OCR") is
10 available; via a Radio Frequency Identification ("RFID") reader of the device if a contactless chip is available; or the data may be manually entered by an operator of the instant invention through a keyboard **29** located on the device **12**; and,
- 15 3. *FP and Demographic Search.*

Identification (1:N Remote and Central Database Searches)

This solution provides the capability to perform
20 searches against designated segments of databases using records transmitted from the device, which is in data communication with the remote databases through the data transfer medium. The 1:N FP solution allows an operator of the system to capture fingerprints of unknown subjects in
25 the field. Once a fingerprint is captured, the instant invention is disposed to transmit the fingerprint to a central AFIS site for searching. Following transmission,

5 a hit/no hit response is returned to the device; if available, a photo of the subject may also be returned.

The Central Database Search allows operators of the instant invention to obtain demographic data from the subject in the field (which may be obtained by visual
10 inspection of an individual's credentials or by reading the credentials via either the OCR, or RFID chip, located within the device).

The operator is able to perform a plurality of searches by using this function, including but not limited
15 to:

1. *FP Search Only*

a) Depending on the laws of the country, a 1:N FP search is done to determine whether or not an individual requiring
20 identification is in a database. Depending on the reason for the identification and the laws of the country the 1:N search may be with the National or State(US) AFIS, or it may also be submitted to an EU central AFIS like BIS, Interpol or Eurodac or in the US to the FBI.

25 b) The operator of the system should have the ability to selectively conduct search(s) from the AFIS databases they are authorized to access; they should also be able to

5 select the order in which the AFIS databases are searched
against.

2. *A Demographic Search Only*

a) This search can be conducted in one or several different
10 databases, depending on what the operator initiates and the
type of information available from the individual in
question. Some examples of this type of search include but
are not limited to:

- i. Denied Persons List
 - 15 ii. Wants and Warrants (US)
 - iii. Watch List
 - iv. Driver License
 - v. Vehicle Reg.
 - vi. Weapons Reg. etc.
- 20 b) The operator will have the ability to selectively
conduct search(s) from the databases they are authorized to
access; they should also be able to select the order in
which the databases as searched against.

25 3. *A Demographic and FP Search* – This search may combine
the functions of the two previous functions. The operator
will be able to select which type of search is done first.

5 Verification and/or Authentication (1:1 Local and Document
Authentication)

This solution allows for the confirmation of an individual's identity preferably through a biometric
10 verification and/or credential authentication. This embodiment requires the use of a smart card/e-passport or other machine readable imbedded biometric solution. When a subject possesses this form of identification, the operator should be able to verify the identity of the subject with
15 the offered credential, and also verify the authenticity of the credential. In this case the operator responsible for performing the task would be able to acquire a reference fingerprint from the credential of the subject along with any other appropriate identification and/or photo image
20 information. The device would also be able to capture a fingerprint from the subject for the purpose of comparing the two images. The newly captured search print image is processed in the device, and the fingerprint minutia is disposed to be extracted and compared against the reference
25 fingerprint. If the two prints are a match, the person's identity has been verified.

As the authentication is done against a database of valid documents issued by the different governments and

5 this database is regularly updated, the device will be
capable of obtaining updates either via a data transfer
medium. As with the other databases stored on the device,
the device itself is uniquely identifiable so that it can
be known exactly which device obtains which version of
10 database information. In addition, the databases are
encrypted when stored on the device and cannot be accessed
without proper authorization.

Remote Verification and Authentication (1:1Remote and
15 *Document Authentication)*

This embodiment addresses a solution for a situation
when the operator is verifying a new Schengen Visa or other
government/agency issued credential, however the biometric
20 data is not stored in the credential itself, but rather in
a central database. In this scenario, the operator
preferably should be able to submit the individual's
captured finger print to the central AFIS where it will be
compared with the stored fingerprint that is associated
25 with the Schengen Visa number, or other government/agency
issued credential number.

5 The operator should be able to run the following scenarios using this function, including but not limited to:

1. Read the Visa or other credential number using the MRZ reader on the device.
- 10 2. Capture the FP using the device and submit it to the appropriate central AFIS database along with the Visa or other credential number. Once the verification is completed in the central AFIS the result will be returned to the device as a match or no-match.
- 15 the operator will be able to use the already captured information to perform any of the other functions described previously.

 There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of a device for the authentication and
20 verification of individuals and/or documents, wherein the device includes a multifunctional authentication service and is disposed to be in data communication with a plurality of remote databases; furthermore a secure information exchange device located within the device
25 itself provides for the secure pairing and operation of the device and a data transfer medium to allow for the transfer of a subject's information to a plurality of databases in order that the detailed description thereof that follows

5 may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

10 In this respect, before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and to the arrangements of the components set forth in the following
15 description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced and carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for the purpose of description and should not be regarded
20 as limiting.

These together with other objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty, which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part
25 of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which

5 there are illustrated preferred embodiments of the
invention.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a device for the authentication and verification of individuals and documents, wherein the device possesses a secure multifunctional authentication service and is in data communication with a plurality of remote databases.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating both the objects which form the infrastructure of the instant invention, and the objects utilized for identification and verification during use of the instant invention.

FIG. 3 is a flow diagram illustrating one embodiment of the operation of the instant invention by an operator and operation of the instant invention by a device manager.

FIGS. 4A and **4B** are a pair of flow diagrams illustrating device management of the instant invention.

FIG. 5A is a flow diagram illustrating a method for device pairing of the instant invention, preferably between a device and a data transfer medium.

FIGS. 5B through **5H** display flow diagrams illustrating the various steps in the device pairing process between the device and a data transfer medium.

FIG. 6 is a flow diagram illustrating a method for configuration management of the instant invention.

5 **FIG. 7** is a flow diagram illustrating synchronization of the instant invention.

FIG. 8A is a flow diagram illustrating field operations by an operator of the instant invention during an identification query.

10 **FIG. 8B** is a flow diagram illustrating field operations by an operator of the instant invention during a verification query.

FIG. 8C is a flow diagram illustrating field operations by an operator of the instant invention during a
15 reconnect between devices.

FIG. 9 is a flow diagram illustrating database management of the instant invention.

FIG. 10A is a flow diagram illustrating one embodiment of an operator of the instant invention performing an
20 identification query search.

FIG. 10B is a flow diagram illustrating one embodiment of an operator of the instant invention performing a verification query search.

FIG. 10C is a flow diagram illustrating one embodiment
25 of the process for capture of a user credential and processing through a local and remote database by the device.

5 **FIG. 11** is a block diagram illustrating a variety of
interfaces between the device, a data transfer medium and a
plurality of user interfaces to allow an operator to
communicate with each layer of the instant invention.

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5 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The instant invention discloses an intelligent peripheral device possessing a secure multifunctional authentication service integrated with data storage
10 capability, wherein the device is disposed to comprise a multifunctional intelligent peripheral or accessory device, which, upon implementation into a system, is disposed to control a set of transactions that the system is designated to perform by the device, in conjunction with a data
15 transfer medium which is under the control of the device.

The instant invention is disposed to perform the authentication and verification of individuals and/or documents, wherein the device includes a plurality of data storage capability, and is disposed to be in data
20 communication with a plurality of remote databases through a data transfer medium. Furthermore, each accessory device is disposed to possess a secure multifunctional authentication service.

Therefore, in one embodiment, the instant invention is
25 disposed to function as a device to enable the authentication of both a subject and their associated issued credentials, as well as a validation that the individual presenting the issued credentials is the actual

5 holder. The device is disposed to enable this operation to occur using any data transfer medium to allow for communication with a plurality of remote databases. The authentication of a subject may occur through the use of a biometric data search and a demographic data search and
10 match capability, either alone or in combination.

The instant invention is further disposed to enable an encrypted wireless connection between the device and any data transfer medium, for the secure transfer of information from the device to and from a plurality of
15 remote databases. This function may be accomplished through hardware and software embedded with the device, in combination with a data transfer medium.

In one embodiment of the instant invention, wherein the device and a data transfer medium are in wireless
20 communication, the communication may be of any protocol and technology. Additionally, the encryption protection may be provided as an autonomous layer to the actual communications protocol or technology utilized with the instant invention.

25 In yet another embodiment of the instant invention, an operator is provided with the ability to manage the pairing of a device and a data transfer medium, in combination with the issuance of these paired sets to the operator. In

5 addition, the operator is provided with the ability to manage and control any data that is downloaded to the device from a central or remote database.

FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of the instant invention **10**, wherein a device **12** is disposed to be in data communication with a data transfer medium **14**. In one embodiment, the data transfer medium **14** may be a mobile device, a portable communications device, a computing platform device or a Bluetooth® connection. In one embodiment, the device **12** comprises a biometric authentication module **16**, wherein the authentication module is disposed to preferably capture a subject's fingerprint for the purposes of either identification or verification. Furthermore, the device **12** includes a Machine Readable Zone ("MRZ") Reader **18A** and an Optical Character Recognition ("OCR") reader **18B**, along with and a Radio Frequency Identification ("RFID") reader **20** disposed to capture and process various documents in possession of a subject preferably for an authentication query. In addition, an optical document scanner **22** is provided for analysis of documents for authentication. The device **12** further includes a secure access module **24**, wherein the secure access module is disposed to interface with the data transfer medium **14** for the secure transfer of information

5 between the device and a plurality of remote databases.
Furthermore, the device **12** is disposed to possess a
plurality of data storage **26** preferably in the form of
either a local fingerprint database or a denied person's
watch list for example. Furthermore, the device **12** is
10 disposed to possess a camera **27** to allow an operator of the
device to secure a visual identification of a subject, a
magnetic strip reader **31** and a contact card reader **33**.

In one embodiment, the device **12** is in data
communication with a device management system **28**, through
15 the data transfer medium **14**, wherein the form of data
communication is preferably a wireless communication.
Additionally, the device **12** is disposed to be in data
communication with a plurality of databases **30** preferably
for remote identification and verification of an individual
20 and/or documents.

As described above, the instant invention is disposed
to allow for a plurality of biometric and non-biometric
search and match functions to be combined in any way an
operator requires thru the specialized configuration
25 capability of the software and accessory device hardware.
The four primary biometric functions are the following:

- 1:N Local Identification

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- 1:N Remote Identification
 - 1:1 Local Verification
 - 1:1 Remote Verification

10 The non-biometric functions are the following (it is important to note that for each function the application enables the interface protocols to be customized to their respective requirements for each country):

- Name Search (European Union ("EU") - Schengen Identification System ("SIS") and SISII, United States
15 - State and National Crime Information Center "NCIC")
- Vehicle Registration Search (EU - SIS+ and SISII, US - State Department of Motor Vehicles)
- Weapon Registration Search (US - State and NCIC)
- Drivers License Search (EU - National Db and US -
20 State DMV)
- Vehicle VIN Search (EU - SIS+ and SISII, US - State DMV)
- Visa Search (EU - VIS/BIS)

- 5 • Any other issued government or private sector
 credentials

 In addition, a special credential authentication
function allows the operator to obtain information as to
the authenticity of the secure credential they are in
10 possession of, including but not limited to:

- E-Passports, and Standard Passports

- National IDs

- Drivers Licenses

- Any other issued government or private sector
15 credentials

**Identification with A Limited Device Only Database
(1:Few and Local Search)**

 This embodiment allows for a watch list fingerprint
20 and DPL or other type of subset databases resident on the
device itself. This would allow the operator to identify a
subject where communications may be limited such as remote
areas or in building where communication signals are not
reliable. Also it is used when specific set of subjects
25 are being searched against. The device provides for the
means to update these local databases by the operator over

5 a data transfer medium, including but not to limited to a
wireless network, office WiFi, USB connection with an
office PC, or through an office LAN connection.
Furthermore, each device is disposed to be uniquely
identifiable so that it can be known exactly which device
10 obtains which database information. In conjunction with
the security of each device, the database(s) resident on
the device **12** are disposed to be encrypted when stored on
the device, and to be automatically deleted if tampered
with by an operator without proper authorization.

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Identification**(1:N Remote and Central Database Searches)**

This embodiment provides the capability to perform
20 searches against designated segments of databases using
records transmitted preferably via wireless technology from
the device to plurality of remote databases. The 1:N FP
function allows operators of the instant invention to
capture fingerprints of unknown subjects in the field.
25 Once the fingerprint is captured, it is transmitted to the
central AFIS site for searching. A hit/no hit response is
returned to the device, and if available, a photo of the
individual may also be returned.

5 Furthermore, a remote database search allows an operator to obtain demographic data of subjects in the field. This search can be conducted in one or several different databases; depending on what the operator initiates and the type of information available from the
10 subject. The operator can selectively conduct search(s) from the databases they are authorized to access and they can select the order in which the databases are searched against.

15 **Verification and Authentication**
(1:1 Local and Document Authentication)

This embodiment is disposed to confirm the identity of an individual through biometric verification and document
20 authentication. This requires the use of a smart card/e-passport or other machine-readable imbedded biometric solution. When a subject possesses this form of identification, the operator may verify the identity of the subject with the offered document, and have the option to
25 also verify the authenticity of the document.

As the authentication of the document is done against a database of valid documents issued by the different governments, this database is disposed to reside on the device in a secure format. As with the other databases

5 stored on the device, the device is uniquely identifiable so that it can be known exactly which device obtains which version of database information. In addition, the database is encrypted when stored on the device and be automatically deleted if tampered with without proper authorization.

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Remote Verification and Authentication
(1:1Remote and Document Authentication)

The embodiment is disposed to allow for the
15 verification of a new Schengen Visa or other government/agency issued credential when the biometric data is not stored in the credential itself, but rather stored in a remote database. The operator may submit a subject's captured fingerprint and transmit it to the central AFIS
20 where it will be compared with the stored fingerprint that is associated with the Schengen Visa number or other government/agency issued credential number. The instant invention will also authenticate the Visa or credential using the device and the authentication application.

25 **FIG. 2** illustrates a block diagram of both the objects which form the infrastructure of the instant invention, and the objects utilized for identification and verification during use of the instant invention. The objects are separated into two groups; at the top of the diagram the

5 infrastructure objects shown, and objects at the bottom of the diagram are used by identification and verification.

Infrastructure Objects

10 As previously mentioned, the instant invention includes the device **12** for the authentication and verification of individuals and/or documents, wherein the device **12** is in data communication with a plurality of remote databases **30** through the data transfer medium **14**.
15 Furthermore, in one embodiment a Border Control Mobile Application ("BCMA") **32** may be installed on the device **12**, wherein the BCMA **32** allows for the control of the identification and verification processes. Furthermore, the BCMA **32** is in data communication with the device **12**
20 preferably via Bluetooth®, and a plurality of National State Host Machines preferably via a cell phone network.

In one embodiment, the BCMA **32** and the device **12** comprise a device object after a pairing process (described in a later section). During the pairing process a plurality
25 of communication certificates **34A** and configuration data **34B** are uploaded to the respective devices; in one embodiment the communication certificates **34A** are in an X.509 format. A plurality of local databases **36** is

5 disposed to be stored on the device **12**, wherein this
database **36** may include a plurality of database subsets
38A, including but not limited to "Hotlists", and a
plurality of log data **38B**, including but not limited to an
operator's action log and an event log. A card verifiable
10 ("CV") certificate **40** may be optionally stored on the
device **12** and is disposed to be used when reading the RFID
chip.

Identification and Verification Objects

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A query object **42** is disposed to conduct a plurality
of searches against the local **36** and remote databases **30**.
The query object **42** collects all of the necessary data in
the identification/verification processes; the amount and
20 type of data to be collected depends on the process. A
credential **44** is disposed to store a plurality of
demographic data **46A** and a credential number **46B**.
Furthermore, the credential **44** possesses a plurality of
authentication information **46C**, including but not limited
25 to watermarks and other verifiable properties, along with a
plurality of biometric data **46D** and a reference fingerprint
of the operator **46E**. In one embodiment, in order for an
operator to authenticate the credential **44**, the BCMA **32** is

5 disposed to use a format description which describes the authentication information that can be found on a credential **44**, along with a way for how the information may be read.

FIG. 3 illustrates one embodiment of the operation of the instant invention by an operator and operation of the instant invention by a device manager. The workflow has two parallel braches (1) device management; and (2) field operations, which will be described in more detail in the below sections.

15 **FIG. 4A** and **4B** illustrate a flow diagram for operation of the device management system **28** of the instant invention, wherein the management system **28** of the device **12** is disposed to receive the device **12**, the data transfer medium **14** along with the plurality of database subsets **26**.
20 Furthermore, the device management system **28** is responsible for the storage of applications, database subsets and device information into its own database.

