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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING EXTERNAL APPARATUS CONNECTED WITH DEVICE**

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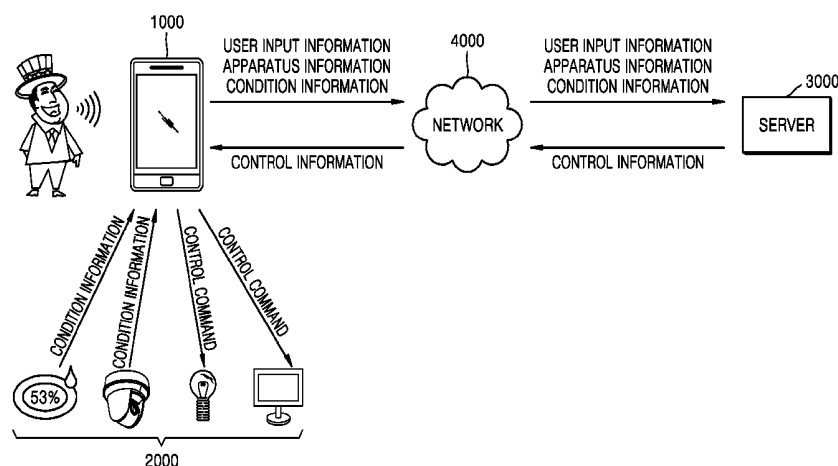
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of controlling an external apparatus includes: receiving an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device; determining a condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on the received input command of the user and the received biometric information of the user; and providing a control command for controlling the operation of the external apparatus if the determined condition is satisfied.

