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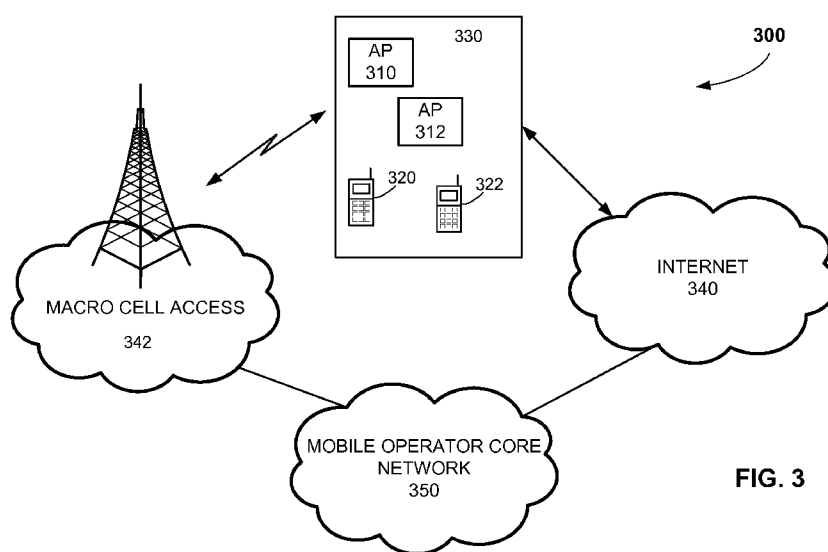


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: Devices and methods are provided for handling a visitor access terminal (AT) associated with a macro network, in response to the visitor AT entering a coverage area of an access point (AP) base station. In one approach, the method involves allowing registration of the visitor AT with the AP base station, and forwarding information regarding the registration to the macro network. Upon activation of the visitor AT, communication between the visitor AT and the macro network may be facilitated by, for example, forwarding a paging request to the visitor AT through the AP base station.

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