In addition, the device management system **28** is disposed to create a plurality of database profiles
25 (hotlists), configuration data, and subsequently update applications and database profiles on the device **12**. Lastly, the device management system **28** is disposed to pair the device with an available data transfer medium **14** and

5 hand the device to the operator, and subsequently remove the pairing of devices, and download a filed operation log from the devices.

FIG. 5A illustrates a method for device pairing of the instant invention, preferably between the device **12** and a data transfer medium **14** to allow for the secure transfer of information between the device **12** and a plurality of remote databases **30**. In one embodiment, the pairing and removing may be performed by a device manager. Initially, in order to commence a pairing operation, the device **12** includes a secure information exchange device ("SIED") **48**, wherein the SIED **48** is disposed to authenticate the device **12** and is in data communication with the data transfer medium **14**. In order to authenticate the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**, the SIED **48** is disposed to read and/or analyze a plurality of authentication data, including but not limited to the identification information and certificates of the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. During authentication, the SIED **48** compares the digital certificate of the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** against an external certificate authority ("CA") root certificate. In one embodiment, the device **12**, and the data transfer medium **14**, in combination with the SIED **48**, all possess digital certificates issued by the same CA, and

5 therefore are all on the same certification chain. Therefore, when the verification of the digital certificates is successful, the SIED **48** performs a search in a device database **50**, and when the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** are enrolled in the device database
10 **50** the authentication of each is approved. Alternatively, if they are not present in the database **50**, the SIED **48** warns the device manager. Therefore, upon authentication, the SIED **48** pairs the device **12** with the data transfer medium **14** to allow the device **12** to transmit and receive a
15 plurality of information from the remote databases **30**.

Initially at step **100**, a request for pairing is transmitted to the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. At step **102**, the SIED **48** is disposed to capture a fingerprint of an operator of the device **12** for an
20 authentication query, and to authenticate the operator when there is a reconnect of the device **12** with the data transfer medium **14**. At step **104**, the SIED **48** transmits its own digital certificate to both the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. Furthermore, the device **12** and the data
25 transfer medium may authenticate the SIED certificate against the root certificate of the external CA. Following verification of the SIED **48**, at step **106**, the device **12** generates a key pair and at step **108**, the device **12**

5 transmits a public key to the SIED **48**. The public key is utilized during the communication between the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**, wherein the device **12** will authenticate itself with the data transfer medium **14**. At step **110**, the device **12** will transmit a Bluetooth® address
10 to the SIED **48**. Concurrently with the steps performed by the device **12**, following the successful verification of the SIED **48** digital certificate by the data transfer medium **32**, at step **112**, the data transfer medium **14** is disposed to generate its own key pair, and at step **114** transmits the
15 public key to the SIED **48**. Again, as described above, this key will be used during the communication between the device **14** and the data transfer medium **14**, wherein the data transfer medium **14** will authenticate itself. At step **116**, the data transfer medium **14** transmits the Bluetooth®
20 address of the data transfer medium **14** to the SIED **48**. At steps **118A** and **118B**, the SIED **48** transmits the public keys of the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** to the external CA to signature. At step **120**, the SIED **48** receives the signed certificates from the external CA, and
25 at step **122** the SIED **48** signs each certificate with the private key of the SIED **48**. Next, at step **124**, the SIED **48** is disposed to preferably generate a sixteen character long random string to be utilized as a Bluetooth® password by

5 the device 12 and the data transfer medium 14. Lastly, at steps **126A** and **126B** the SIED **48** uploads the pairing information for each the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**, wherein the pairing information, includes but is not limited to each certificate, each Bluetooth® address
10 and password and the captured fingerprint of the operator.

FIGS. 5B through **5H** display flow diagrams illustrating the various steps in the device pairing process shown in **FIG. 5A** with alternate embodiments between the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** through the SIED **48** located
15 in the device **12**.

In this embodiment, prior the commencement of a field operation by an operator **52** of the system, the operator will pair the device **12** to a data transfer medium **14**. As described above, the process of pairing prior to use is
20 necessary to ensure a certified link between the device **12**, and its operator **52**, and the data transfer medium **14**. The pairing process provides essential information to the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** in order to be able to build up a secure Bluetooth® communication, along
25 with providing for a secure authentication and authorization. Furthermore, the confidentiality of the local database which is stored on the secure access module on the device **12** also incorporates the above process.

5 In this embodiment, the pairing and removing of
pairing is performed by a device manager. The device
manager is disposed to manage the device pairing by
preferably registering the device **12**, the data transfer
medium **14**, the local database **26** and the Operator **52**
10 together.

FIG. 5B illustrates the overall pairing process,
wherein **FIGS. 5C** through **5H** illustrate in more detail the
individual steps which comprise the overall process.

FIG. 5C-5H illustrates one embodiment of the process
15 to perform the following operations:

- Discover devices
- Create a pair of devices
- Update a software application
- Update a database
- 20 • Create a certificate for each device
- Update a configuration

Initially, the pairing process commences with the
discovery of each the device **12** and the data transfer
medium **14** that will form a pair. The device **12** and the
25 corresponding data transfer medium **14** are in data
communication with the SIED **48**. As mentioned above, the
SIED **48** acts as a trusted host, wherein each element of the

5 operation (device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**) trust
on the SIED's **48** genuineness. The SIED **48** is disposed to
execute a software application which is provided together
with the device **12**. At step **200A** and step **200B**, the SIED **48**
10 authenticates the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**
respectively. The SIED **48** is disposed to read a plurality
of authentication data (including Device IDs, certificates)
from the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**.
Subsequently, the SIED **48** checks each of the digital
certificates against the external CA's root certificate. If
15 the verification of the digital certificates is successful,
then the SIED **48** searches the device IDs in the device
database **50**. If the device **12** and the data transfer medium
14 are enrolled in the device database **50**, then the
authentication is successful. In any other case, the SIED
20 **48** will alert the device; in this embodiment, registration
of the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** will occur
prior to the commencement of the pairing process.

Following completion of the authentication of the
devices, the SIED **48** is disposed to perform the pairing by
25 first capturing a fingerprint of the operator **52**;
preferably the fingerprint will be utilized to authenticate
the operator when there is a connect-reconnect of the
device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. Next the SIED

5 **48** sends its own digital certificate to both the device **12**
and to the data transfer medium **14**; the device **12** and the
data transfer medium **14** are disposed to authenticate the
SIED certificate against the root certificate of the
external CA. In this embodiment, the device database **50** is
10 not a part of device **12** itself, rather it is preferred that
the operator **52** or device manage possesses an inventory
database. Interfacing of the device database is a part of
the device **12** integration. The enrolment of the devices
shall be made by the end user, by using the registration
15 software of their inventory database.

If the SIED digital certificate is successfully
verified by the device **12**, the device generates a key pair
(i.e. public and private) and forwards the public key to
the SIED **48**. This public key will be utilized during the
20 communication between the device **12** and the data transfer
medium **14**, wherein the device **12** will authenticate itself
to the data transfer medium **32**. Finally, the device **12**
will transmit the Bluetooth® address of the device **12** to
the SIED **48**.

25 Similar to the verification of the device **12**, if the
SIED digital certificate is successfully verified by the
data transfer medium **14**, the data transfer medium **14**
generates a key pair and transmits the public key to the

5 SIED **48**. This key will be utilized during the communication between the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**, wherein the data transfer medium **14** will authenticate itself to the device **12**. Finally, the data transfer medium 14 will transmit its Bluetooth® address to the SIED **48**.

10 As described in **FIG. 5A**, the SIED **48** sends the public keys to the external CA for signature. Then the SIED **48** generates a sixteen character long ID which will be used as a Bluetooth password by the device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. The SIED **48** will then upload the device **12**
15 certificate, the data transfer medium **14** certificate, the data transfer medium **14** Bluetooth® address, and the Bluetooth® password to the device **12**. Once a successful pairing occurs, the pairing will be stored a database of the SIED **48**. Following the pairing of the devices, a
20 synchronization agent will update the hotlists and software application if necessary.

FIG. 6 illustrates a flow diagram for configuration management of the overall system, wherein a configuration manager is responsible for the process to create a
25 plurality of configuration data, and to define which application upgrades require installation on the device **12** at the synchronization process (see **Fig. 7**). In one embodiment, the configuration data may be uploaded during

5 the pairing process. At step **202**, the configuration manager performs a query to determine if new configuration data is available. At step **204**, if new configuration data is available, the configuration data is updated, and at step **206**, the configuration data is subsequently uploaded.

10 Then at step **208**, the new configuration data is stored in the log data on the local database of the device **12**.

FIG. 7 illustrates a flow diagram for synchronization of the instant invention, wherein at step **210**, either device **12** or the data transfer medium **14** is disposed to be

15 in connection with the SIED **48**. At step **212**, the configuration manager authenticates the attached device as previously described in **FIG 5A**. At step **214A**, the application version of the device **12** is checked to determine whether an upgrade is available; at step **214B**,

20 the application version of the data transfer medium **14** is checked to determine whether an update is available. When an application upgrade is available for the device **12**, at step **216A** the new application is uploaded, and at step **218A**, the application data is logged. When an application

25 upgrade is available for the data transfer medium **14**, at step **216B** the new application is uploaded, and at step **218B**, the application data is logged. Lastly, the SIED **48** is disposed to check the database profile, and if the

5 profile has changed, the SIED **48** will update the database
at step **220**.

FIGS. 8A through **8C** illustrate a variety of field
operation processes that may be performed by an operator,
wherein the process include, but are not limited to:
10 Identification; Verification; and Reconnect of devices.

The identification and the verification processes may
include either a local or remote database search depending
on a particular situation and need of an operator. In one
embodiment, a remote search is performed on a remote
15 database, wherein the device **12** is disposed to transmit a
search query to a National State Host Machine ("NSHM")
preferably via a cell phone network; the data communication
between the NSHM and the device **12** is preferably secured by
using a Transport Layer Security ("TLS") encryption. Upon
20 transmission of the search query from the device **12**, the
NSHM will dispatch a query to a remote database
corresponding to the data query; the database search result
will be subsequently transmitted to the device **12**
preferably utilizing the above-described communication
25 method.

Fig. 8A illustrates one embodiment of the
identification query and/or search process, wherein one of
the objects of the process is to determine whether a

5 subject of a query/search is on a hotlist, DPL or other similar database subset.

Initially, at step **222**, an operator captures a plurality of demographic and/or biometric data from a subject under investigation or query. Upon obtaining data
10 from a subject, at step **224**, a plurality of remote databases are searched against the captured data. If a remote search is not available due to the location of an operator as previously described, then at step **226**, a local search is performed against the plurality of databases
15 stored within the device **12**. At step **228**, a query result is obtained and provided to the operator regarding the identification of the subject.

FIG. 8B illustrates one embodiment of the verification query and/or authentication process, wherein one of the
20 objects of the process is to authenticate a plurality of credentials in the possession of a subject, and to determine if the credentials belong to the subject.

Initially at step **230**, an operator capture's a plurality of biometric and authentication information from
25 a subject, including but not limited to the subject's fingerprint, credential number (i.e. passport etc.) and other authentication information. Upon capturing a subject's credential information, at step **232** the subject's

5 information is authenticated use a plurality of local
databases stored on the accessory device **12**. Where the
biometric data is stored on the credential, at step **234** the
subject's credentials are verified using a locate
search/database query. If the reference fingerprint is
10 stored on the credential, the device **12** compares the
reference print to the captured fingerprint. However,
where the biometric data is not stored on the credential,
at step **236** the subject's credentials are verified using a
remote search/database query. If the reference print isn't
15 stored on the credential, then the device **12** transmits the
captured fingerprint and credential information to the
remote database via a data transfer medium **14**. Following
the search/query, at step **238** the query result is generated
in regards to the authenticity of the subject's
20 credentials. Therefore, if the authentication fails, then
the operator will be warned, however after a successful
authentication, the process may continue.

FIG. 8C illustrates a flow diagram of one embodiment
of the process for a reconnection between the device **12**,
25 and a data transfer medium **14**, if the connection is lost.
During the field operations the connection between the
device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** may be lost. In
case of such an event a re-connection shall be made by the

5 operator. At step **240**, the operator must submit a
fingerprint, and wherein at step **242** the operator is
authenticated as described earlier, primarily through the
operator's fingerprint. At step **244**, the accessory device
12 and the data transfer medium **14** are reconnected for
10 usage.

FIG. 9 illustrates a flow diagram for one embodiment
of database management for the plurality of local databases
stored within the device **12**. The plurality of local
databases housed within the device **12** provide an operator
15 with the ability to perform searches, coupled with the
ability to utilize this feature in case of a remote
connection problem or when a fast response for an
identification/verification request is required.

The local database is preferably a part of a larger
20 central database **246**, wherein the central database may
contain blacklisted/wanted persons, a biometric database
with fingerprint data, or a database that contains
blacklisted passports, ID cards. Conversely, the plurality
of databases located on the device **12** database is a limited
25 size database, wherein a plurality of basic information
shall to be provided by the operator. As such, an
operator may transform the local database of the device **12**

5 into a format which will be used during field operations for the operator.

At step **248**, a plurality of data is downloaded after a data download request is transmitted to the central database **246**. Upon receiving the plurality of data, at 10 step **250** a plurality of local databases are created based on the data downloaded. At step **252**, after the local database is created by a database manager, the database is then encrypted with a password which is generated by the database manager. At step **254**, the database management 15 component sends the encrypted database files and the related password together to a synchronization agent.

In one embodiment, the databases are stored by SQL CE on the device **12**. The database files are encrypted with an AES128 method that is provided by the database engine. The 20 device **12** encrypts the database passwords and stores them on the built-in SAM module. In a situation where the device **12** detects that a Bluetooth® connection may be possibly compromised (the connection interrupted, or decoupling), the device **12**, deletes the passwords from the 25 RAM of the device **12**.

FIG. 10A through **10C** illustrate various embodiments for the capture of a subject's credentials and/or biometric data through an identification/verification query for a

5 plurality of either local or remote databases. **FIGS. 10A**
and **10B** build upon and display the process previously
described in **FIGS. 8A** and **8B**.

FIG. 10C illustrates a flow diagram displaying the
overall process from the viewpoint of the device **12**,
10 preferably for the capture of biometric and demographic
data from a subject, and subsequently performing a variety
of search queries for identification and/or verification
purposes.

Initially, at step **256** the operator of the device **12**
15 scans the MRZ of a subject's credential (in this embodiment
a credential includes but is not limited to identification
or a passport). Following scanning of the MRZ of a
subject's credential, the device **12** is disposed to decode
the MRZ and include this content in the subject's file.
20 Subsequently, at step **258** the operator determines if there
is a chip on the subject's credential to be read, and
includes this content in the subject's file. At step **260**,
the operator determines if it is necessary to capture a
fingerprint of the subject, and if so, a plurality of
25 fingers are disposed to be scanned, and then added to the
subject's file. Finally at step **262**, the subject's file is
closed, packed and transmitted over to the data transfer
medium **14**.

5 At step **264**, the data transfer medium **14** receives the subjects file from the device **12** and unpacks the file. A workflow selection list may be displayed on the device **12**, wherein the operator possesses the ability to determine the search query to be performed. In one embodiment, at step
10 **266**, the operator may select one of the following searches to be performed:

- Name
- Other demographics
- FP local
- 15 • FP remote

 At step **268**, when the operator selects a local database search, the device **12** transmits a search object. At step **270** a response to the local database search is by the accessory device **12** for review by the operator. At
20 step **272**, when the operator requests a remote search, the subject's file is packed and transmitted to a National State Host, a Central Data Base and/or an AFIS. Lastly, at step **274**, a response to the remote database search is transmitted to the device **12** and stored in the subject's
25 file.

FIG. 11 illustrates a flow diagram of a variety of interfaces between the device **12**, a data transfer medium **14**

5 and a plurality of user interfaces to allow an operator to communicate with each layer of the instant invention.

In one embodiment, the device **12** is disposed to possess a system of configurable software **278**, wherein the software and the various functions associated with the software, are utilized to support the device **12** when in use by an operator. Preferably, the configurable software is utilized by a variety of operators, including law enforcement agencies, preferably for providing information about an individual, a plurality of vehicles and/or property. In one embodiment, the configurable software **278** is disposed to provide an interface to the device **12**, preferably in order to capture a plurality of data from identification documents, or a plurality of biometric data, including a subject's fingerprints. As described in a previous section, the information obtained from a subject by an operator may be processed by the configurable software **278**, thereby enabling the operator to conduct either a local or remote search related to the subject. Furthermore, the searches can be performed in a centralized database, or locally by using the local databases of the device **12**.

