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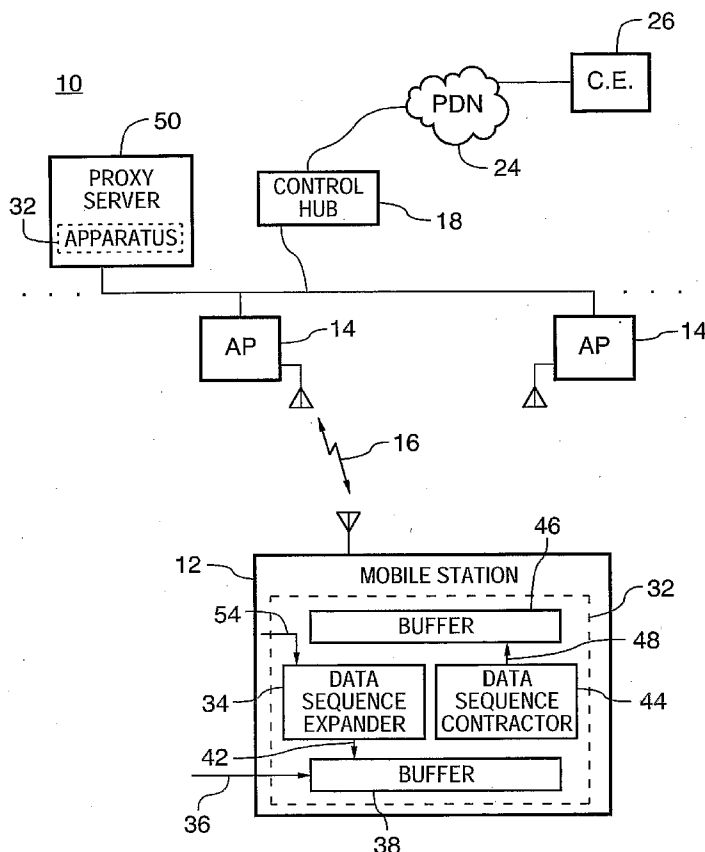
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(57) Abstract: Apparatus, and an associated method, that preserves the service quality level of data communications in a radio communications system in which communications are handed off between access points, or other fixed-site entities. Data stuffing operations are performed by a data sequence expander prior to effectuation of hand over period during a service interruption during the hand off of communications of a data, containing the extra data is played out in real time, and the service interruption is less noticeable.



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