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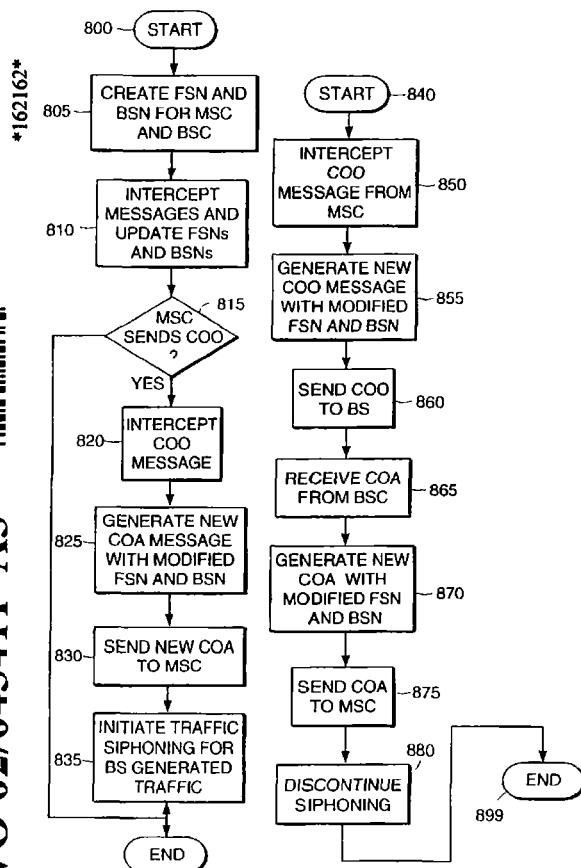
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(57) Abstract: A proxy switch, communication methods, and communication logic for use in a mobile network are described. A proxy switch is deployed between a base station subsystem and a mobile station center. It receives signaling messages and either retransmits them, blocks them, converts them, or siphons them to an alternative network. Besides providing an ability to offload mobile traffic it provides a platform for new communication services. A proxy switch includes signaling message handling logic for sending and receiving signaling messages to and from the MSC on a first signaling link and sending and receiving messages to and from the BS on a second signaling link, wherein the second link has a mapped correspondence to the first link.

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