In one embodiment, the communication channel between the configurable software **278** and the device **12** is a TCP/IP

5 (UDP optionally), wherein the bandwidth may be as low as
19.2 kbps.

Furthermore, in one embodiment, the configurable
software is disposed to be in data communication with the
device **12** via a Bluetooth® connection. Subsequent to
10 establishing a connection to the device **12** via the
configurable software, the application preferably is
designed to be easy to use, and not require a significant
amount of training for use by an operator.

As described in a previous section, preferably for the
15 device **12** to be operational, the device **12** should be paired
with a data transfer medium **14** to allow for communication
with a plurality of remote databases **30**; in one embodiment,
the device **12** may be paired with including but not limited
to a laptop **276** and the data transfer medium **14**
20 simultaneously. In this embodiment, a data connection with
the laptop **276** should take preference over the data
transfer medium **14**.

In one embodiment the device **12** possesses a plurality
of functions and search queries including, but not limited
25 to the following:

5 **Authentication**

A biometric based operator authentication shall be performed on each logon, by capturing the fingerprint of the operator with the device **12** and performing a match against the fingerprint internally stored on the device **12**.

10 **Query local or state databases**

The configurable software **278** shall provide a user interface for querying both a local or remote (federal or state) database. The main queries include, but are not limited to:

- 15 - **Person:** requesting a plurality of information about a person by using his/her identification document, geographical data, or biometric identifiers (fingerprint).
- **Vehicle:** requesting a plurality of information about
20 vehicle by using vehicle identifiers (license plate, VIN, etc).
- **Property:** requesting a plurality of information about a property by using its serial number and type.
- **Gun:** requesting a plurality of information about a gun
25 by using its serial number.

5 **Messaging**

Furthermore, the SIED **48** located on the device **12** is disposed to provide an email messaging feature for a plurality of operators, wherein the configurable software **278** may provide a user interface for the messaging, in
10 which an operator may send email messages to a plurality of other operators. The sender may see whether the recipient or recipients are logged in to the system, and when the recipient or some of the recipients are not logged in, they will receive the message the next time they logon.
15 Preferably, the messages are stored on the SIED **48** and are deleted only by an operator request. Furthermore, the SIED **48** is configured to dispatch asynchronous messages between the operators of the devices **12**, and wherein the messaging service is preferably a closed system, where operators can
20 send and receive messages only in the boundaries of the system.

Query about a Person

The identity of a person, his/her presence on local or
25 remote databases can be performed in various ways. This section describes the type of queries which may be implemented by the configurable software **278**.

5 AFIS

The AFIS based query is a fingerprint search, wherein preferably the two index fingers are captured by the device **12**. The configurable software **278** is disposed to implement a graphical user interface **280** (GUI) on the device **12** for the fingerprint capture process, indicating the shape of a human hand. The captured prints shall be sent to the appropriate service of the SIED **48** as an email attachment, wherein the subject of the email should be the human readable identifier.

15 Name Search

A query may be made with a plurality of demographic information about an individual, wherein the configurable software **278** shall implement a GUI for the Name Search process. A plurality of fields may be provided, including but not limited to:

- **Last name, first name** (mandatory fields).
- **State:** the state that possibly has records on the person.

The following data fields should be filled in, if possible, for better filtering of the result list:

- **Sex:** should be selectable from a list. (Female, Male, Unknown)

- 5 - **Race:** may be selectable from a list, including but not limited to: American Indian, Asian, Black, unknown, White, and/or Hispanic.
- **Date of birth (DoB):** should be entered in a format specified by the state. The format specification must
10 be indicated to the operator.
- **City:** the city where the person resides.

Identification Document Check

The identity of a person may be checked by validating his/her identification document. Furthermore queries may
15 also be performed by using the information captured from an identification document. The configurable software **278** may implement a GUI for capturing information from an identification document, presenting the captured data to the operator, validating and indicating the result of the
20 machine readable data to the operator. At least the following identification document processing may be supported:

Travel Document / Passport check

Biometric passports or e-passports combine paper and
25 electronic data storage that contain demographic and biographic data of the holder. The device **12** is disposed to be able to collect this information from the passport

5 itself. In one embodiment, the process for information collection may include the following steps:

1. After selecting a passport option, the accessory device first scans the Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) of the passport. This may be accomplished by sliding the correct page (which contains the MRZ) through an indenture on the side of the device **12**.
2. If the passport is an e-Passport, the next step is the scan of a contactless chip which may be accomplished by holding the e-Passport to the area that contains the RFID antenna in the device **12**.
3. Following the scanning of the contactless chip, a live fingerprint or fingerprints may be captured. If the passport chip contains fingerprint data this enables the device **12** to perform a 1:1 fingerprint matching query. Additionally, the captured (live or read from the chip) fingerprints may be utilized during an AFIS search.

A passport verification success means that the subject is the entity described by the scanned passport, and the passport is valid. Further searches may be performed with

5 the data collected about the person. These searches include but are not limited to: name search, and fingerprint search.

Personal ID

A query may be started by scanning an MRZ on Personal
10 Identification (Personal ID) Card of the person. Data stored in the MRZ (name, date of birth, etc.) of the ID card can be used to perform searches against the state database.

Drivers license

15 Filling out the fields for a name search may be done automatically, if the operator can capture the barcode which is located on most United States Driver's Licenses. This function should perform the same query that name search does, only speeding up the data capturing process.

20 **Vehicle**

License plate

Searching may be performed against the state database with by license plate information. In order to perform the query a plurality of fields may be required, including but
25 not limited to:

- **Plate number:** the number printed on the license plate.

- 5 - **State:** the state that issued the license plate. The state / abbreviation of the state must be selectable from a drop-down list.

In order to refine the search the following optional fields may be present in the GUI **280:**

- 10 - **Style:** the style of the vehicle should be selectable from a list. Available styles are: partitioned, commercial, motorcycle, passenger (should be selected as default), reciprocity, trailer, truck.
- **Year:** the year the license plate was issued. The
- 15 default value must be the current year.

The license plate search yields results found on the specified vehicle. If a license plate search yields results, searches for the owner's records should be easily performed.

20 **Vehicle Identification Number**

Searches may be performed to find data records about vehicles that do not have license plates or have false license plates. To execute a query, a plurality of data fields should be present, including but not limited to:

- 25 - **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):** a unique identification number entered in the car by the manufacturer.

- 5 - **State:** the state that possible has information on the vehicle.

The following fields are optional, but can be filled in order to increase the accuracy:

- 10 - **Make:** the manufacturer of the vehicle. Should be selectable from a list, but can be left blank.
- **Year:** the year in which the vehicle is registered. Must default to the current year.

Boat

15 The operator can perform a search for records stored on boats. The following information is required to perform the transaction:

- **Hull number:** the serial number provided by the manufacturer of the boat.
- 20 - **Registration number:** the registration number of the boat.
- **State:** the state which registered the boat.

A search performed with information on a boat yields records the agencies has about the specified boat.

QUERY ABOUT PROPERTY

25 Searches may be performed to find records on various stolen objects. Data fields that must be filled in are:

- **Serial number:** serial number provided by the

5 manufacturer.

- **Type:** the type of the searched object, which should be selectable from a list.

Data records found describe the specified object, and its state if applicable (stolen/lost property, other).

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QUERY ABOUT GUN

Searches may be performed to find data on registered guns. The search will yield records on the specified gun. The following data fields must be entered to successfully perform the search:

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- **Serial number:** the serial number embedded in the gun itself.

Other optional data fields include, but are not limited to:

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- **Caliber:** caliber information can be filled in. The data must be provided in a format the state specifies.
- **Make:** the manufacturer of the gun. This should be selectable from a list, and can be left blank.

The query run with the data of a gun results in records found on the specified weapon.

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QUERY RESPONSES

When a response arrives for a query, the operator should receive a visible or an audible notification. Responses are grouped by search transaction, wherein the

5 responses are preferably deleted manually, but when the operator logs off all the data should be purged from the devices. Furthermore, in one embodiment, responses may be textual data, and should be parsed to find key words to highlight them.

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SECURITY

The configurable software **278** and the device **12** work in conjunction with a plurality of sensitive data; therefore a plurality of security features should be implemented in order to prevent the disclosure of this information. These responses must be safely deleted when the operator performs a logout operation. The operator should prevent unauthorized use of the device **12**, but in case of theft the device **12** is disposed to perform a re-
20 authentication of the operator preferably after five minutes of inactivity. In addition, transmissions between the accessory device **12** and the SIED **48** may be vulnerable to attacks such as eavesdropping or falsifying, therefore the communication should be encrypted; the encryption
25 should achieve security of 256 bit AES by the FIPS 140-2 standard.

Preferably, the device **12** enables government agency officers to capture data from the documents of the

5 subjects, or capture live fingerprints in the field. These data then can be processed to enable the officer to conduct searches related to the subject.

To achieve these functions the following software components must exist in the accessory device **12**:

- 10 - Sensor devices: the hardware required to perform data capture are integrated to the device **12**, as previously described include: fingerprint reader, OCR reader, barcode reader, contactless chip reader and contact chip reader. To be able to use the sensor hardware,
- 15 low level controlling software components must be present in the device **12**.
- Document reader component: software parts are needed to perform capturing and processing the data embedded in various documents or the fingerprint capturing
- 20 process. This component contains all the necessary knowledge to process a specific document.
- Transaction control: to perform searches or verifications of the collected data (either read from a document or acquired through user input) a
- 25 transaction controller component is needed. This software part coordinates the execution of the queries

5 either locally or remotely and processing the results
of these transactions.

- User interfaces: the user interface components provide
the means by which the operator can interact with the
system. The system can communicate with the user
10 through these user interfaces:

- Device user interface
- Laptop user interface
- Data Transfer Medium interface

The transaction control component resides in the data
15 transfer medium **14** and the document reader component is
located on the accessory device **12**. The device **12**
preferably is disposed to present a list of documents the
device may read, and allows the operator to select one.
The device **12** then executes the necessary steps to read all
20 data from the document by operating the various sensor
devices. The processed data captured by the device 12 is
utilized to populate the data fields for the actual search.

Client communication

The operator may only access the features of the
25 device **12** if a data connection is established between the

5 accessory device **12** and the data transfer medium **14**. Once a data connection is established, the device 12 may send a plurality of requests to a plurality of remote databases for the identification or verification of an individual and/or documents. The requests and the responses generated
10 by the device **12** may be encoded in individual messages, and wherein the device **12** is disposed to transmit a response message for most of the requests, but some requests do not generate a response, or may generate multiple response messages.

15 **Layers**

Preferably, a communication channel between the accessory device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** is divided into separate layers. These layers include but are not limited to:

- 20 - Bluetooth® communication: all the communication is transmitted through a Bluetooth® connection.
- TLS: the communication channel is protected by TLS version 1.2.
- 25 - Messaging layer: this layer performs the necessary serialization/deserialization of the messages. The messages are ASN.1 DER encoded.

- 5 - Application layer: messages are processed in this layer; this layer contains all the application and business logic.

Protocol description

The device **12** is disposed to await a plurality of
10 incoming connection requests, and then communicate using the following protocol phases, including, but not limited to:

- Connect: a TLS handshake operation is performed to establish secure communication through the open
15 Bluetooth channel. The device **12** and the data transfer medium **14** should utilize the communication certificates distributed in the pairing process.
- Access features: in this phase the data transfer medium
20 **14** may access the features provided by the device **12**. This may be performed by exchanging messages through the secure channel. For most requests the device **12** generates a single response, but for some requests it may generate more or even zero response.
- Disconnect: after closing the underlying TLS and
25 Bluetooth channel, the connection is dropped.

5 Therefore, in summary the instant invention discloses
a variety of unique solutions for the secure pairing and
operation of between a device and a data transfer medium
through a secure information exchange device located on the
device, which is disposed to function as a trusted element
10 that the device and the data transfer medium utilize to
establish and to operate in a secure encrypted method.

 While several variations of the present invention have
been illustrated by way of example in preferred or
particular embodiments, it is apparent that further
15 embodiments could be developed within the spirit and scope
of the present invention, or the inventive concept thereof.
However, it is to be expressly understood that such
modifications and adaptations are within the spirit and
scope of the present invention, and are inclusive, but not
20 limited to the following appended claims as set forth.

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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An intelligent peripheral device comprising:

a biometric authentication module;

an optical character recognition reader;

10 a radio frequency identification reader, wherein the
radio frequency identification reader further comprises an
antenna;

an optical document scanner;

a secure access module;

15 a machine readable zone reader;

a wireless communications module; and

a plurality of data storage modules wherein said
biometric authentication module;

an optical character recognition reader;

20 a radio frequency identification reader, wherein the
radio frequency identification reader, the biometric
authentication module, the optical character recognition
reader, the optical document scanner, the secure access
module, the machine readable zone reader, the wireless
25 communications module and the plurality of data storage
modules are in electronic communication; and

wherein the device upon implementation into a system,
is disposed to control a set of transactions that the

5 system is designated to perform by the device, in
conjunction with a data transfer medium which is under the
control of the device.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the biometric
10 authentication module is disposed to capture a plurality of
an individual's fingerprints.

3. The device of claim 1, wherein the optical character
recognition reader is disposed to translate a plurality of
15 scanned images into a plurality of machine-encoded text.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein the radio frequency
identification reader is disposed to read a plurality of
contactless chips located within an electronic passport.

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5. The device of claim 1, wherein the optical document
scanner is disposed to capture a plurality of data
contained with a plurality of documents in possession by an
individual.

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6. The device of claim 1, wherein the secure access
module is disposed to interface with a data transfer medium

5 to allow for the secure transfer of information to a plurality of remote databases.

7. The device of claim 1, wherein the wireless communications module is disposed to allow for data
10 communication with a plurality of remote databases through a data transfer medium.

8. The device of claim 6, wherein the device is disposed to be in data communication with a plurality of databases.

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9. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposed to allow for a plurality of biometric and non-biometric search and match functions for the identification and verification of a plurality of individuals.

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10. The device of claim 6, wherein the device is disposed to allow for a remote identification and verification of a plurality of individuals.

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11. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposed to allow for the identification and verification of a

5 plurality of individuals and documents through the plurality of data storage modules stored on the device.

12. The device of claim 9, wherein the non-biometric functions of identification and verification are selected
10 from the group consisting of: name, vehicle registration, weapon registration, driver's license, vehicle VIN and Visa.

13. The device of claim 12, wherein the device is disposed
15 to allow for the authentication of a secure credential located within a document.

14. The device of claim 13, wherein the secure credential is located within a document selected from the group
20 consisting of: electronic passport, standard passport, National identification, driver's license and any other government issued credentials.

15. The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of data
25 storage modules is disposed to store database information selected from the group consisting of: denied person's list, watch list and fingerprint list.

5 16. The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of data storage modules are disposed to be in data communication with a plurality of remote databases to allow for updating of the of databases stored on the device.

10 17. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposed to be uniquely identifiable to ascertain which device obtains which database information.

18. The device of claim 1, wherein the data storage
15 modules are disposed to be encrypted and deleted upon tampering by an individual without proper authorization.

19. The device of claim 7, wherein the computing device further comprises a border control mobile application
20 disposed to allow for the control of the identification and verification of a plurality of individuals and documents.

20. The device of claim 19, wherein the border control mobile application is in data communication with the
25 device.

5 21. The device of claim 19, wherein the border control
mobile application is in data communication with a
plurality of National State Host Machines.

22. The device of claim 1, wherein a plurality of local
10 databases is disposed to be stored on the device.

23. The device of claim 22, wherein the plurality of local
databases further comprises a plurality of database subsets
and a plurality of log data.

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24. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposed
to be paired with a data transfer medium for the secure
transfer of a plurality of information between the device
and a plurality of remote databases.

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25. The device of claim 24, wherein the device includes a
secure information exchange device that is disposed to
create a secure trusted environment between the device and
a data transfer medium.

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5 26. The device of claim 25, wherein the secure information exchange device is disposed to establish a secure encrypted environment for the exchange of information between the device and a plurality of remote databases.

