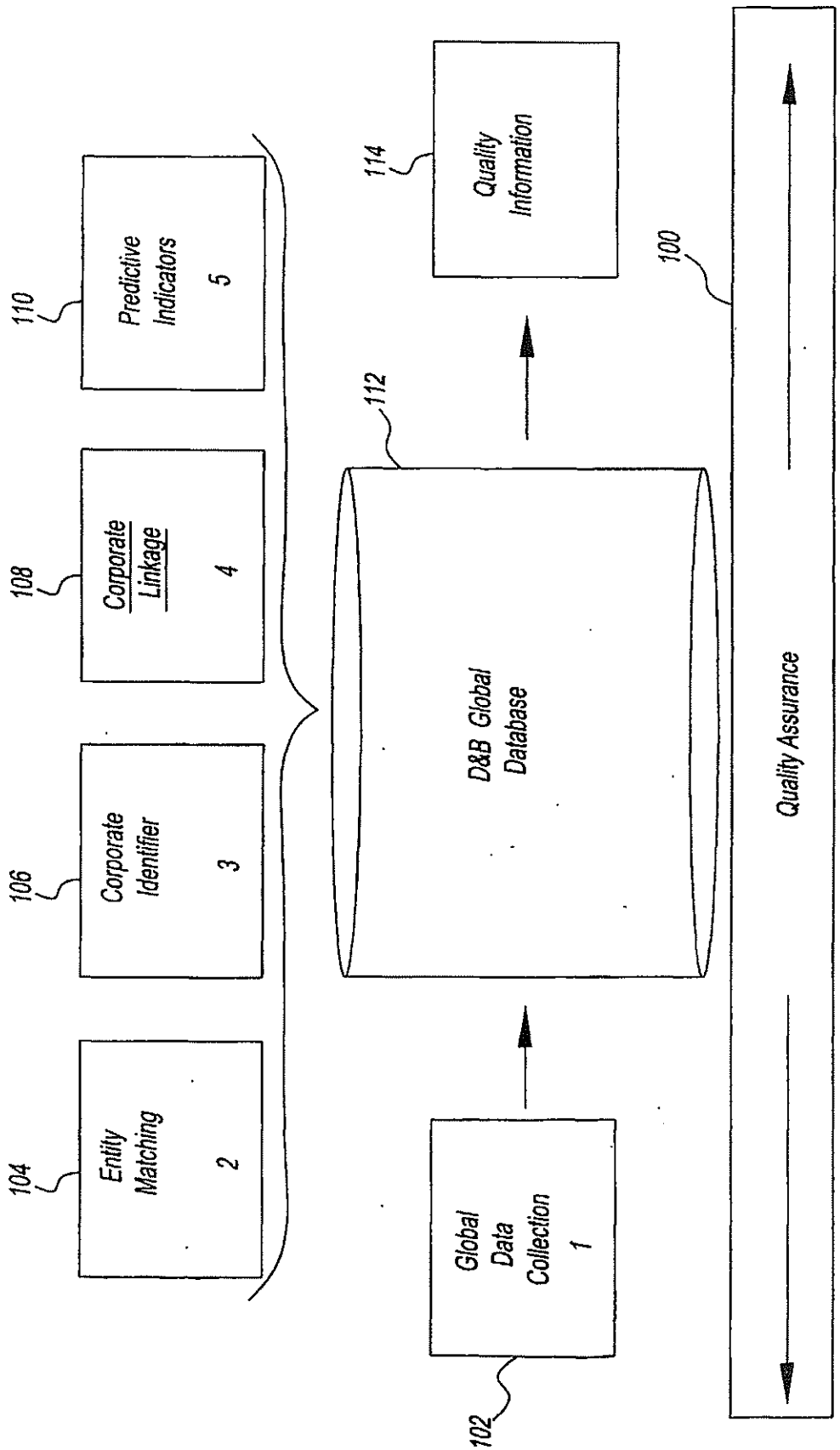

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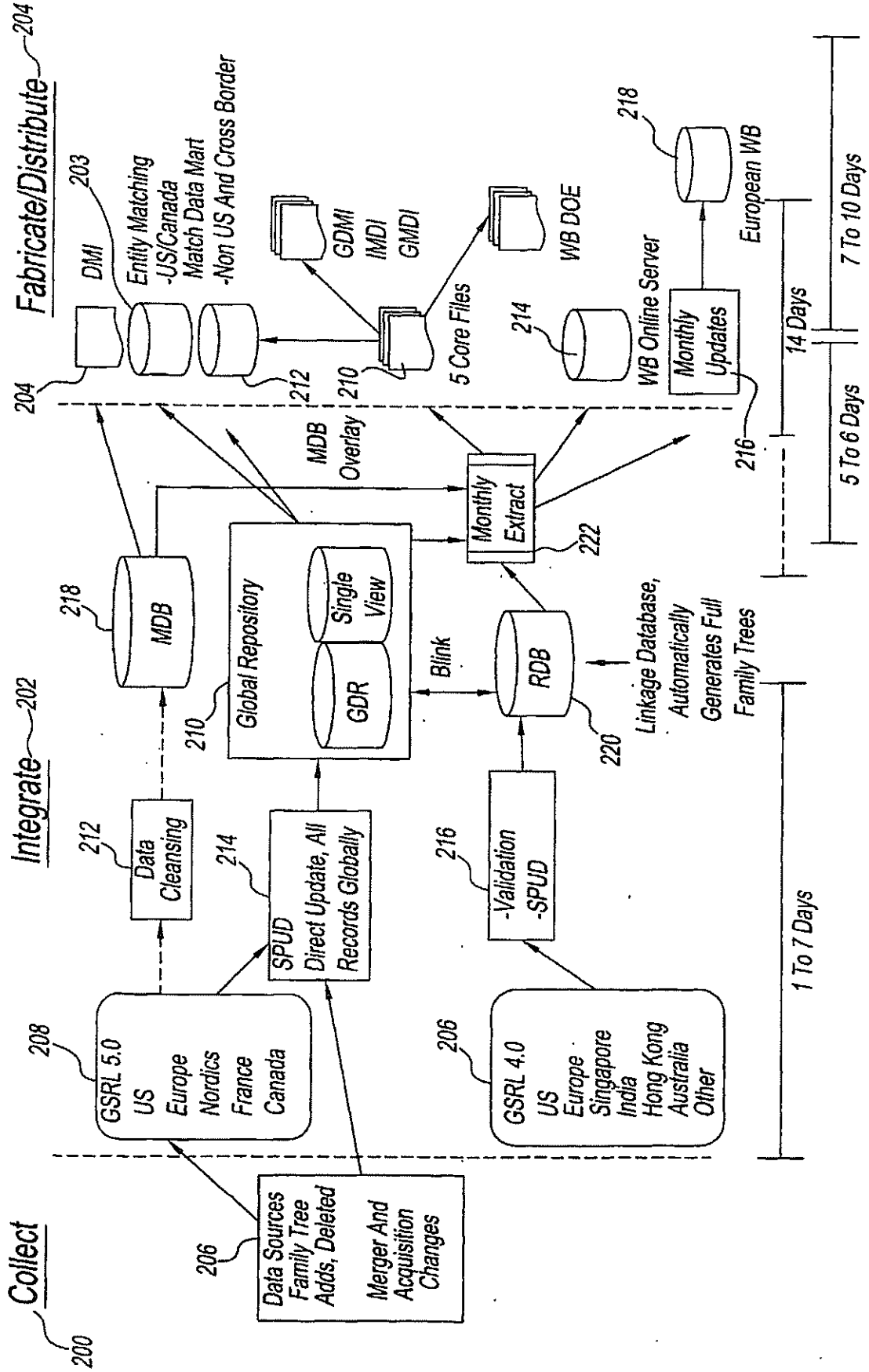

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Nordics
France
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Monthly
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5 To 6 Days
14 Days
7 To 10 Days

