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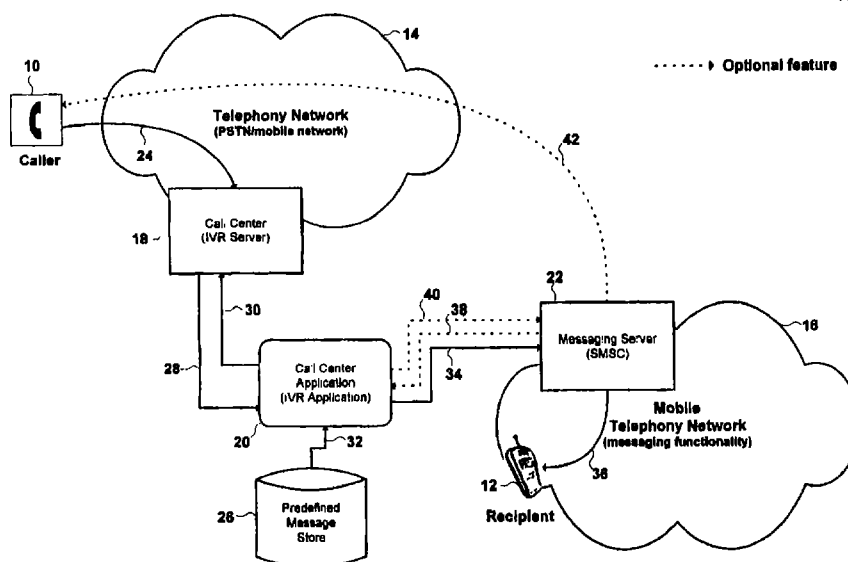
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for sending a message from a sender to a recipient are provided. The sender will typically use a convention or mobile telephone to dial one of several possible numbers, each of which includes a code which corresponds to a predetermined message. Effectively, the sender transmits a message request to a call center by dialing the chosen number. The code in the message request is associated with data corresponding to the required message and the data is transmitted to the recipient, who typically will be using a mobile telephone, as a text message in short message format. If the sender is known to the recipient data in the message, typically the telephone number of the sender, can be associated with data stored in the recipient's telephone, typically the name of the sender. Alternatively, the sender can access a website to associate such data with his/her telephone number for inclusion in the message sent to the recipient.

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