10 27. A system for the authentication and verification of a plurality of individuals and documents through a secure multifunctional authentication service comprising:

an intelligent peripheral device, wherein the device upon implementation into the system, is disposed to control
15 a set of transactions that the system is designated to perform by the device, in conjunction with a data transfer medium;

a data transfer medium, wherein the data transfer medium is disposed to be in data communication with the
20 device and under the control of the device; and

a secure information exchange device, wherein the secure information exchange device is located on the device and disposed to create a secure environment between the device and a data transfer medium.

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5 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the device further comprises a series of components in communication comprising:

a biometric authentication module;

an optical character recognition reader;

10 a radio frequency identification reader, wherein the radio frequency identification reader further comprises an antenna;

an optical document scanner;

a secure access module;

15 a machine readable zone reader;

a wireless communications module; and

a plurality of data storage modules, wherein the data storage modules, the biometric authentication module, the optical character recognition reader, the radio frequency
20 identification reader, the optical document scanner, the secure access module, the machine readable zone reader, the wireless communications module and the plurality of data storage modules are in electronic communication.

25 29. The system of claim 27, wherein the device is in data communication with a plurality of remote databases through the data transfer medium.

5 30. The system of claim 27, wherein the secure information exchange device is disposed to authenticate the device and the data transfer medium.

31. A method for the secure pairing between a device and
10 a data transfer medium utilizing the system of claim 27, the steps comprising:

transmitting a request for pairing to the device;

transmitting a request for pairing to the data transfer medium;

15 capturing a fingerprint of an operator of the system for an authentication query;

transmitting a digital certificate from the secure information exchange device to the device;

20 transmitting a digital certificate from the secure information exchange device to the data transfer medium;

authenticating the digital certificate of the secure information exchange device by the device;

authenticating the digital certificate of the secure information exchange device by the data transfer medium;

25 generating a key pair comprising a public key and a private key by the device;

5 generating a key pair comprising a public key and a private key by the data transfer medium;

 transmitting the public key of the device and the data transfer medium to the secure information exchange device;

 transmitting a data communication address from the
10 device and the data transfer medium to the secure information exchange device;

 transmitting the public keys of the device and the data transfer medium by the secure information exchange device to an external certificate authority device;

15 receiving a signed certificate by the secure information exchange device from the external certificate authority;

 signing each certificate by the secure exchange information device with the private keys of the device and
20 the data transfer medium;

 generating a random string by the secure information exchange device; and

 uploading the pairing information of the device and the data transfer medium.

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32. The method of claim 31, wherein the pairing information is selected from the group consisting of:

5 digital certificate, data communication address, password
and the fingerprint of the operator.

33. A method for the identification of an individual
utilizing the system of claim 27, the steps comprising:

10 scanning a plurality of a subject's credential's using
the machine readable zone reader of the device;
decoding the plurality of credential's by the device;
selecting a search query by the device;
transmitting a search request by the device; and
15 receiving a response to the search request by the
device.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step
of:

20 determining whether a chip is present on the subject's
credential's by an operator of the system; and
reading the chip by the radio frequency identification
reader on the device when the chip is present.

25 35. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step
of:

capturing a plurality of a subject's fingerprints
using the biometric authentication module.

5 36. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step
of:

packaging a subject's information into a file; and
transmitting the file to a plurality of remote
databases.

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37. The method of claim 33, wherein the search query is
selected from the group consisting of: name, local
fingerprint database, remote fingerprint database and other
similar demographics.

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38. The method of claim 33 wherein the search request is
transmitted to a remote database selected from the group
consisting of: a National Stage Host, a Central database
and an Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

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39. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step
of:

selecting a local database search by an operator of
the system;

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transmitting a search request by the device; and
transmitting a response to the search request to the
device.

5 40. The method of claim 33, wherein the search query is selected from the group consisting of: a person, a vehicle, a property, a boat and a gun.

41. The method of claim 40, wherein the search query for a
10 person is disposed to include a plurality of search parameters selected from the group consisting of: first name, last name, state, sex, race, data of birth and city.

42. The method of claim 40, wherein the search query for a
15 vehicle is disposed to include a plurality of search parameters selected from the group consisting of: license plate, state, style, year, vehicle identification number and make.

20 43. The method of claim 40, wherein the search query for a property is disposed to include a plurality of search parameters selected from the group consisting of: serial number and type.

25 44. The method of claim 40, wherein the search query for a gun is disposed to include a plurality of search parameters selected from the group consisting of: serial number, caliber and make.

5 45. The method of claim 40, wherein the search query for a boat is disposed to include a plurality of search parameters selected from the group consisting of: hull number, registration number and state.

10 46. The method of claim 33, wherein the search query is disposed to identify an individual by validating a plurality of documents, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a document option on the device;

scanning a machine readable zone on the document by

15 the device; and

transmitting the information contained within the machine readable zone to the plurality of remote databases by the device.

20 47. The method of claim 46, wherein the document is selected from the group consisting of: a passport, an electronic passport, personal identification and a driver's license.

25 48. The method of claim 46, further comprising the step of:

scanning a contactless chip contained within the document; and

5 transmitting the information within the contactless
chip to the device.

49. The method of claim 46, further comprising the step
of:

10 capturing a plurality of a subject's fingerprint's;
 determining whether the document includes a plurality
of fingerprint data;
 verifying the subject's fingerprint with the
fingerprint data contained in the document.

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50. The device of claim 1, wherein the device further
comprises:

 a camera;
 a keyboard, wherein the keyboard is disposed to allow
20 for the entry of a plurality of information by an operator;
 a magnetic stripe reader;
 a contact card reader.

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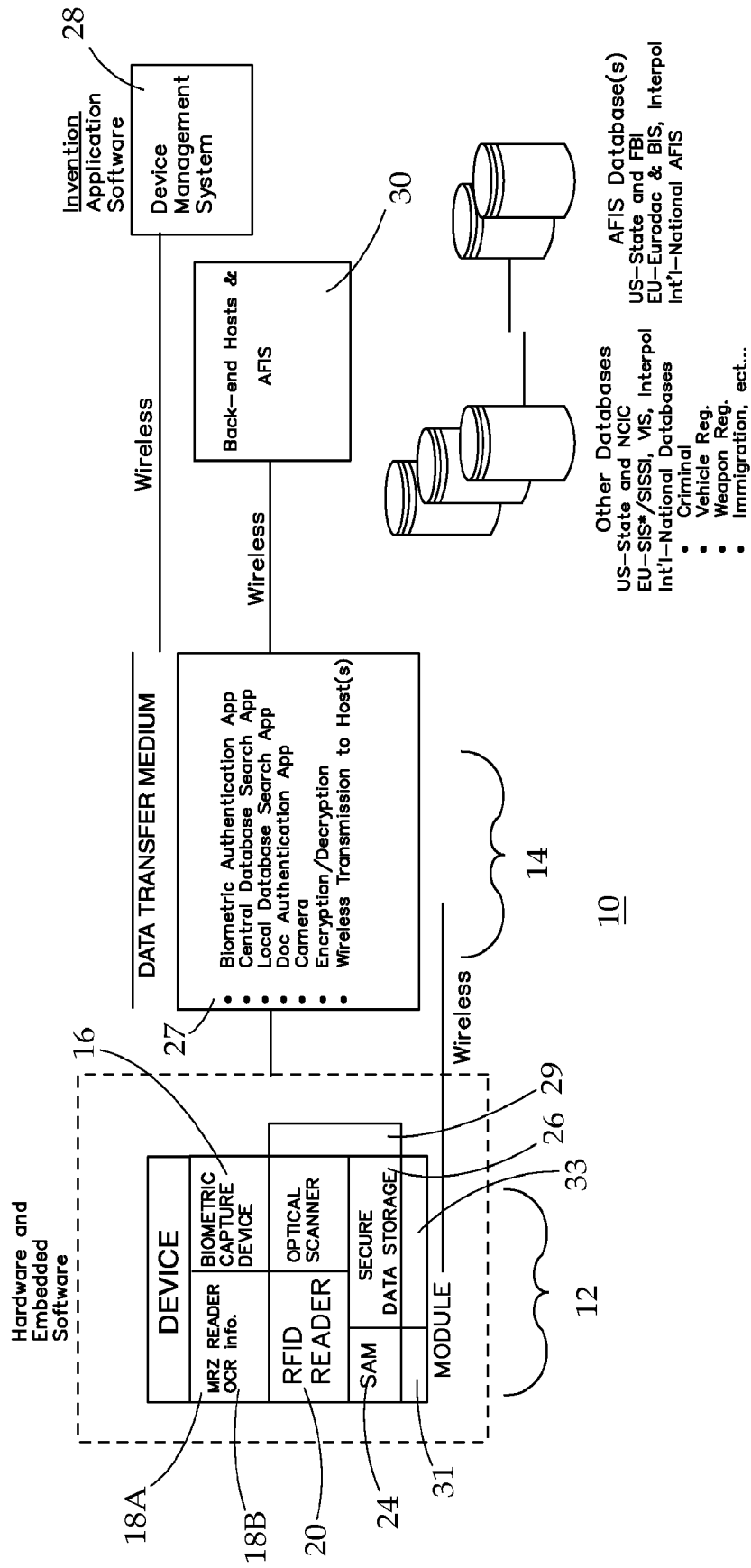


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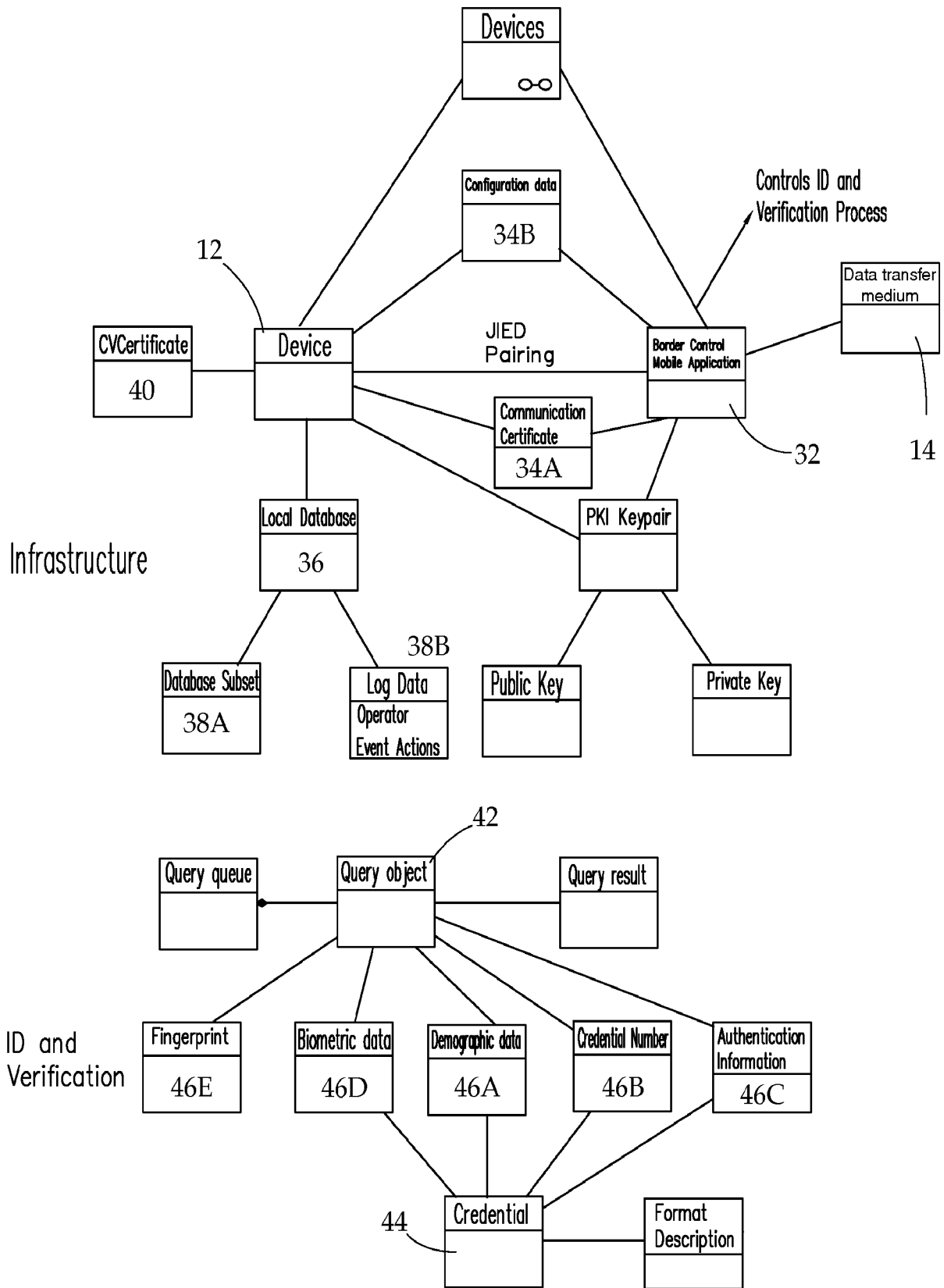


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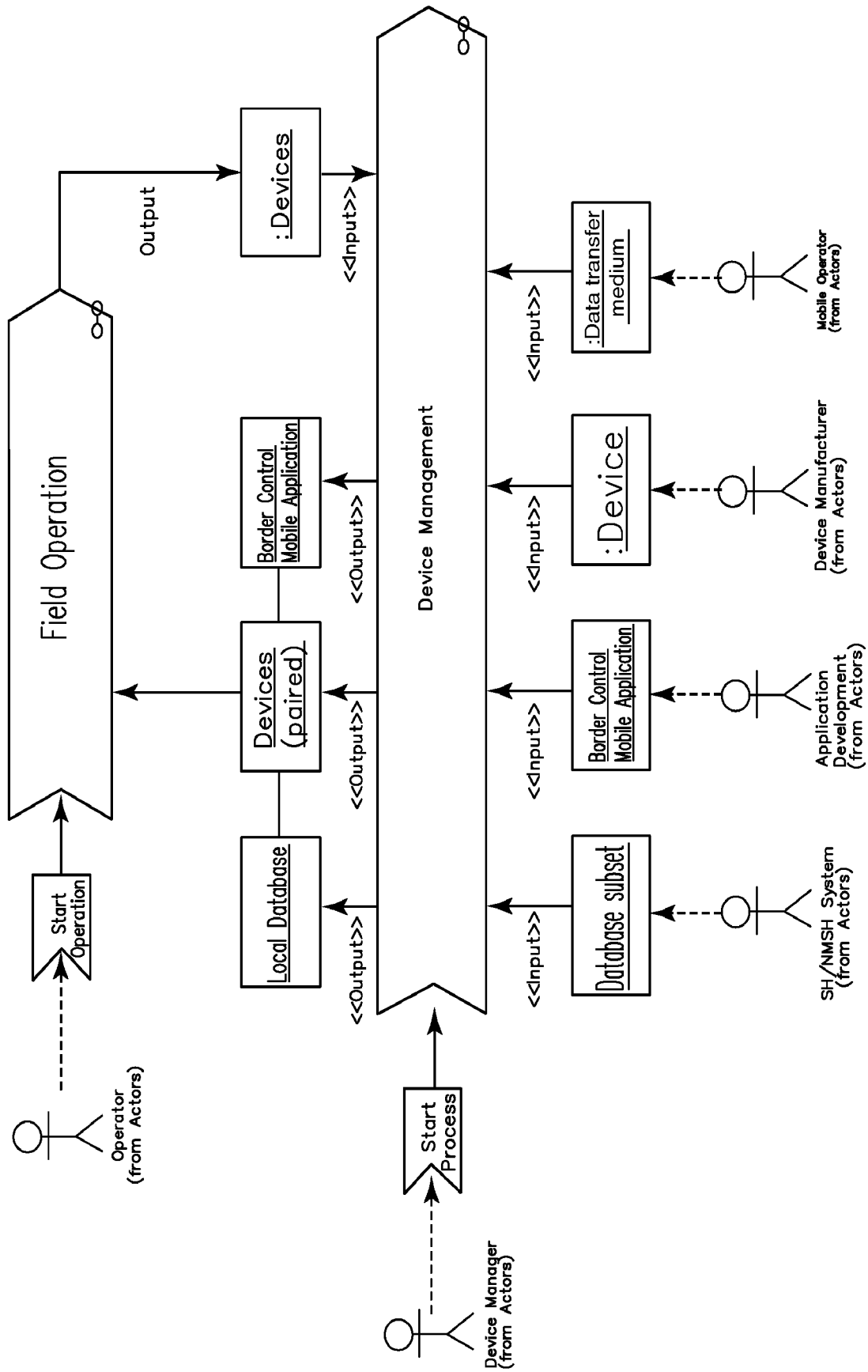


