

RADIO COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH MOVEABLE HOUSING ELEMENT CONTROL

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A radio communication device (103) provides several radio communication services including radiotelephone service, electronic mail service, faxing service etc.... The radio communication device has a main body housing element (107) and a moveable housing element(109), radio circuitry (113), a touch screen display (119), and a switch (127). In a closed position, the radio communication device (103) has a first set of limited radiotelephone functions such as phone number input and sending and receiving phone calls. In an opened position, the radio communication device (103) has a different set of user functions which include radiotelephone functions, advanced radiotelephone functions, and messaging functions. The switch (127) provides a signal responsive to the moveable housing element (109) moving to the open position. Thus, switching the radio communication device (103) between a first set of user functions and the second set of user functions.