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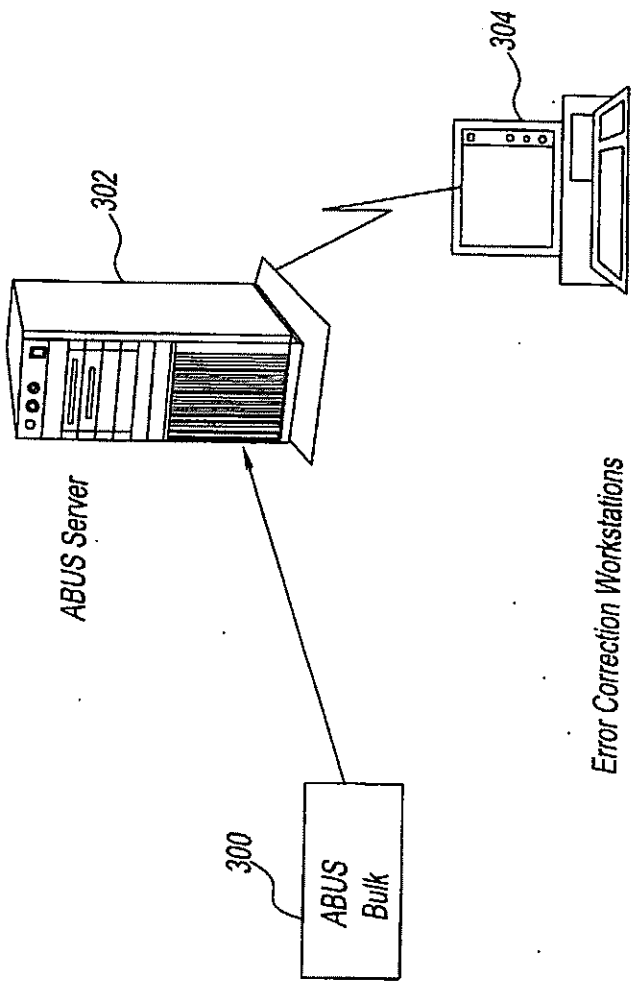

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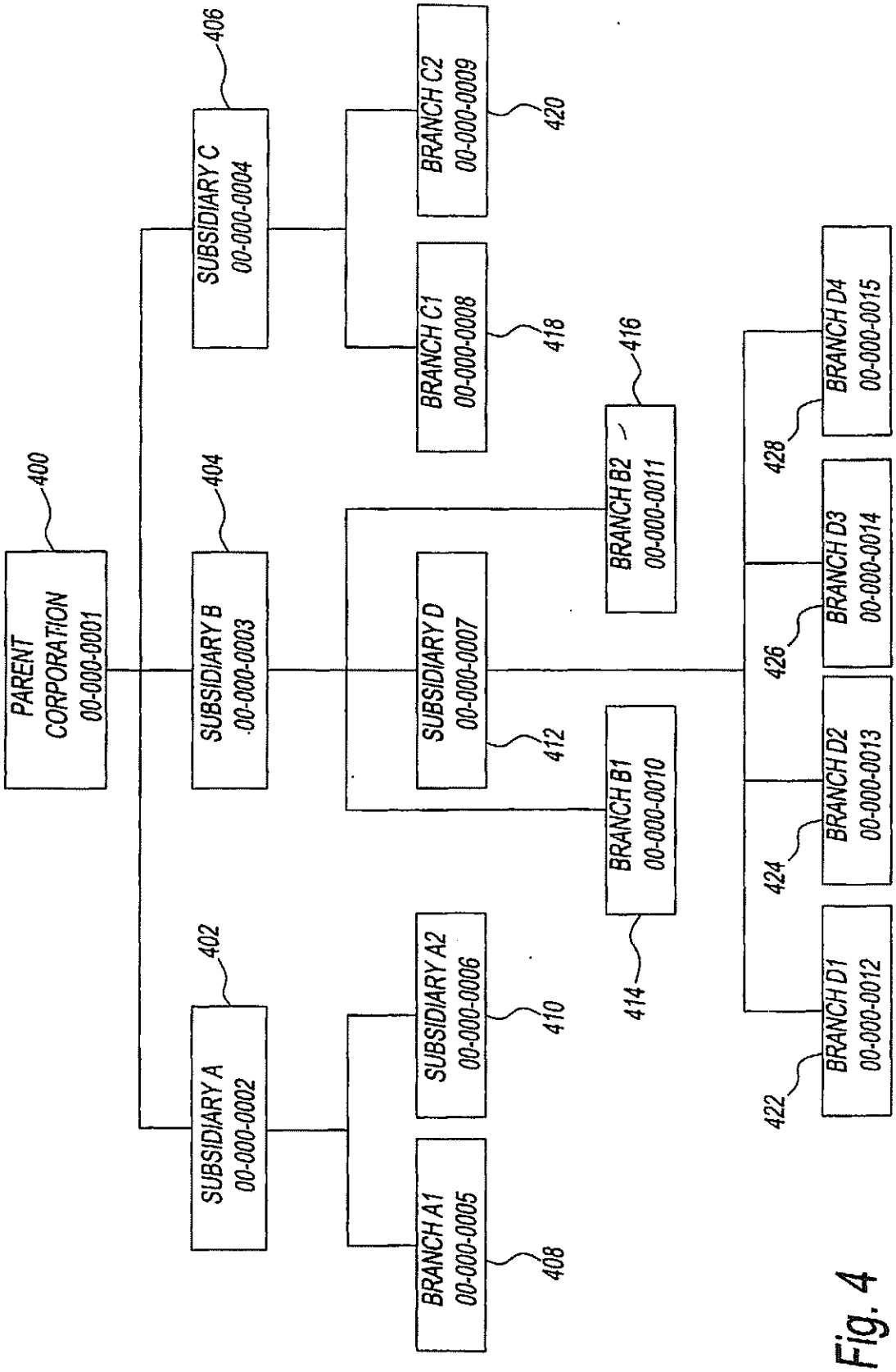