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FIG. 1

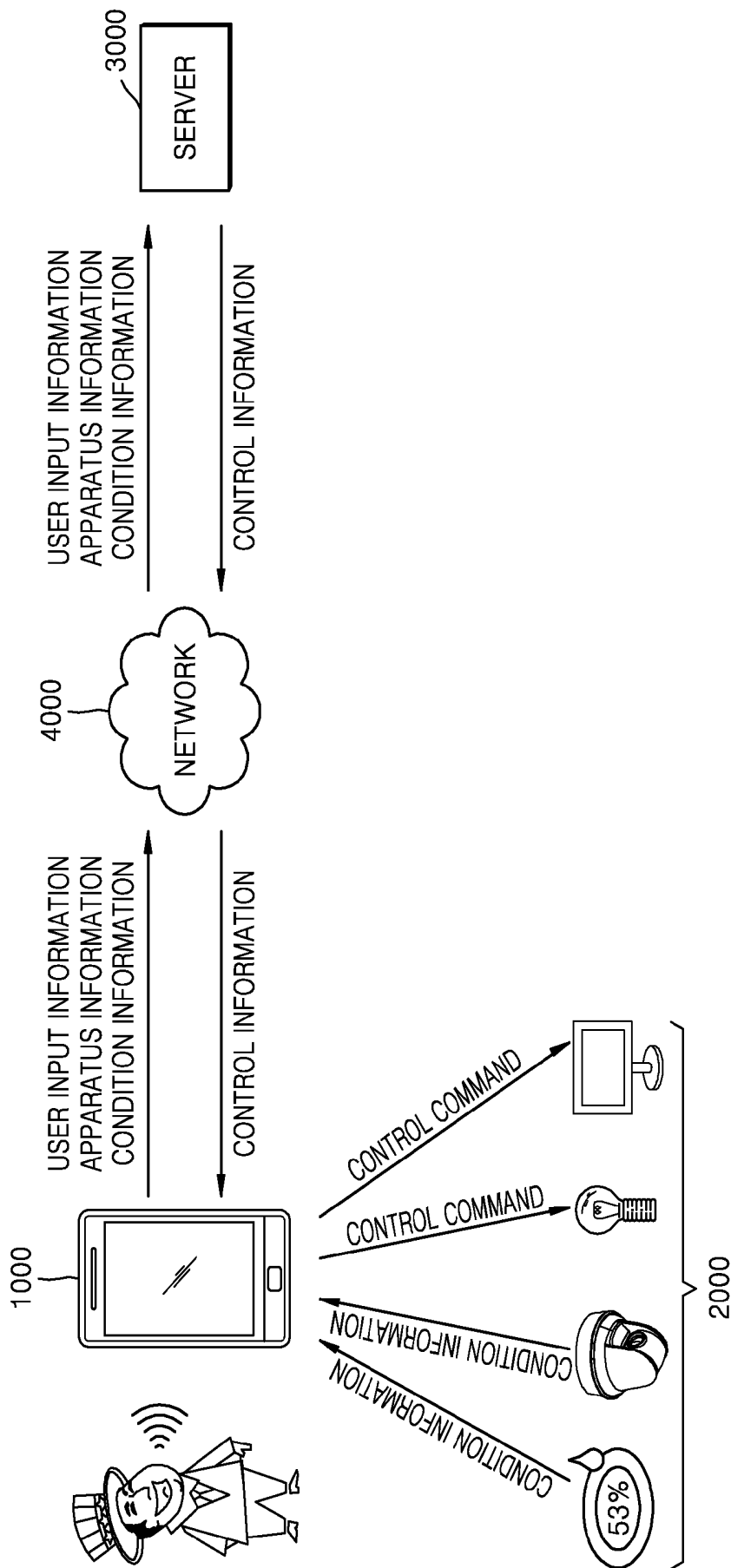


FIG. 2

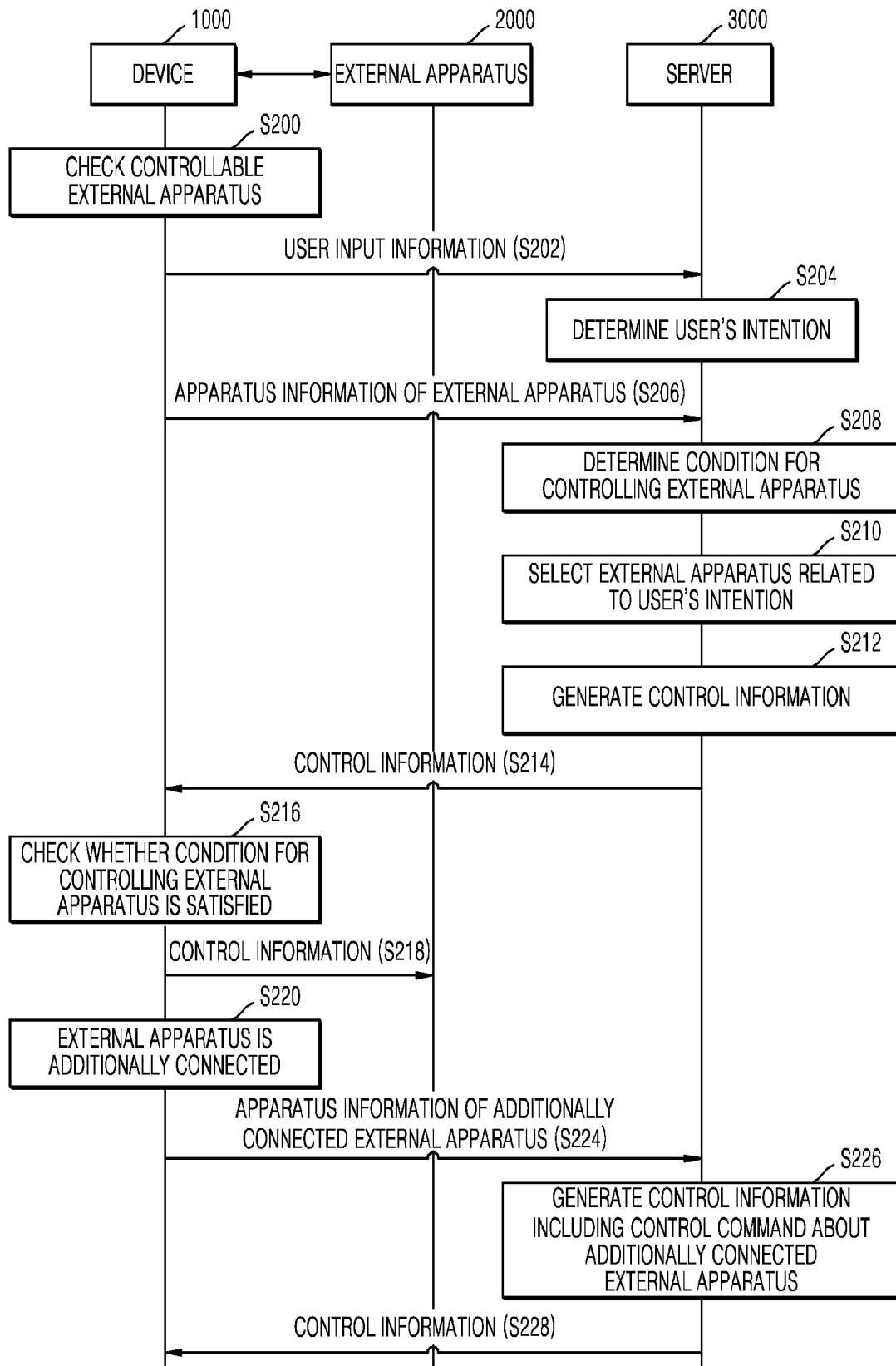


