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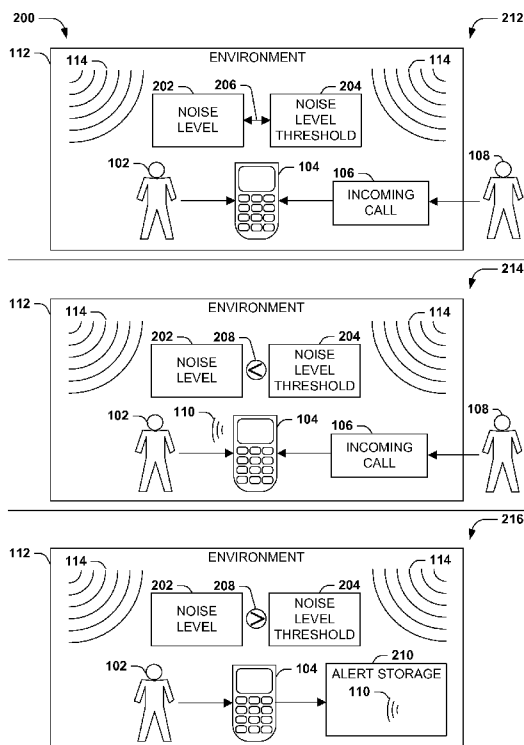


FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract:** Many devices are configured to present alerts notifying a user of device events, but the user may not notice the alert due to a noisy environment. A user may mitigate missed alerts by increasing the alert volume or choosing a vibration mode, but such techniques depend upon the knowledge, attention, and memory of the user to adjust the device before the alert. Instead, a device (104) may compare the noise level (202) of the environment (112) with a noise level threshold (204). If the noise level (202) is below the threshold (204), the device (104) presents the alert (110); but if the noise level (202) is above the threshold (204), the device (104) defers the presentation of the alert until the noise level (202) diminishes below the threshold (204), and then presents the alert (110). The device (104) may also send an automated response to the message, notifying a sender that the user may return the message upon leaving the noisy environment (112).



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