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SUBSIDIARY A 00-000-0002
402
SUBSIDIARY B 00-000-0003
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SUBSIDIARY C 00-000-0004
406
BRANCH A1 00-000-0005
408
SUBSIDIARY A2 00-000-0006
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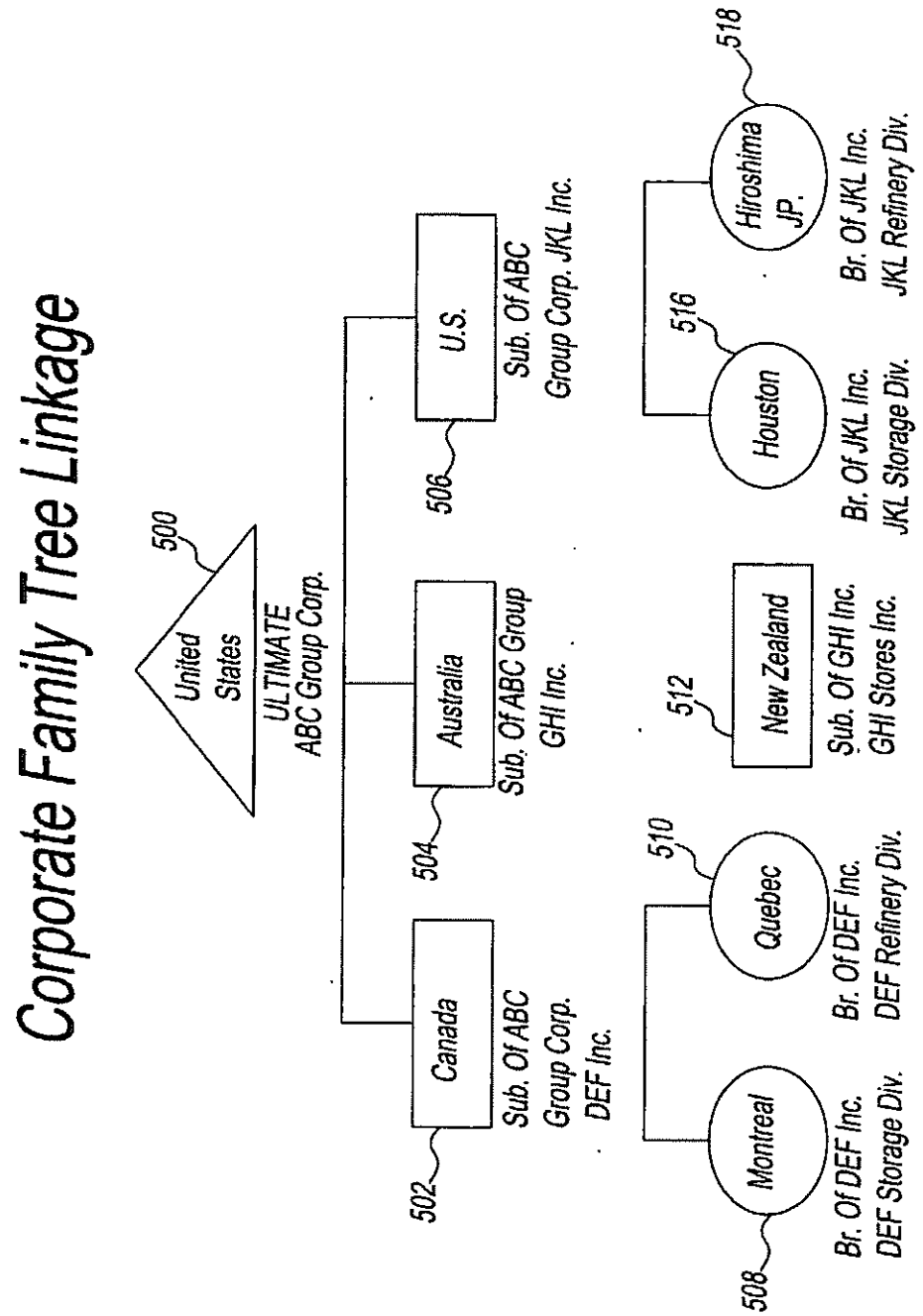