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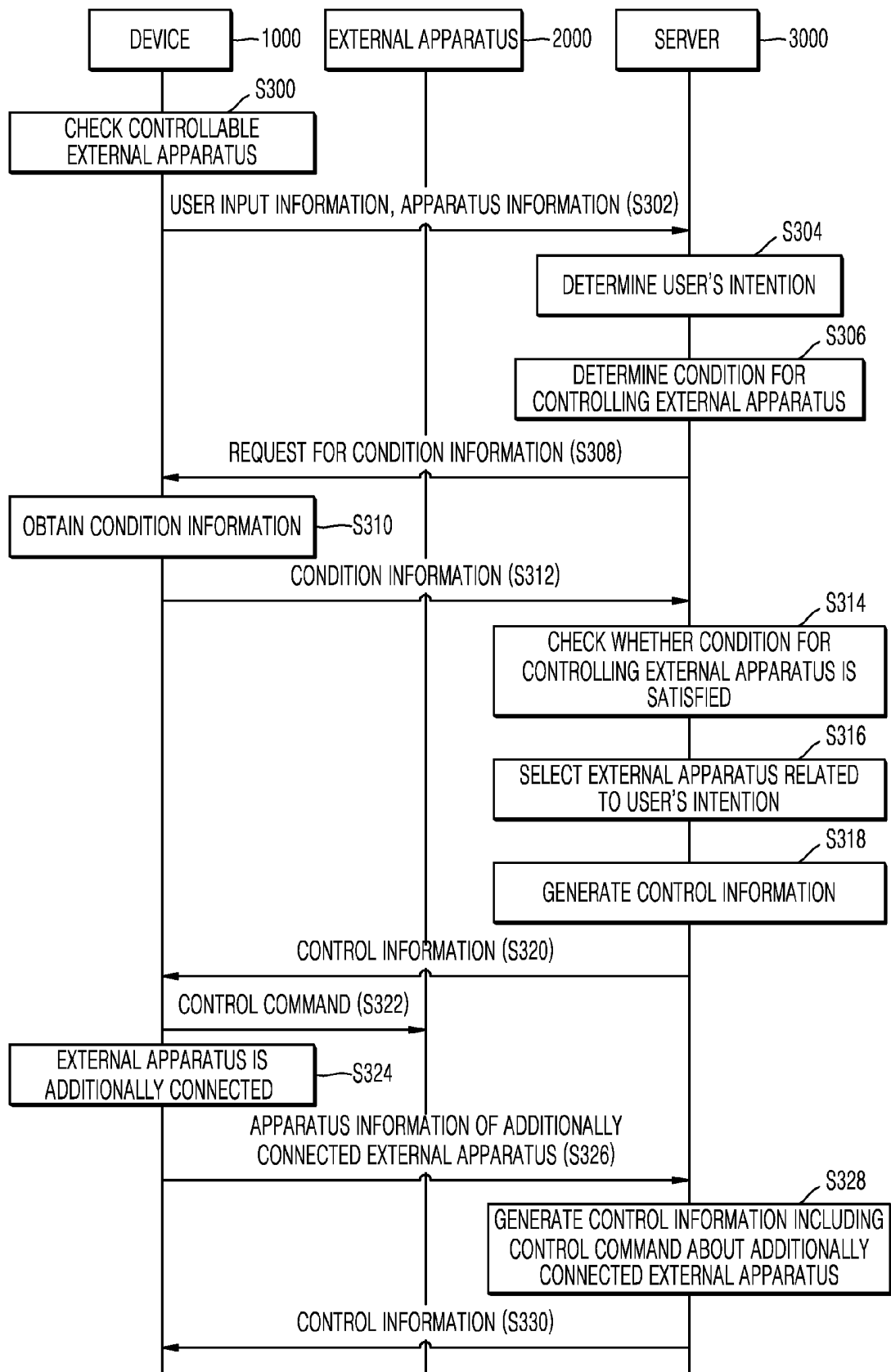


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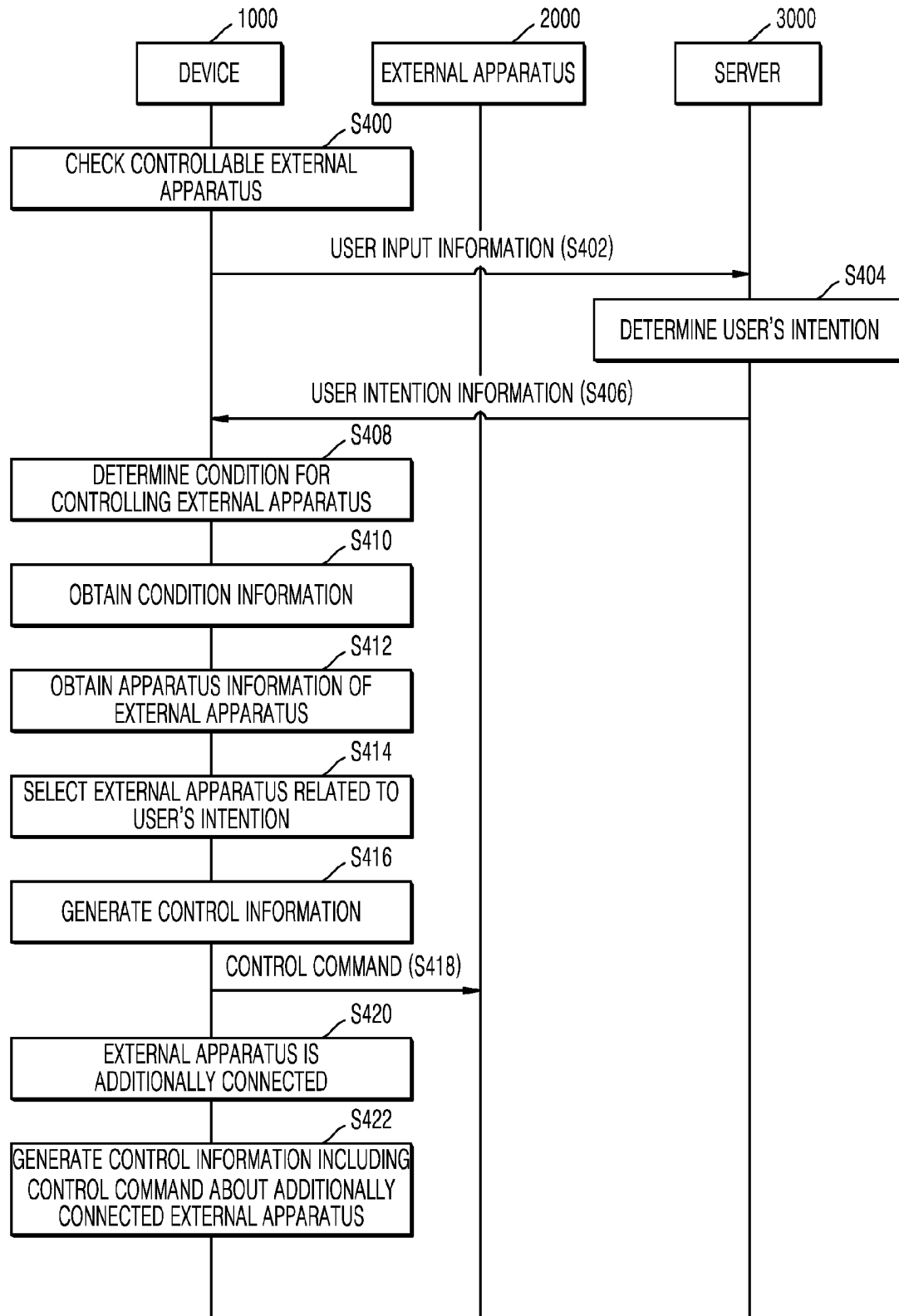


