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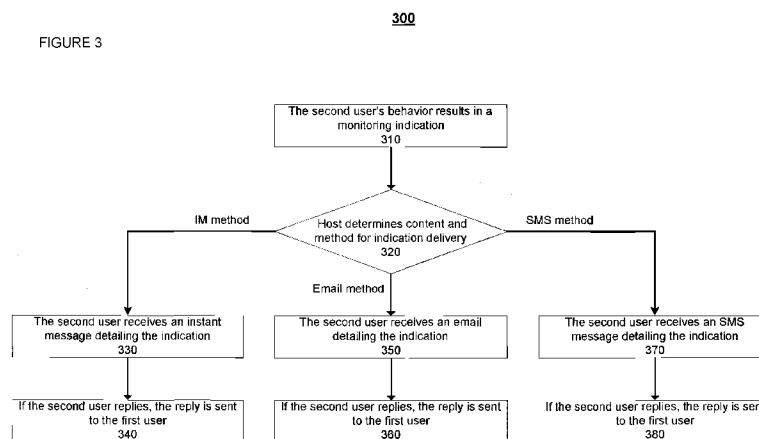
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FIGURE 3



(57) Abstract: A method of monitoring a user of a communication system includes enabling a first user to initiate monitoring of a second user, automatically monitoring status of activity by the second user on the communication system, and delivering to the first user, one or more of an indication that the second user has added or changed a profile or away message, received a new or updated profile or away message comment, visited an Internet location, engaged in communication device activity, or has generated audio or visual input.

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Claims 1-18 lack unity, because the monitoring of users, with the ability of being able to tell if the a user is busy, away, change profile, visited an internet location, engaged in communication device activity, or has generated audio or visual input in a communication system is found in prior art.

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