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500
United States
ULTIMATE
ABC Group Corp.
Canada
502
Sub. Of ABC
Group Corp.
DEF Inc.
Australia
504
Sub. Of ABC Group
GHI Inc.
U.S.
506
Sub. Of ABC
Group Corp. JKL Inc.
Montreal
508
Br. Of DEF Inc.
DEF Storage Div.
Quebec
510
Br. Of DEF Inc.
DEF Refinery Div.
New Zealand
512
Sub. Of GHI Inc.
GHI Stores Inc.
Houston
516
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JKL Storage Div.
Hiroshima
JP.
518
Br. Of JKL Inc.
JKL Refinery Div.

Fig. 5

World Base Family Tree Example

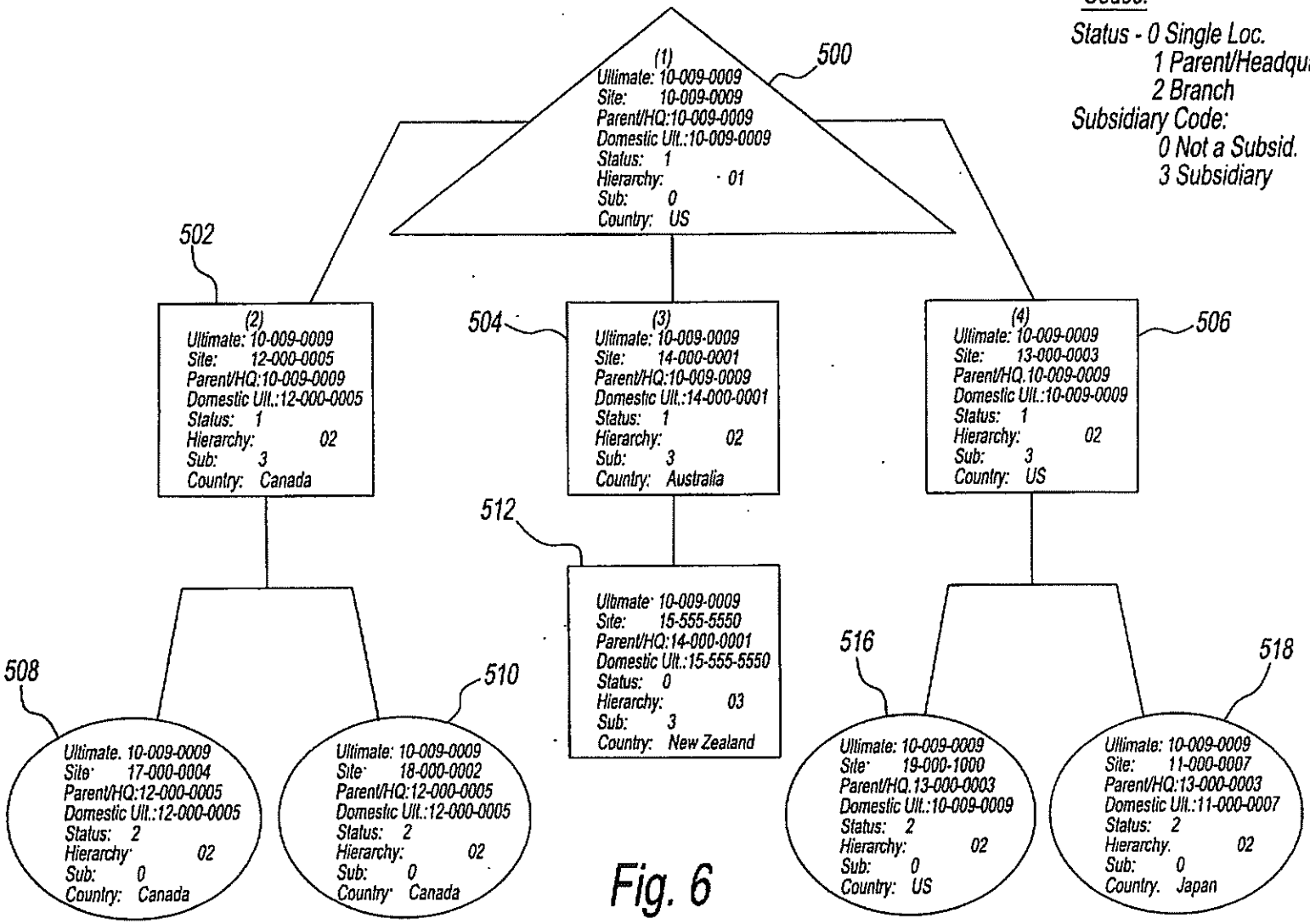