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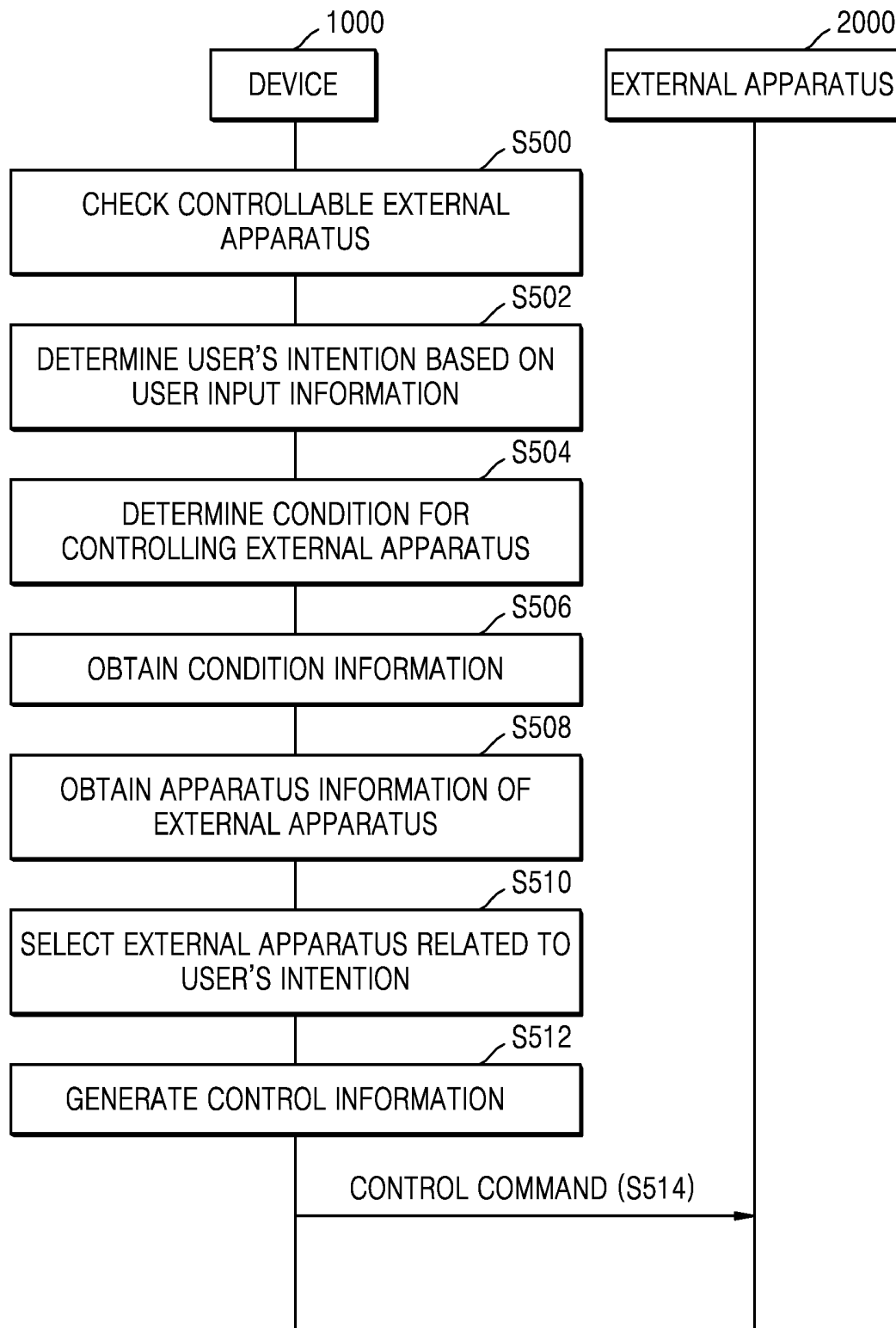


FIG. 6

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User Input Information	User's Intention	External Apparatus Controlling Condition	Operation
Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow	When: tomorrow, 7:00 Condition: if it doesn't rain Do: wake me up	Who: x What: weather When: tomorrow Condition: sunny, cloudy Where: device location	check time check device location check weather output alarm information
Let's go home if the traffic is not heavy before 20:00 tomorrow	When: tomorrow, before 20:00 Condition: if the traffic is not heavy Do: let's go home	Who: x What: traffic When: tomorrow, before 20:00 Condition: light traffic Where: from device location to home	check time check traffic from device location to home start an engine output route guidance information
Give me a video call if the baby wakes up	Condition: if the baby wakes up Do: give me a video call	Who: baby What: x When: x Condition: wakes up where: x	obtain image captured inside house obtain voice data inside house check state of baby make a video call
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FIG. 7