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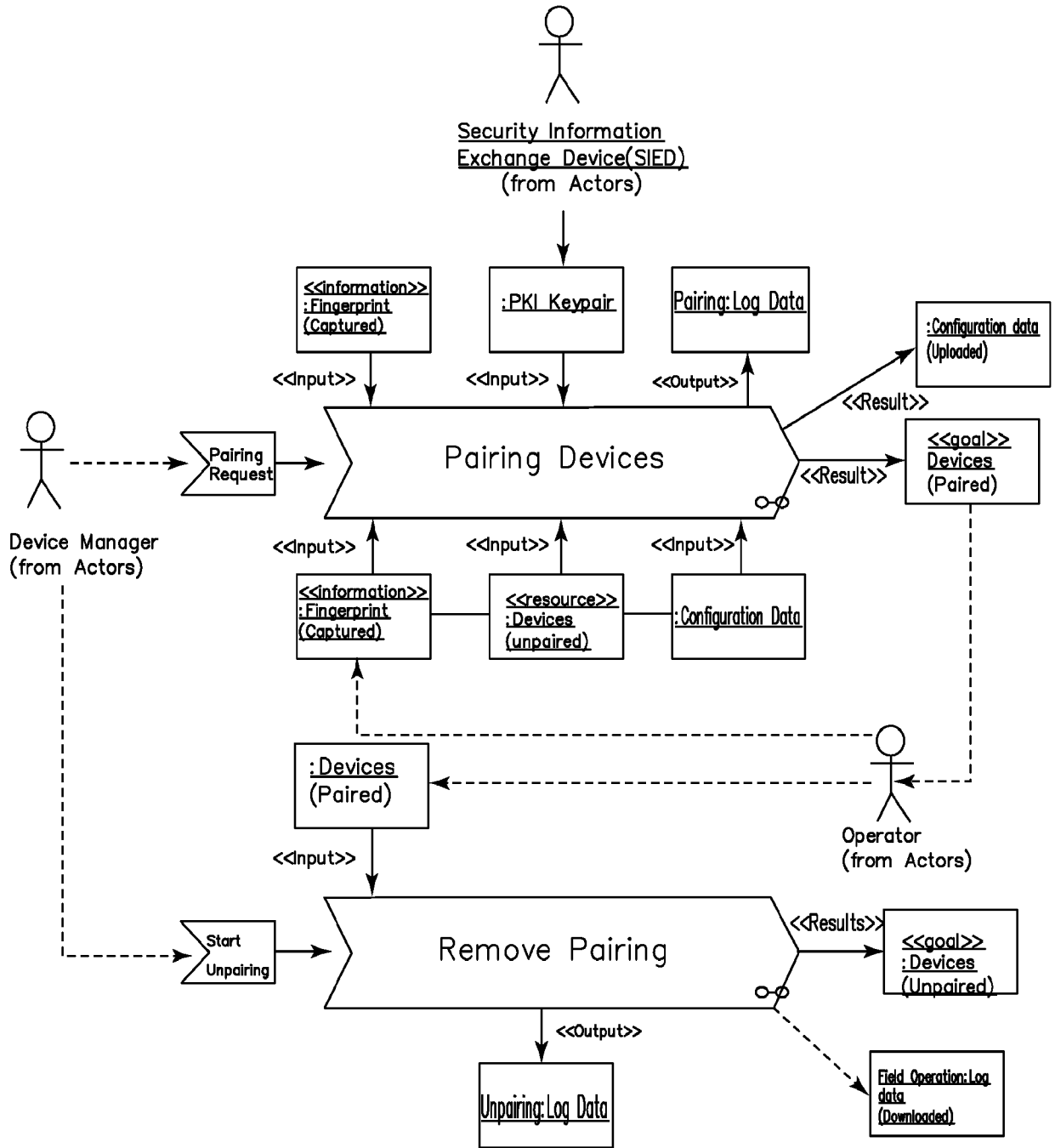


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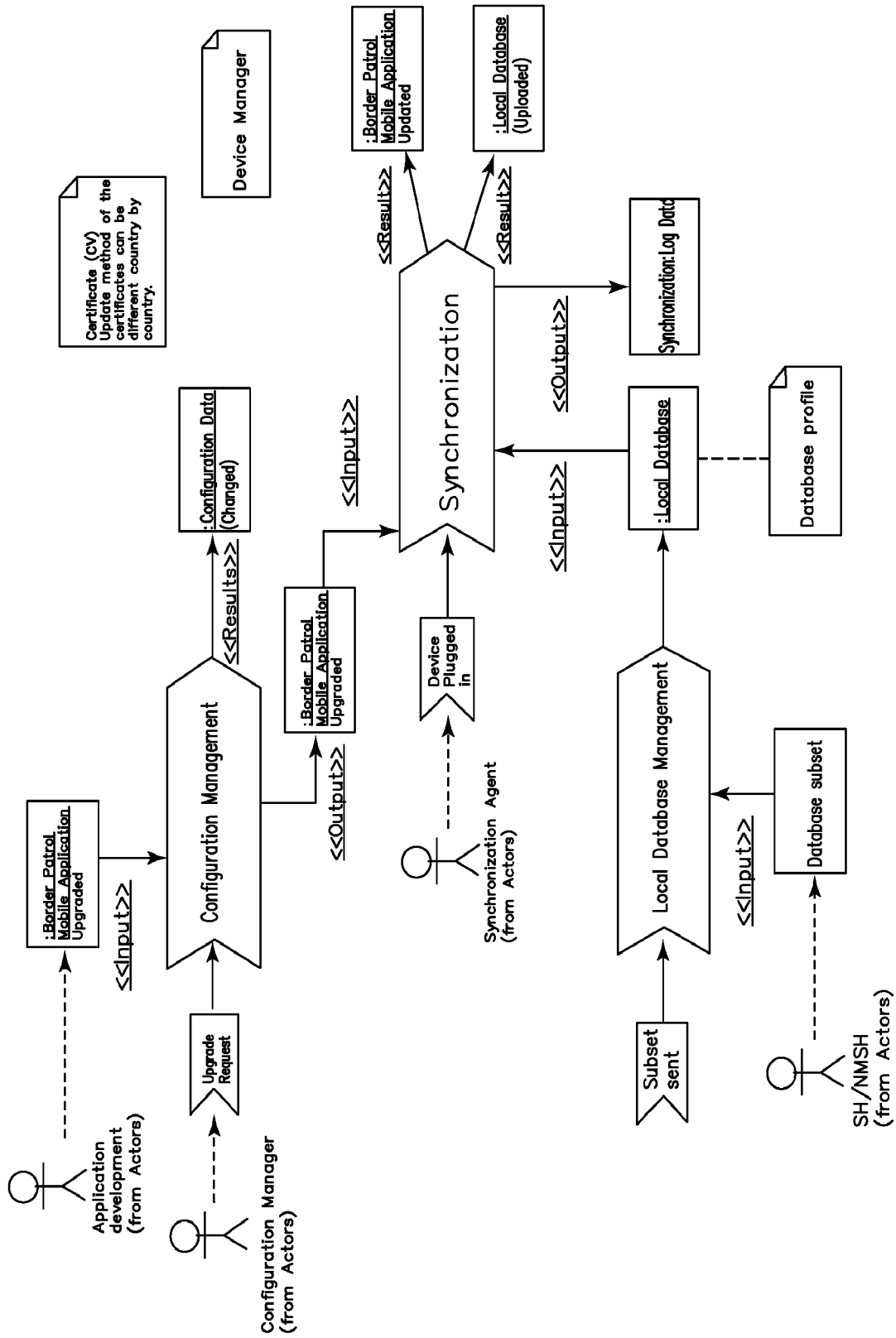


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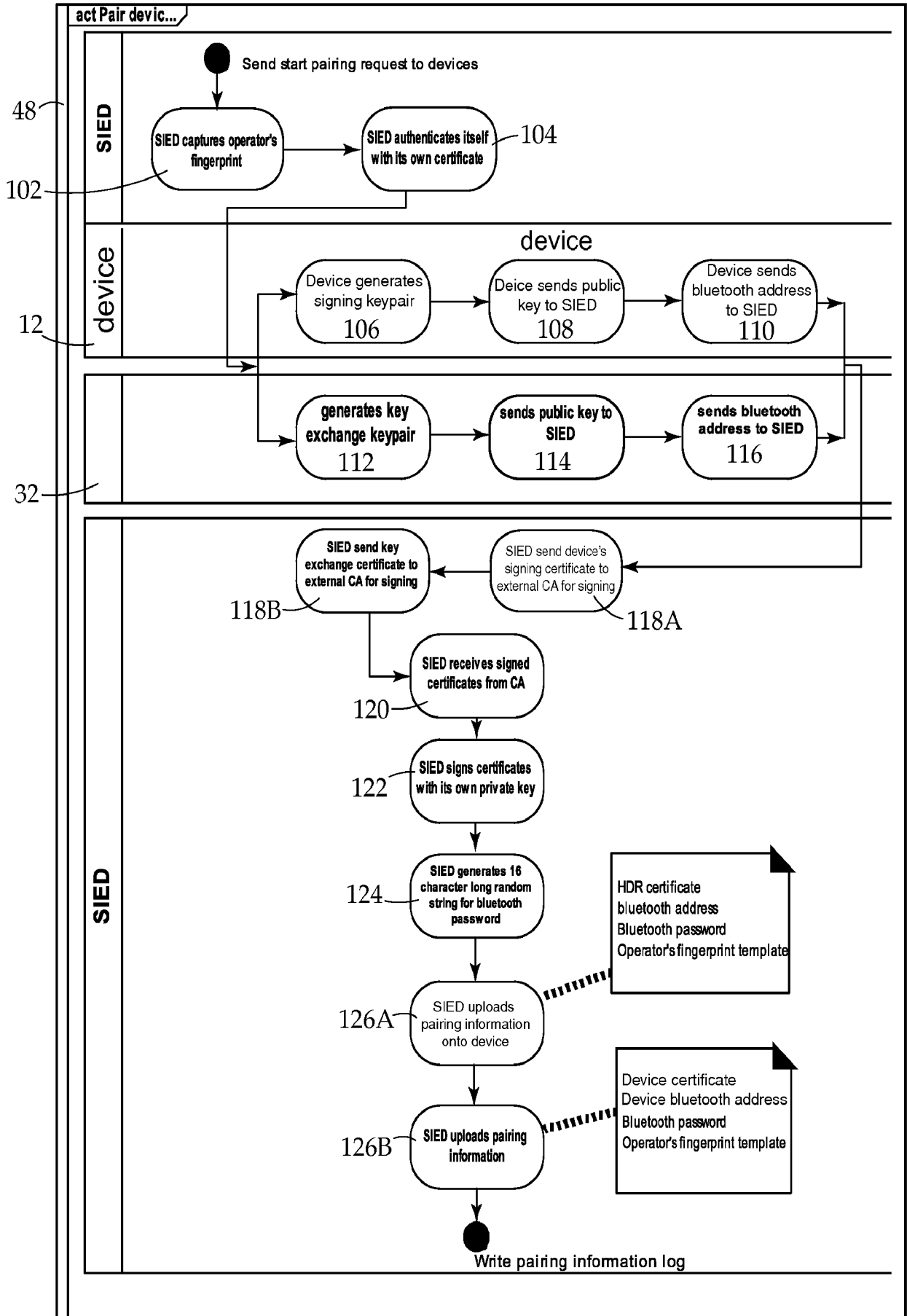


FIG. 5A

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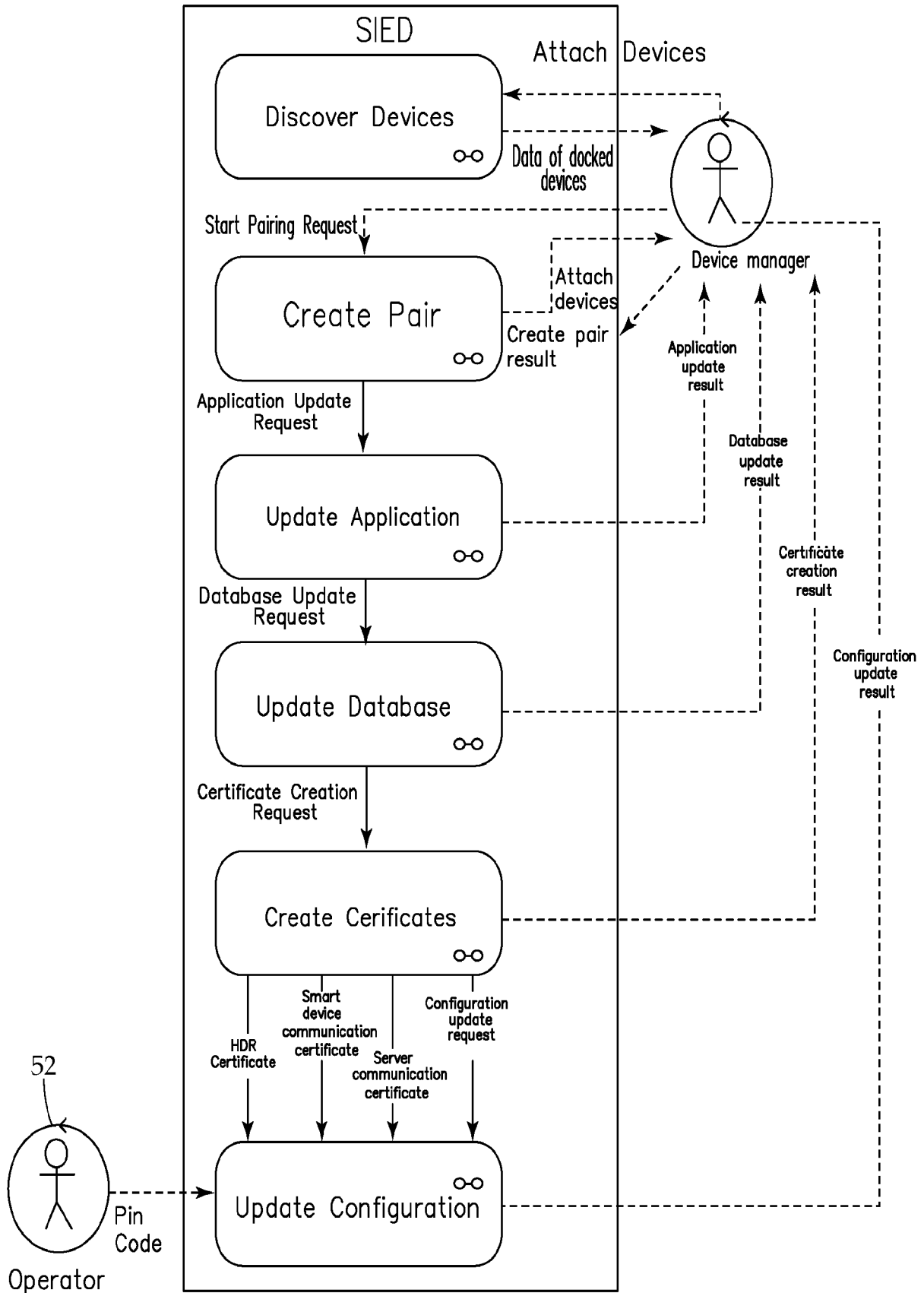


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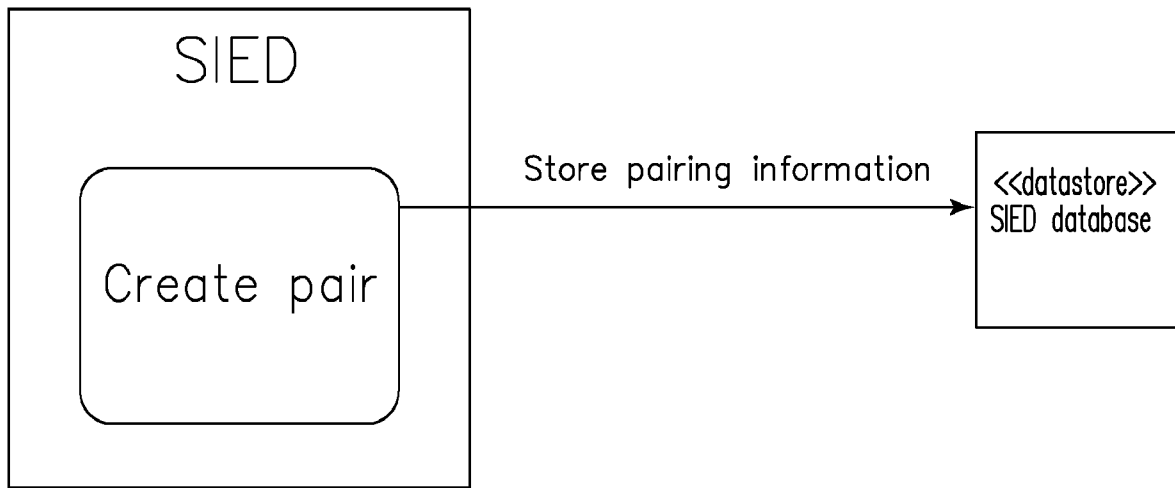


