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(57) Abstract: A keyboard for a handheld electronic device comprising ten keys arranged in four rows in a DTMF keypad format, three of said keys respectively bearing numerals 1, 2 and 3 arranged in a first of said rows, three of said keys respectively bearing numerals 4, 5 and 6 arranged in a second of said rows, three of said keys respectively bearing numerals 7, 8 and 9 arranged in a third of said rows and a tenth key bearing a 0 located in a fourth of said rows, with said keys of said first second and third rows also bearing letter characters which, either alone or in conjunction with additional letter character-bearing keys in said rows, are positioned relative to the letter characters on adjacent keys so as to form a QWERTY or Dvorak layout.



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