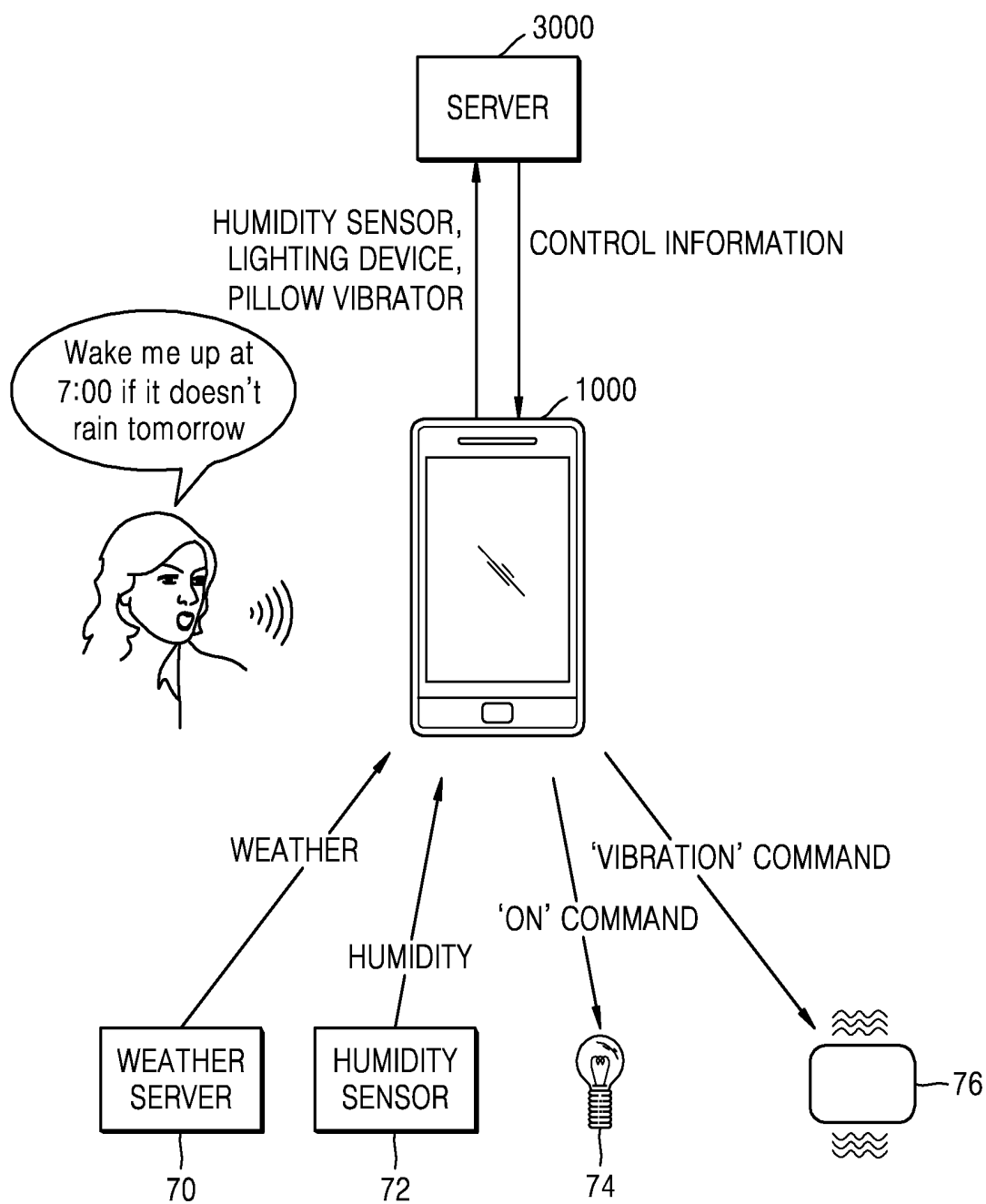


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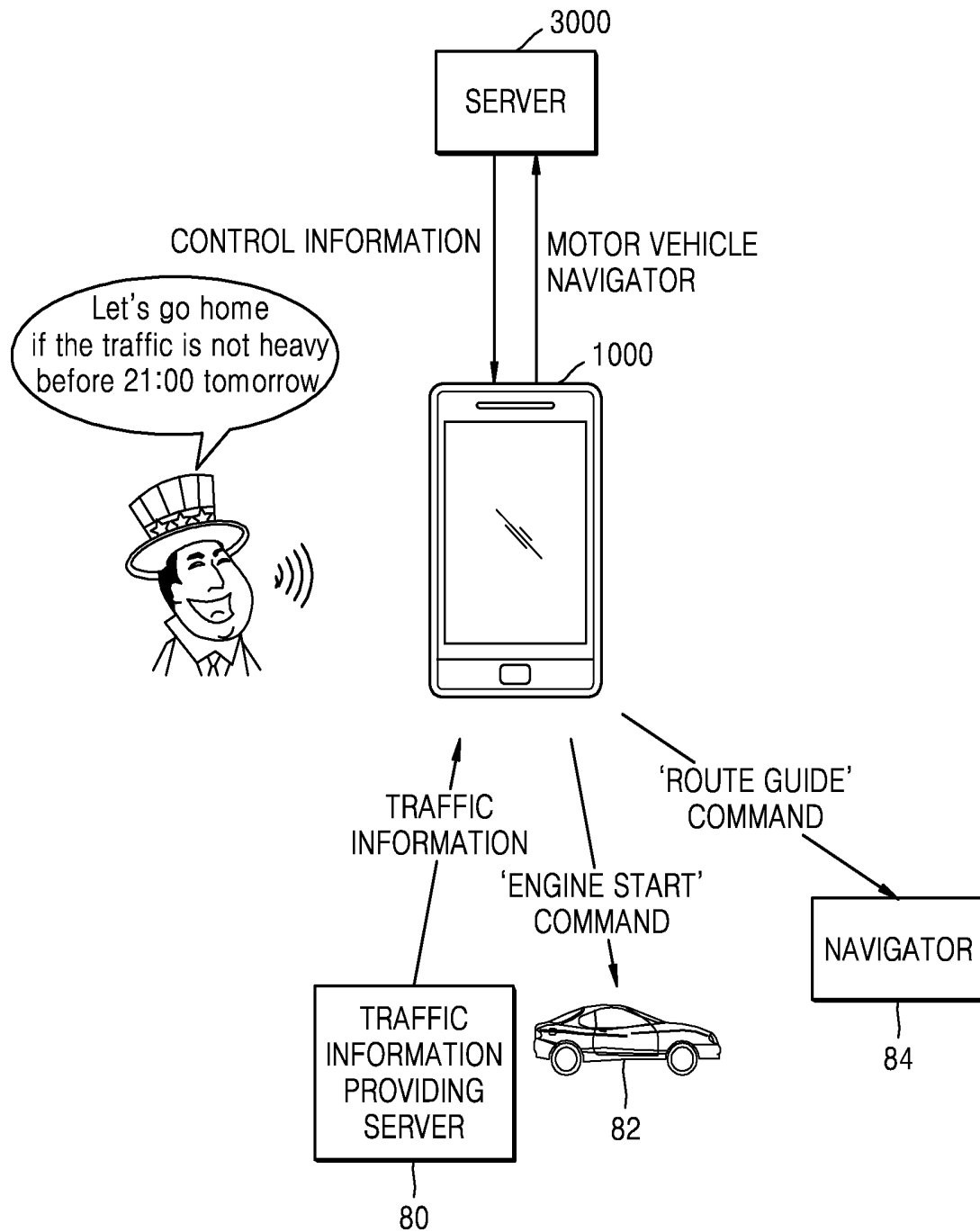