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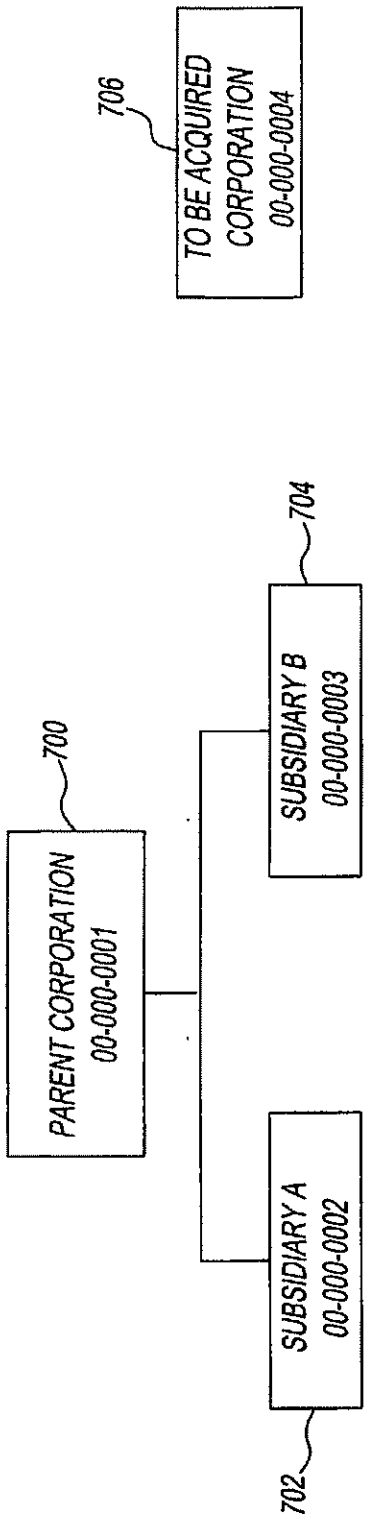

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TO BE ACQUIRED CORPORATION 00-000-0004
704
SUBSIDIARY B 00-000-0003
700
PARENT CORPORATION 00-000-0001
SUBSIDIARY A 00-000-0002
702

Fig. 7

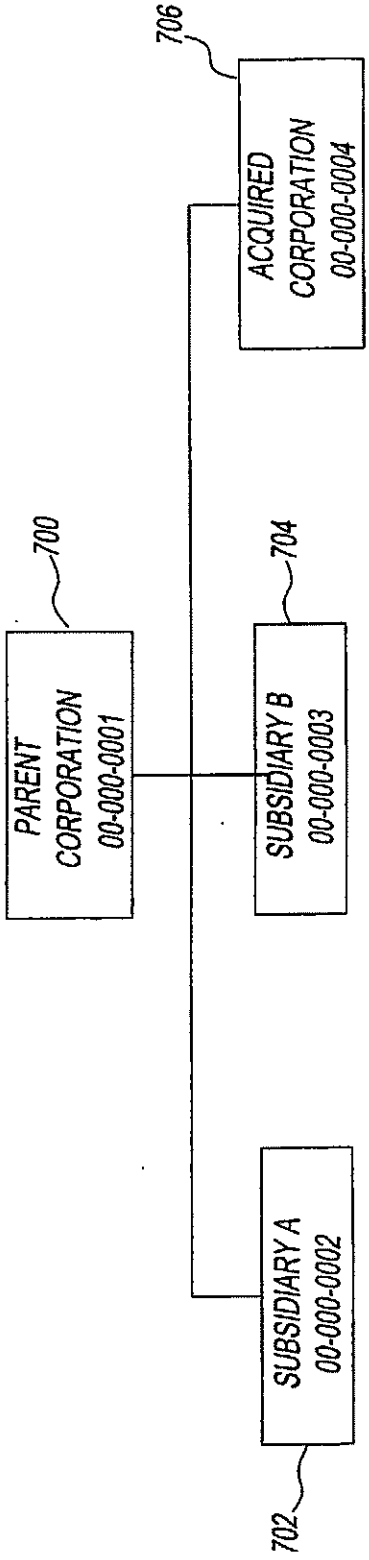

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PARENT CORPORATION 00-000-0001
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SUBSIDIARY B 00-000-0003
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702