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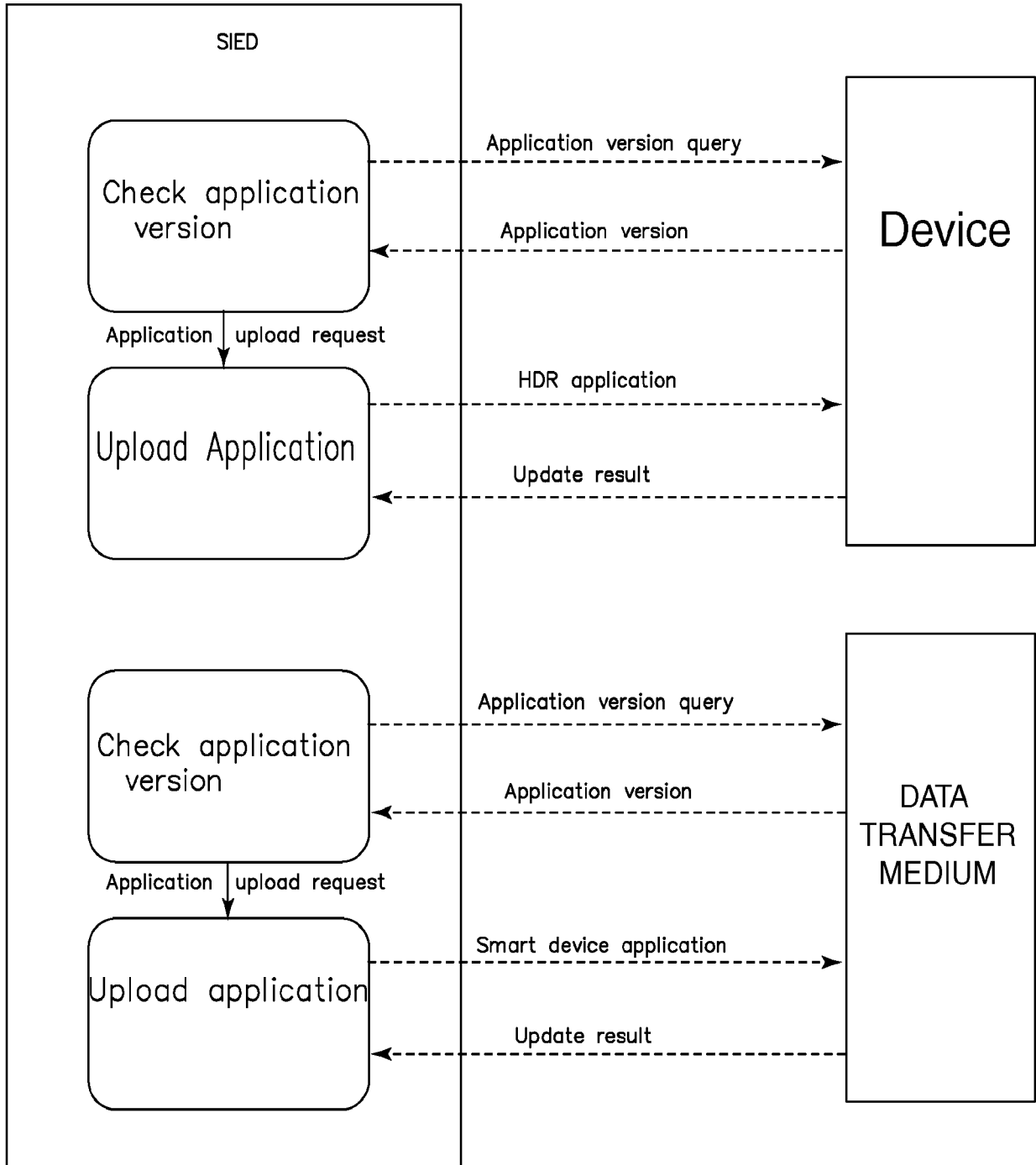


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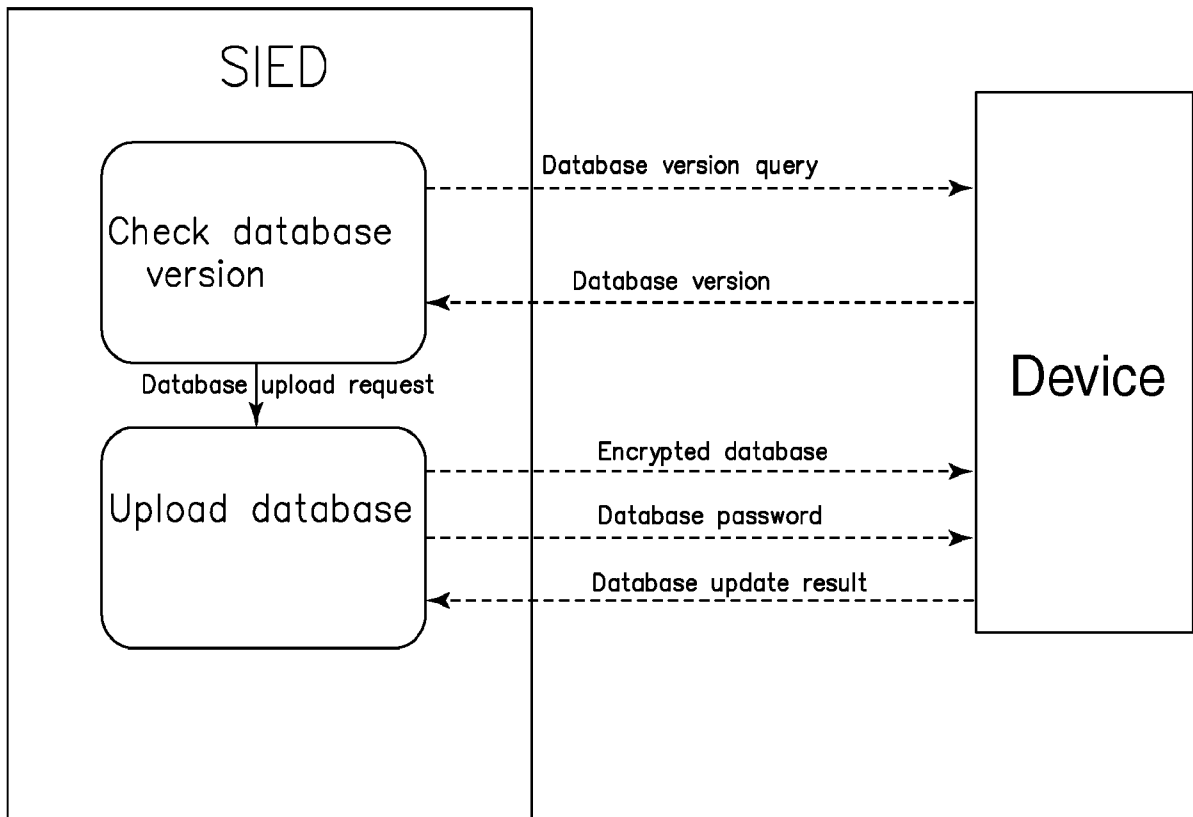


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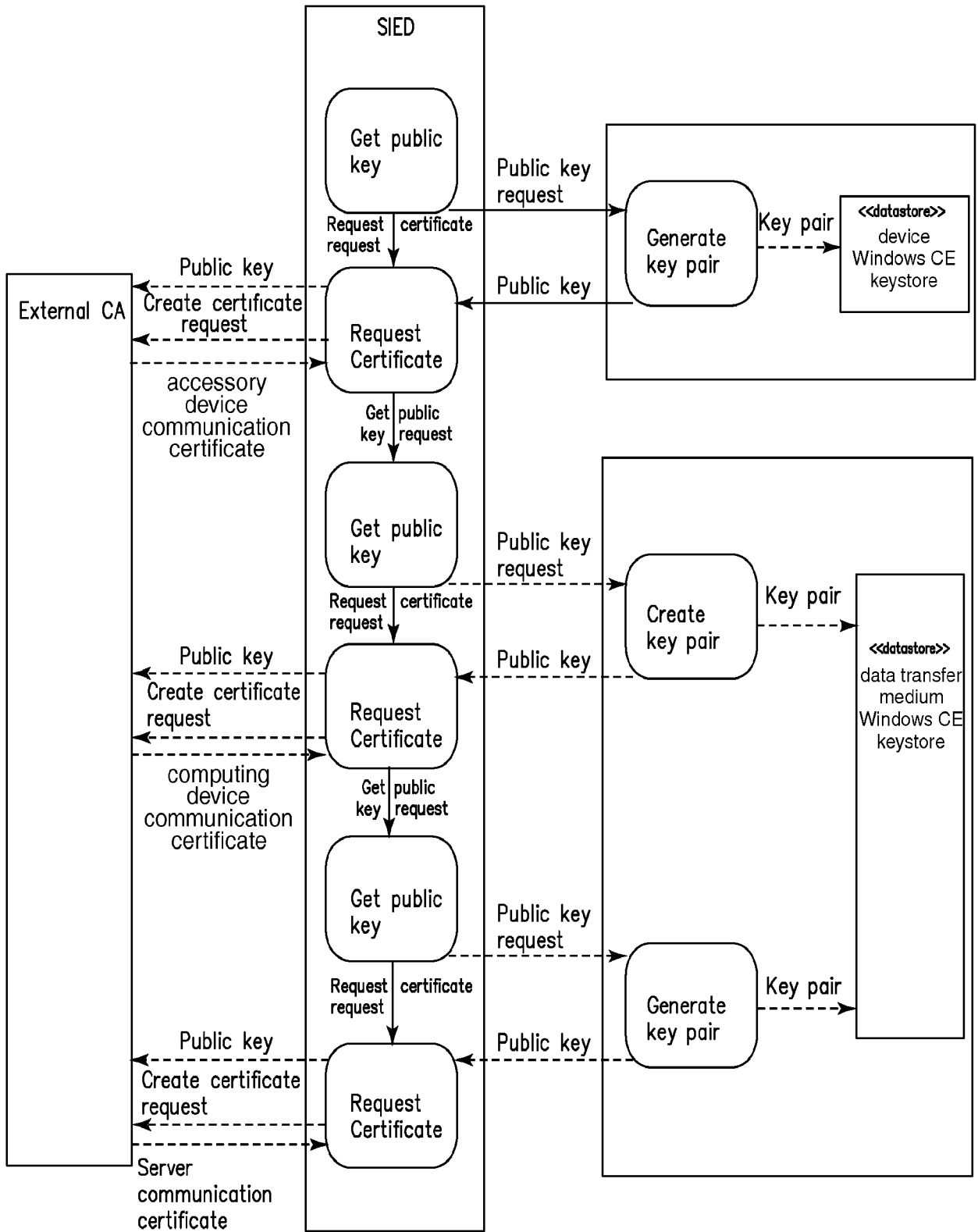


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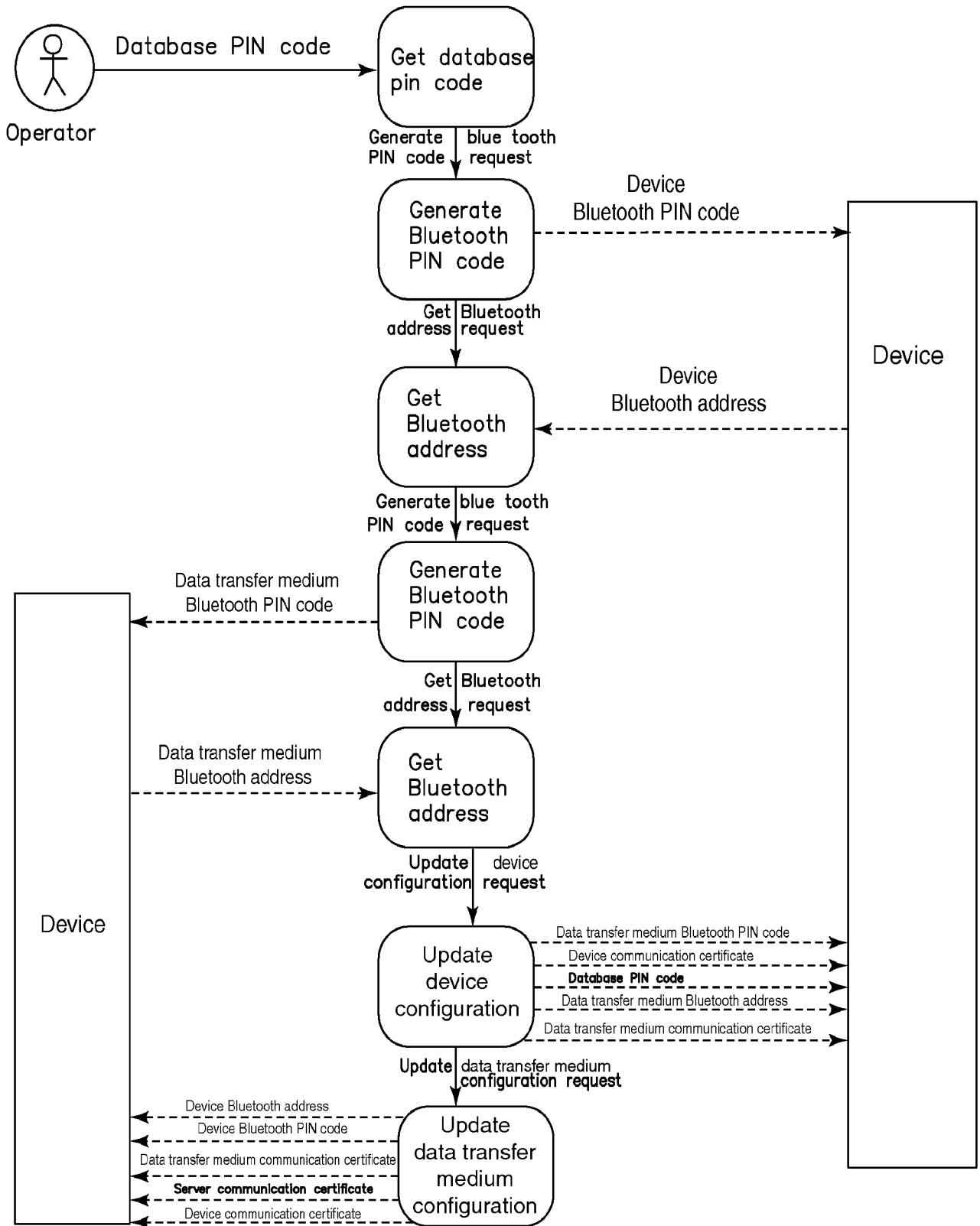