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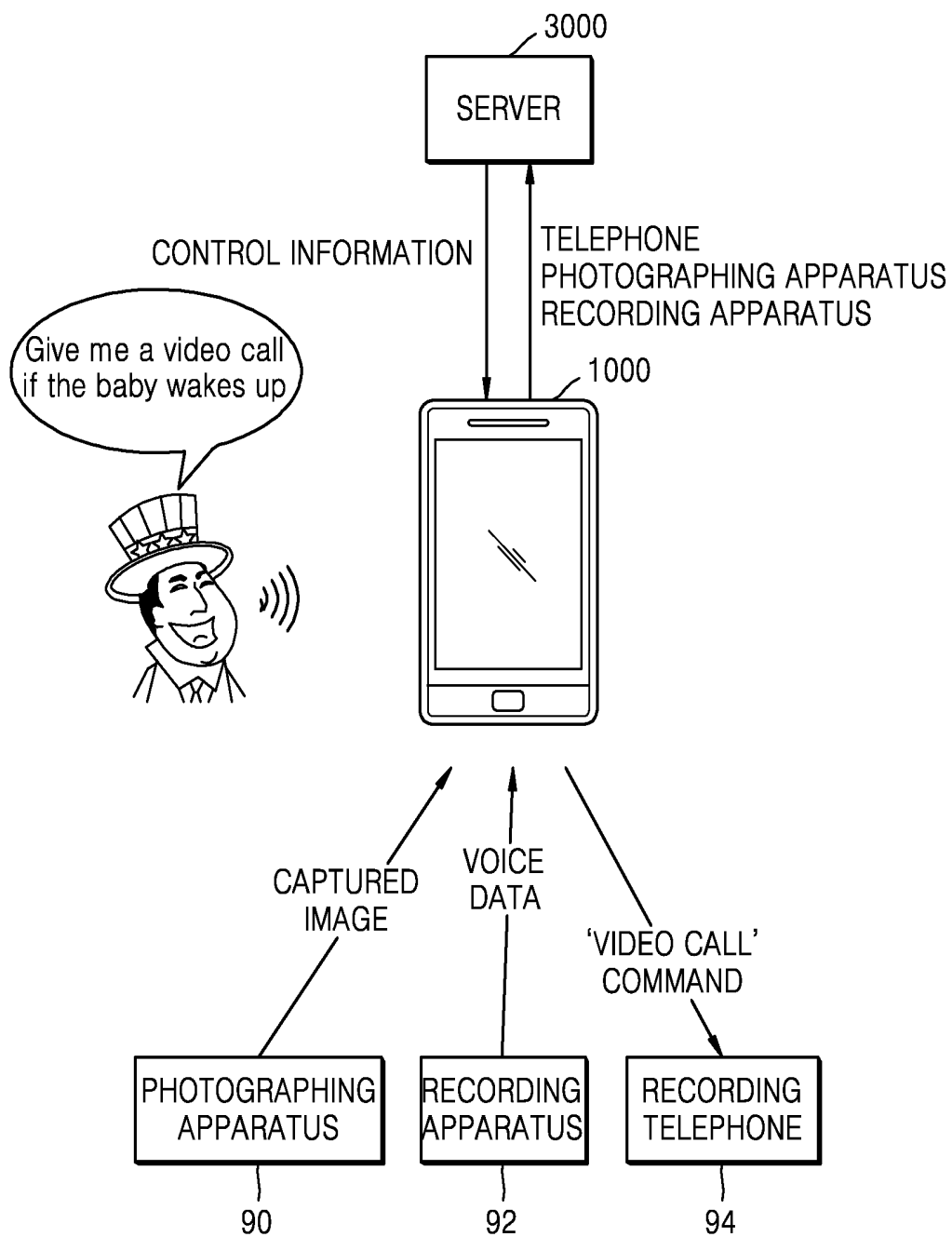