Fig. 8

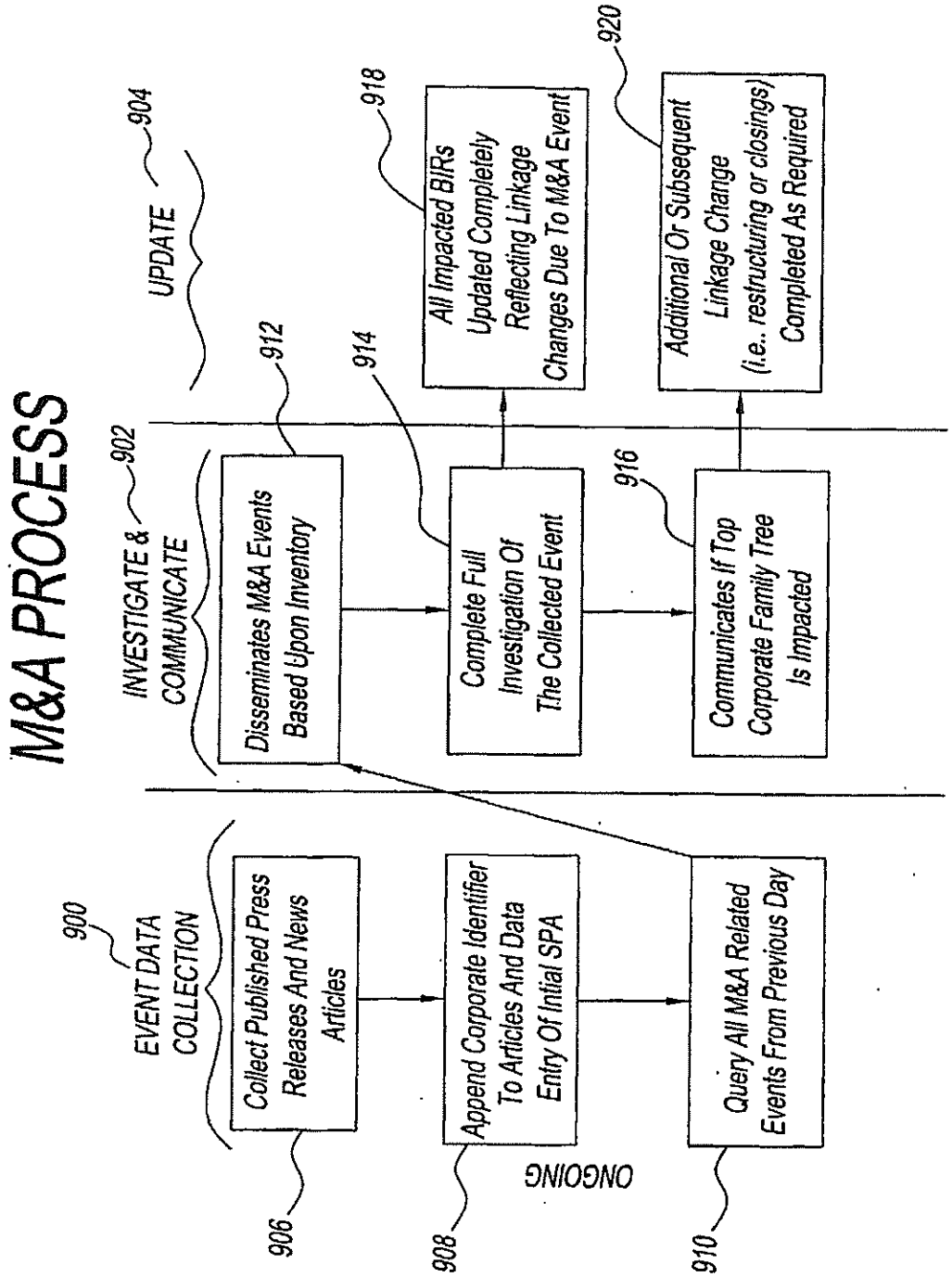

M&A PROCESS
900
EVENT DATA COLLECTION
Collect Published Press Releases And News Articles
906
Append Corporate Identifier To Articles And Data Entry Of Intial SPA
908
ONGOING
Query All M&A Related Events From Previous Day
910
902
INVESTIGATE & COMMUNICATE
Disseminates M&A Events Based Upon Inventory
912
Complete Full Investigation Of The Collected Event
914
Communicates If Top Corporate Family Tree Is Impacted
916
904
UPDATE
All Impacted BIRs Updated Completely Reflecting Linkage Changes Due To M&A Event
918
Additional Or Subsequent Linkage Change (i.e., restructuring or closings) Completed As Required
920