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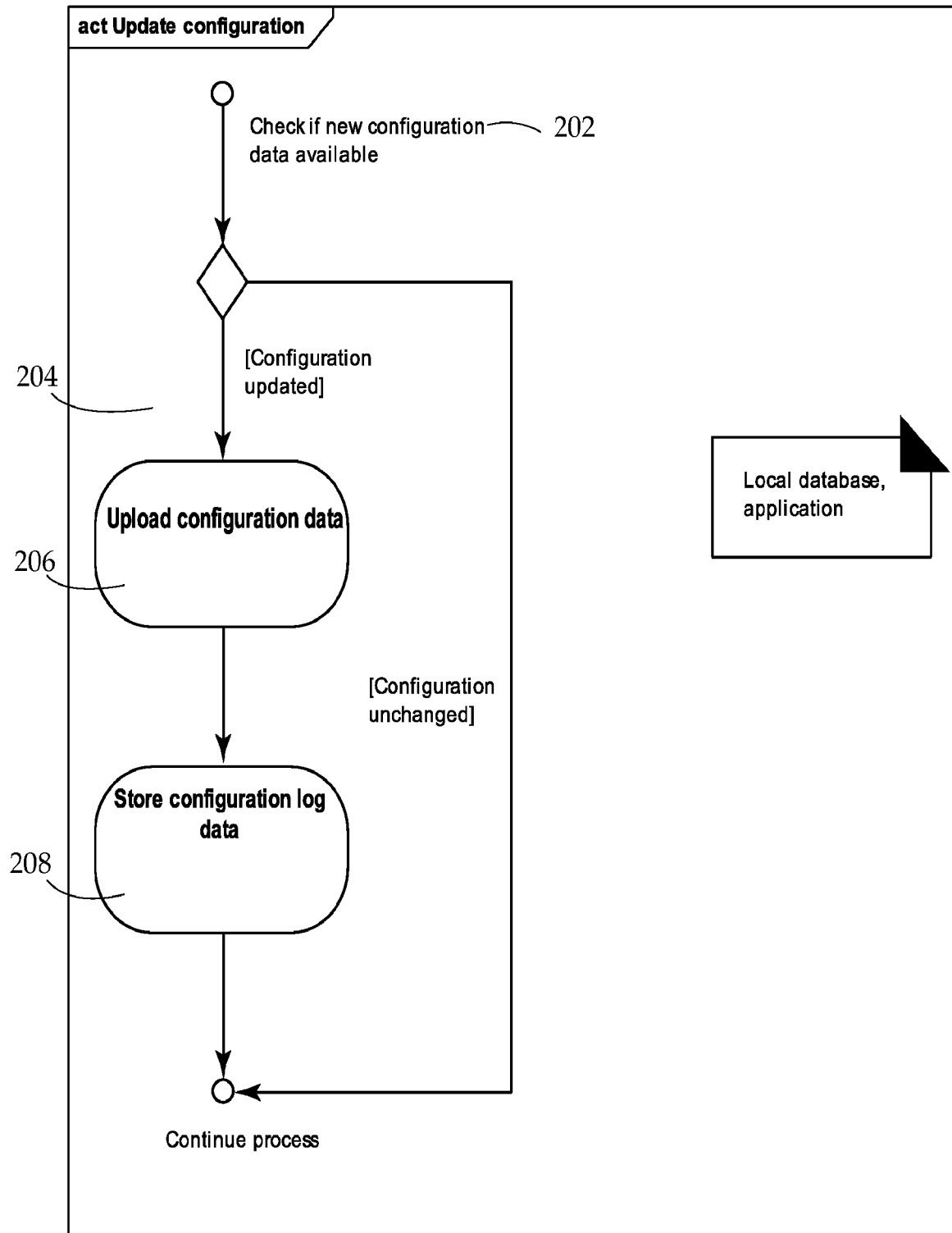


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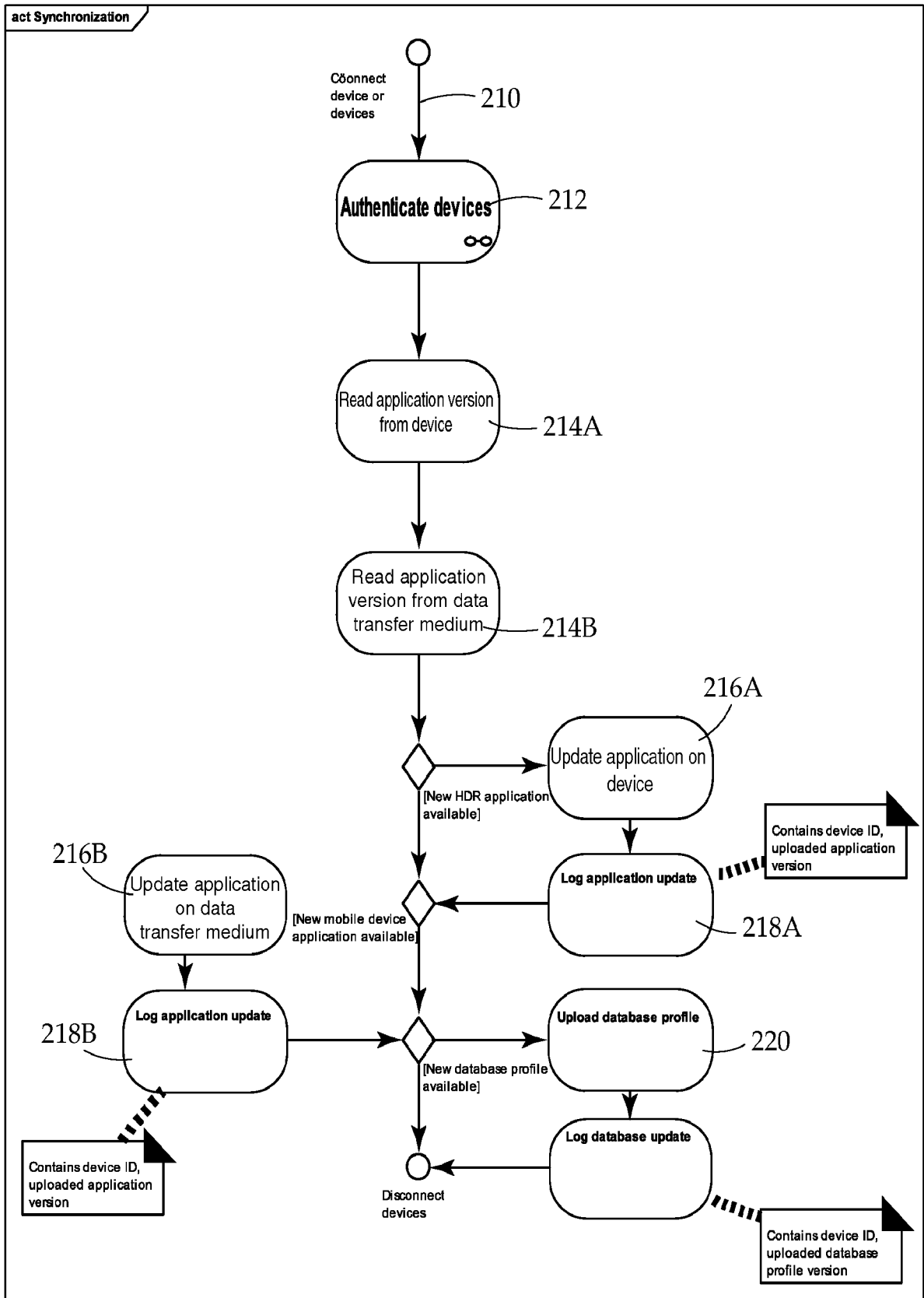


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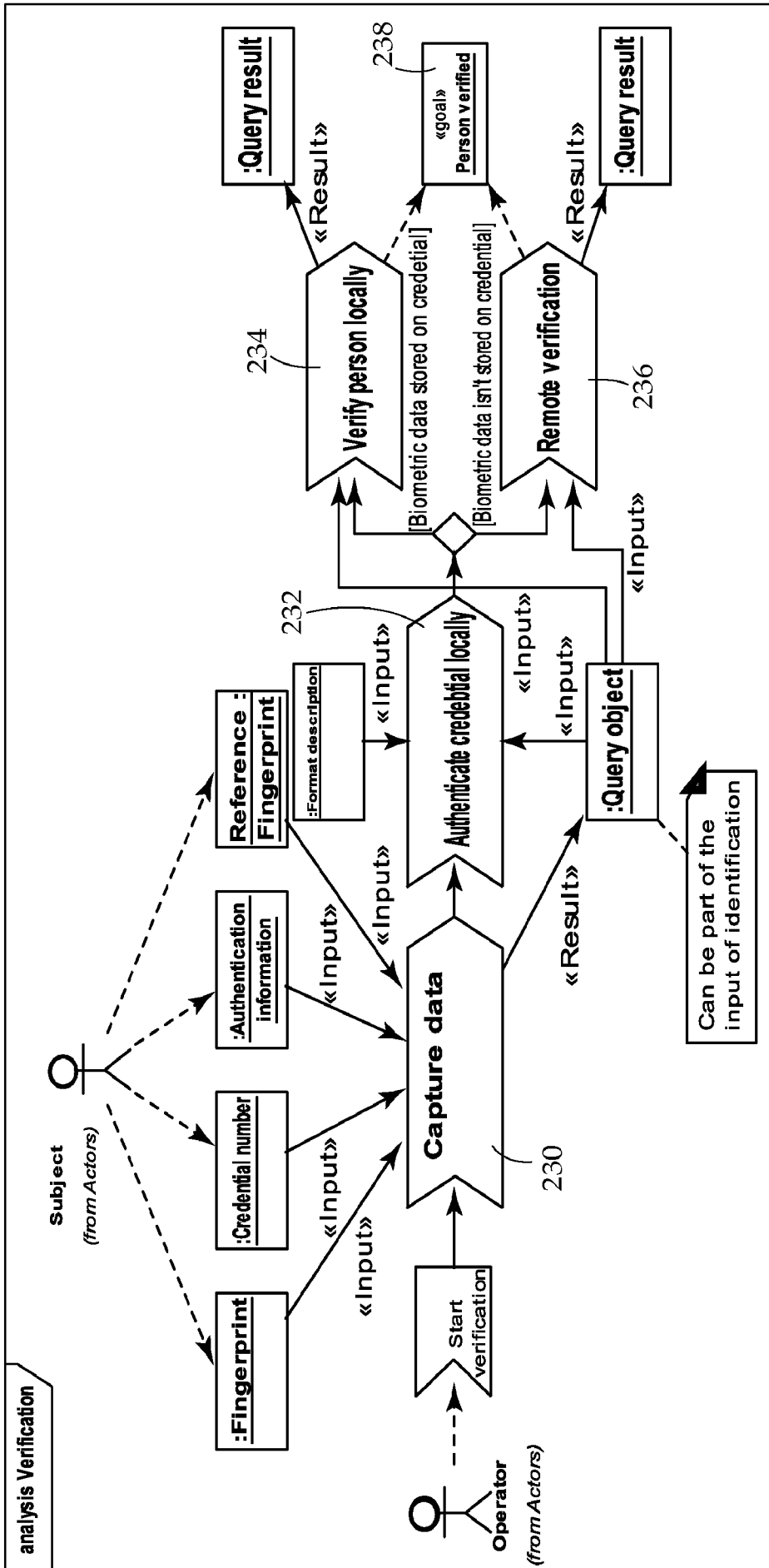


