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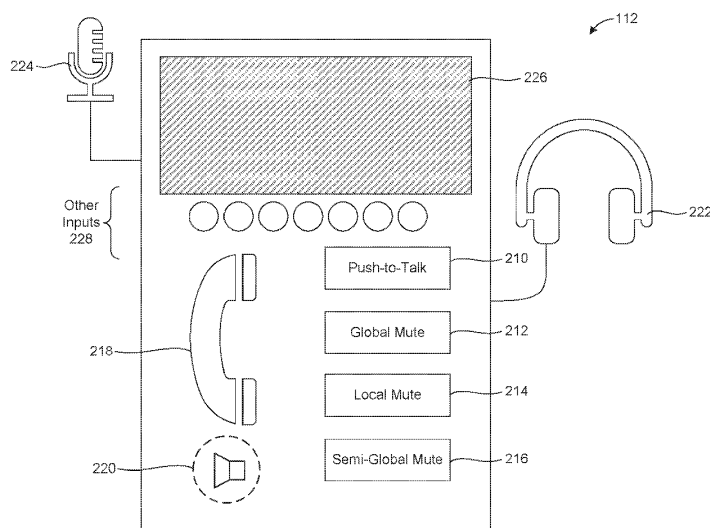


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: The present disclosure is directed towards a semi-global mute system and method. In one example, a method for muting communication devices includes receiving a message indicating the semi-global mute switch has been activated. The method further includes upon receiving the message: preventing a co-located communication device from receiving the audio signals transmitted from the first audio communication device, permitting the first audio communication device to transmit signals to the remote communication device, and permitting the first audio communication device and the co-located communication device to receive audio signals transmitted from the remote communication device.

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