Fig. 9

Corporate Linkage Process

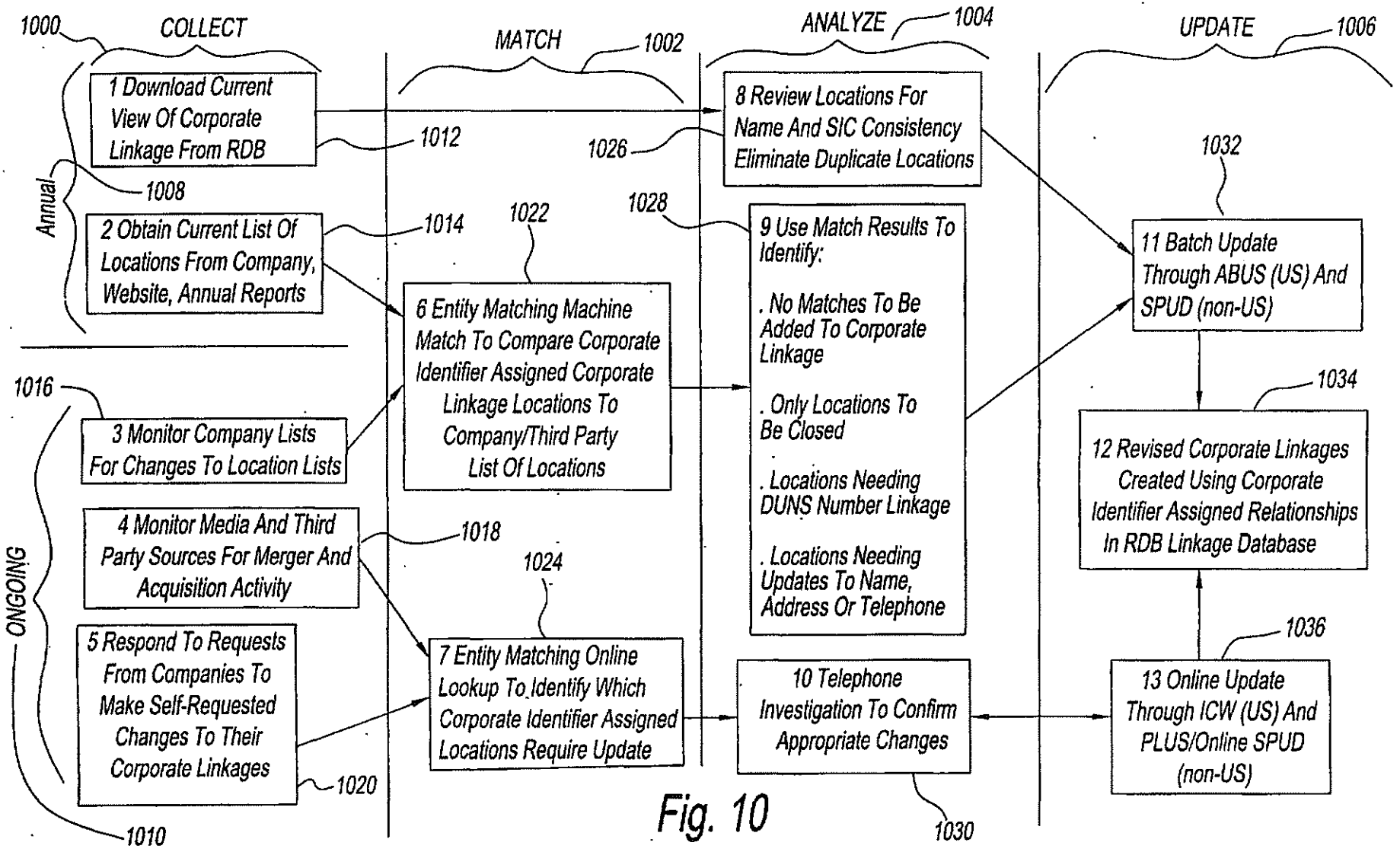


Fig. 10