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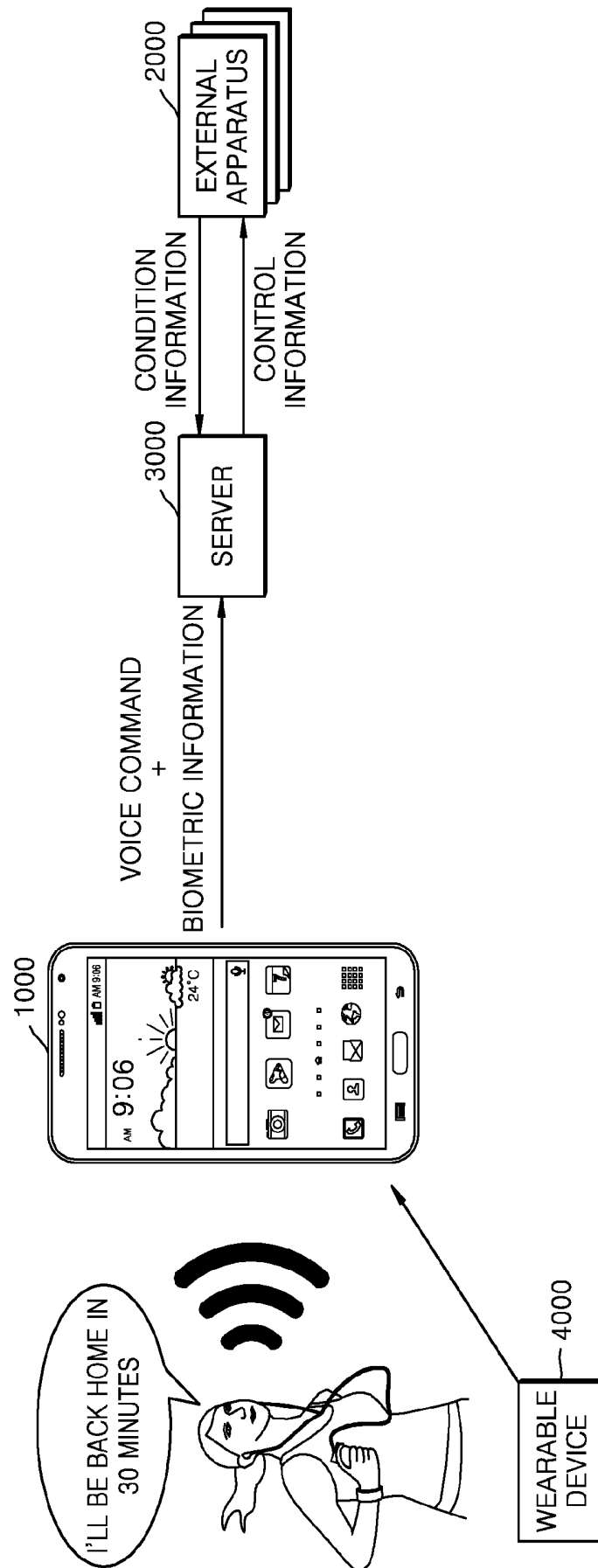


