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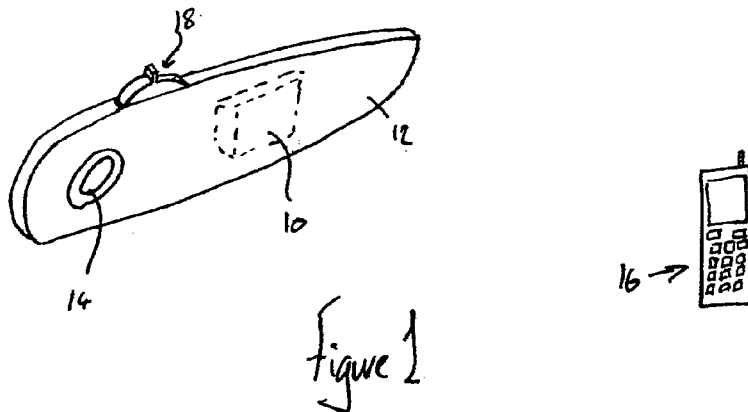
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(57) Abstract: A messaging system comprising a control unit, a speaker operable under the control of the control unit to output audio messages to a user, and an input device whereby the user can instruct commands to the control unit, wherein interpretation of an input command is dependent upon the audio message output to the user immediately prior to receipt of the input command.

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1. claims: 1-8

A messaging system comprising a control unit, a speaker operable under the control of the control unit to output audio messages to a user, and an input device whereby the user can instruct commands to the control unit, wherein interpretation of an input command is dependent upon the audio message output to the user immediately prior to receipt of the input command.

2. claim: 9

A messaging system comprising a control unit, a data base of telephone numbers, and a message store, wherein upon receipt of an incoming telephone call the control unit compares the telephone number of the incoming call with the telephone numbers stored in the data base, and selects a message from the message store to play to the caller, the selected message being dependent upon the identification of the incoming telephone number.

3. claim: 10

A messaging system comprising a control unit, a data base of telephone numbers and associated identification codes, and a message store, wherein upon receipt of an incoming telephone call the incoming telephone number is compared to the telephone numbers in the data base and a caller input code is compared to the associated identification code in the data base, and a message from the message store is played to the caller when it is determined that the correct identification code associated with the incoming telephone number has been entered.

4. claim: 11

A messaging system comprising a control unit and a message store, the control unit being operable to place a call on a predetermined telephone number at a predetermined time, and to play a message from the message store.

5. claim: 12

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A messaging system comprising a control unit, a message store, data reception and transmission means, and data compression and decompression means, whereby an outgoing message can be recorded, compressed and transmitted as an audio signal, and an incoming audio signal can be received, decompressed and stored for playback to the user.

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