FIG. 8B

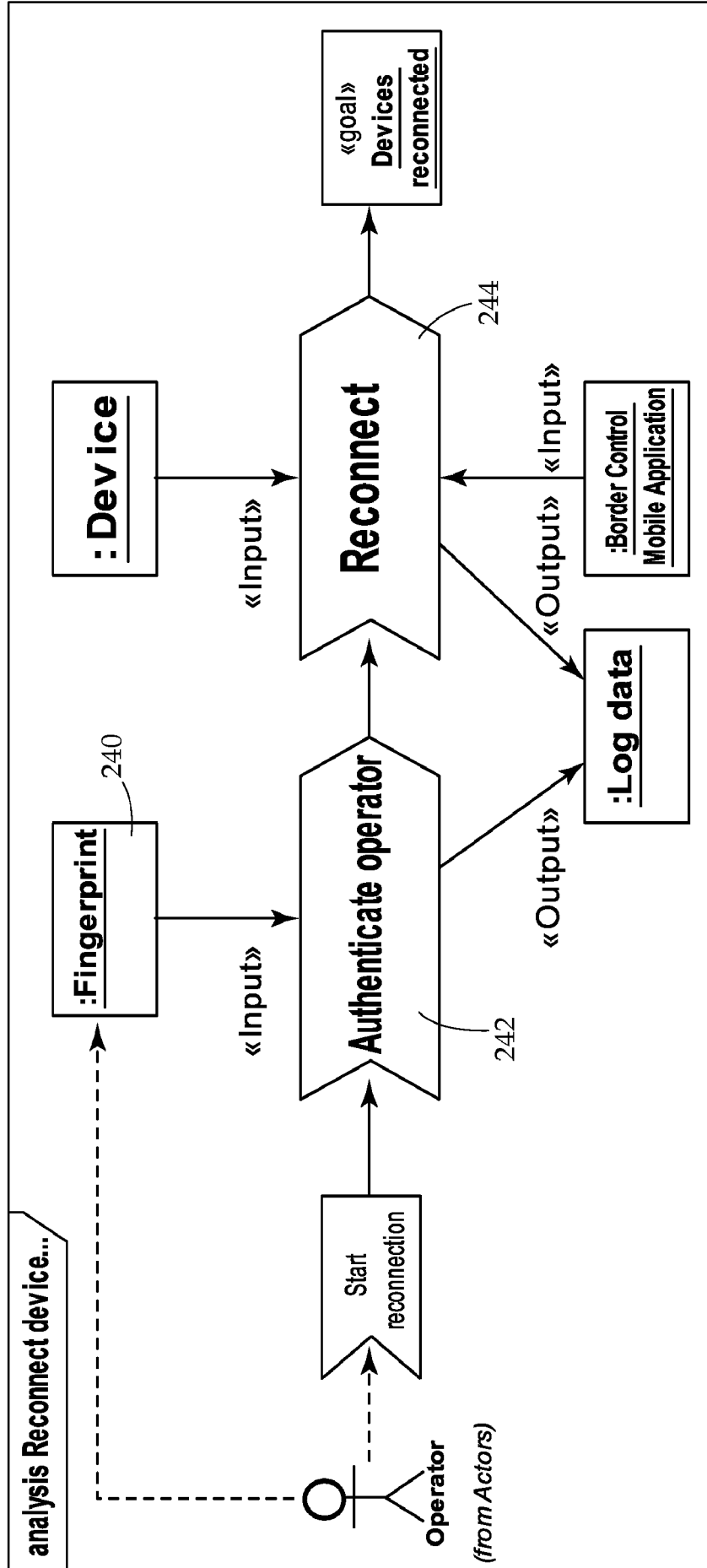


FIG. 8C

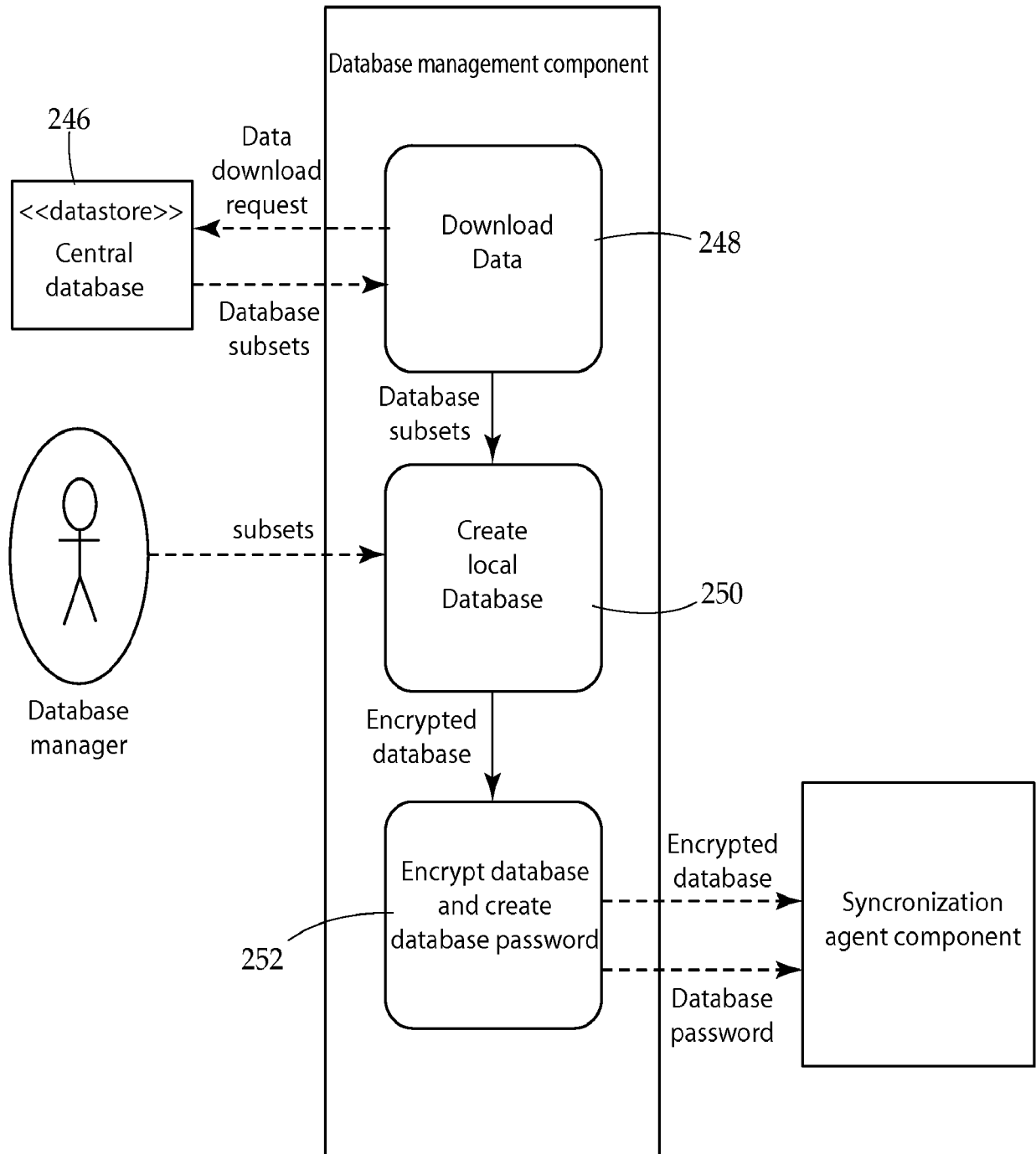


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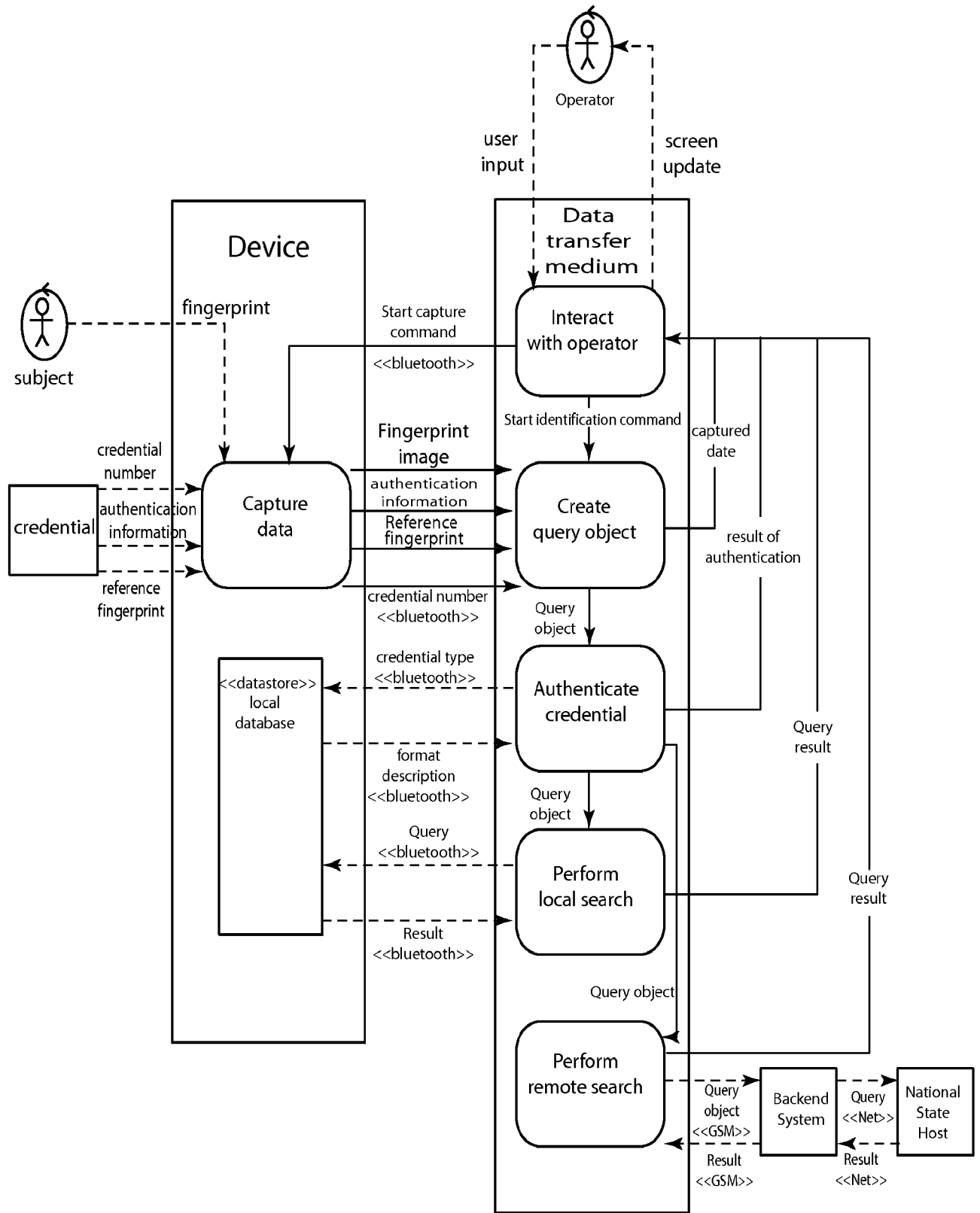


FIG. 10A

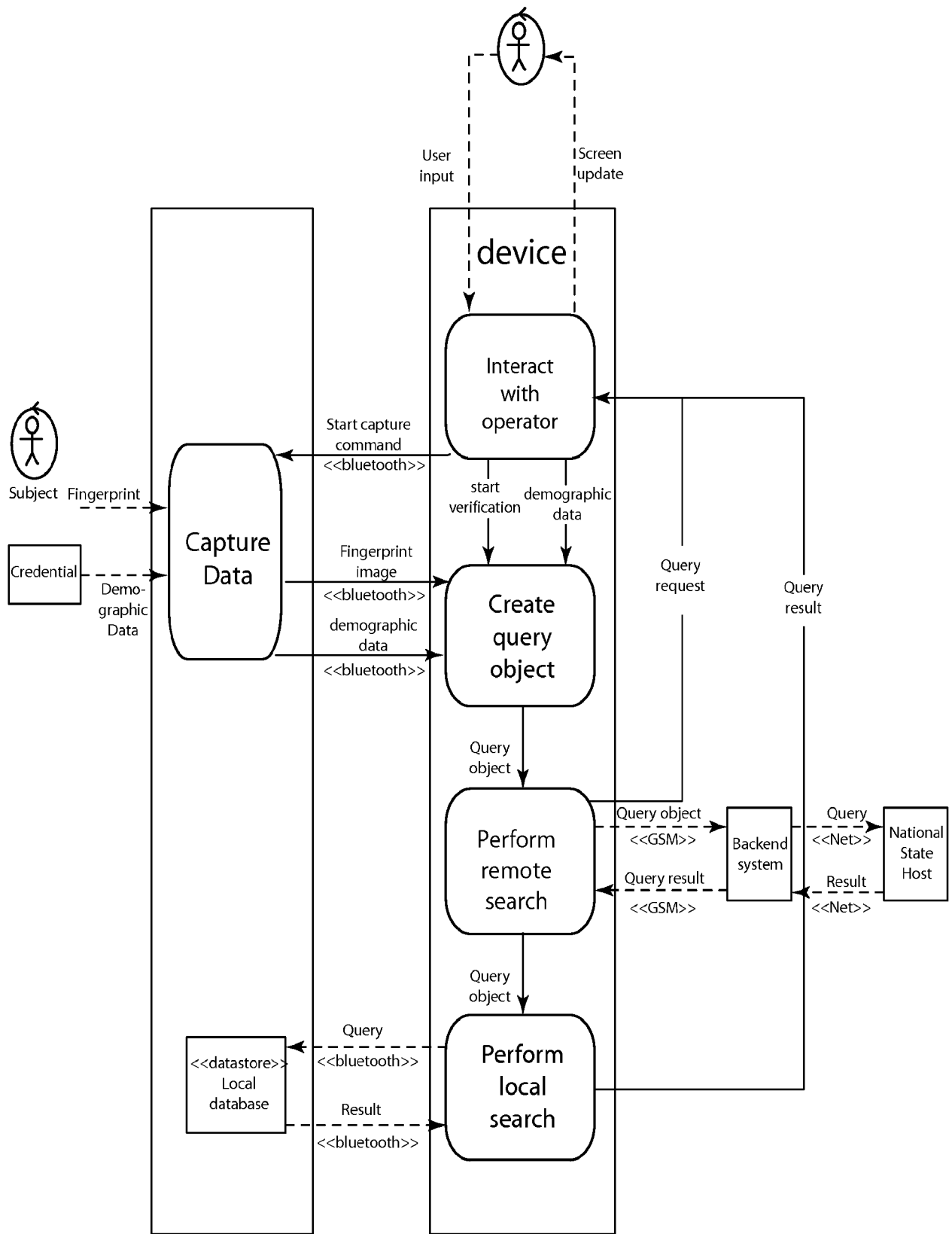


FIG. 10B

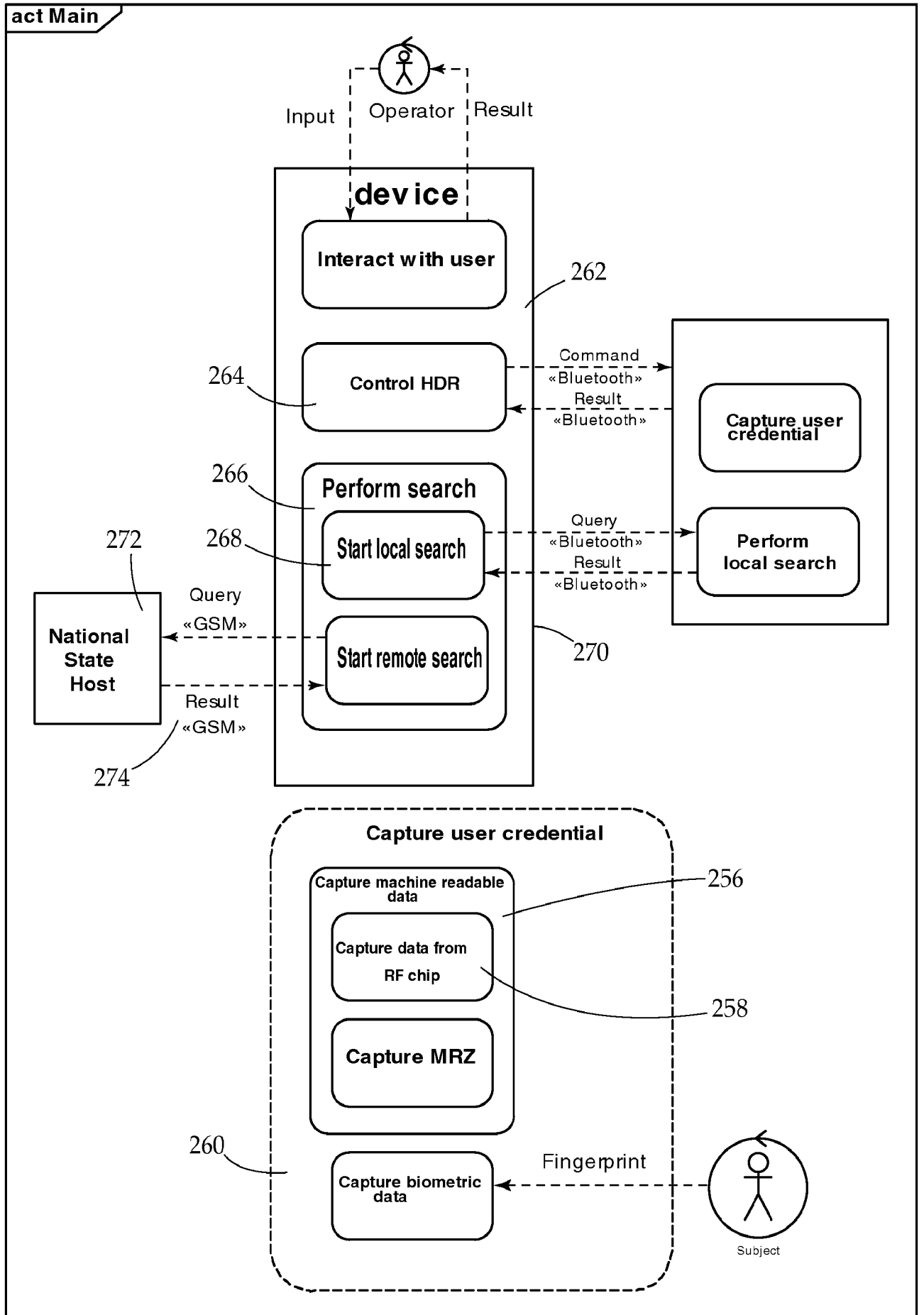


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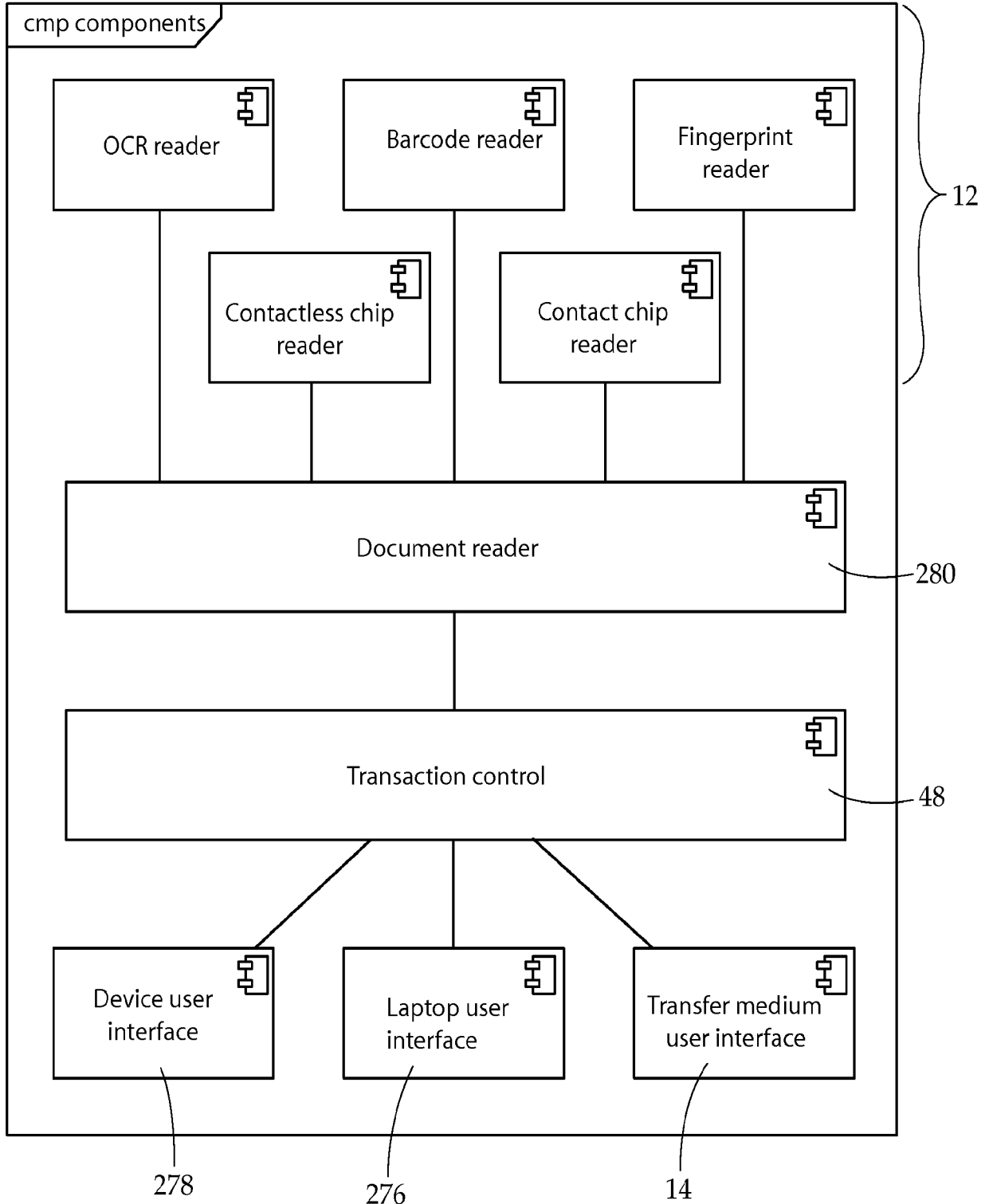


FIG. 11

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