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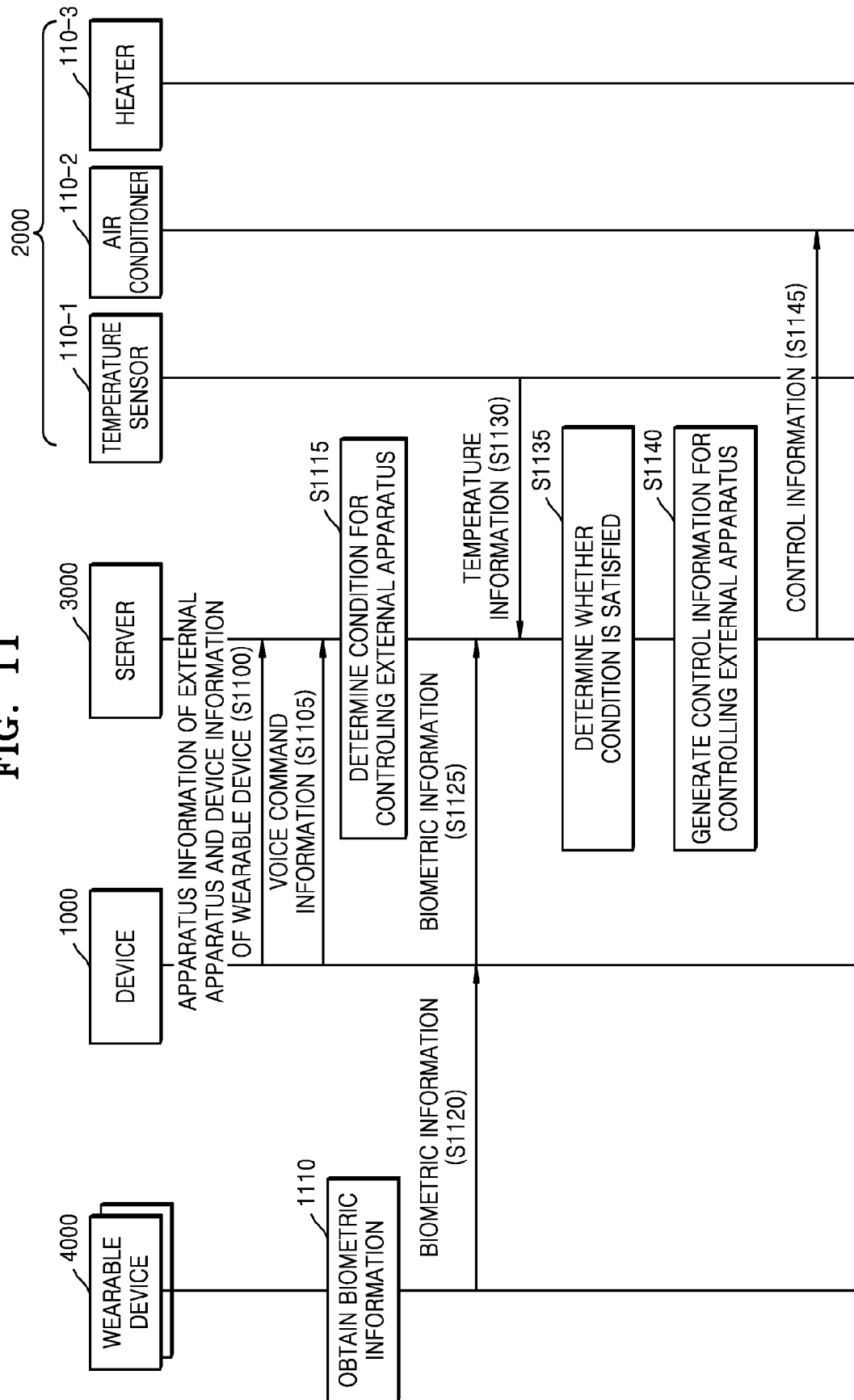
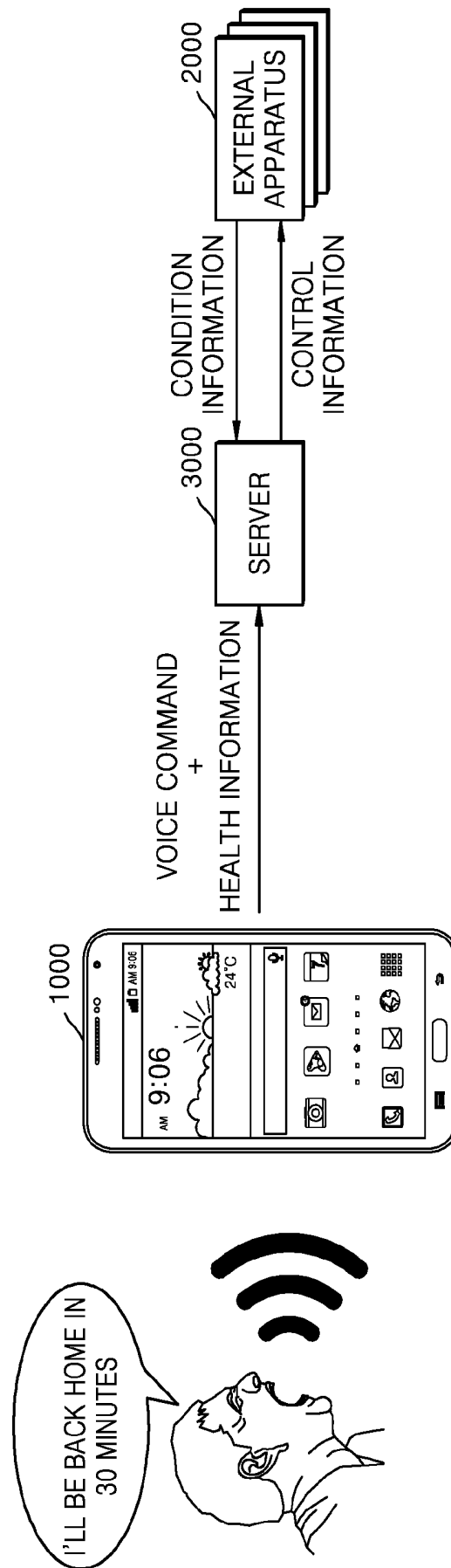


FIG. 12

120 USER VOICE COMMAND	121 BIOMETRIC INFORMATION OBTAINER	122 CONDITION INFORMATION	123 BIOMETRIC INFORMATION	124 CONDITION FOR CONTROLLING EXTERNAL APPARATUS	125 OPERATION	126 CONTROL TARGET APPARATUS
I'LL BE BACK WITHIN 30 MINUTES	MOBILE PHONE, SMART BAND	TEMPERATURE IN HOUSE, LOCATION INFORMATION OF DEVICE	HEART RATE, CALORIE CONSUMPTION	HEART RATE: GREATER THAN 120BMP, CALORIE CONSUMPTION: 500KCAL MOVING DISTANCE: GREATER THAN 3KM,	AIR CONDITIONER POWER ON, SET TEMPERATURE TO 18°C	AIR CONDITIONER
TURN ON THE AIR CONDITIONER	MOBILE PHONE, GLOVE, RING	TEMPERATURE IN HOUSE, LOCATION INFORMATION OF DEVICE	BLOOD FLOW RATE AT END OF HAND, CALORIE CONSUMPTION	BLOOD FLOW RATE AT END OF HAND: GREATER THAN REFERENCE VALUE CALORIE CONSUMPTION: 500KCAL MOVING DISTANCE: GREATER THAN 3KM, SENSIBLE TEMPERATURE OF USER: GREATER THAN 35°C	AIR CONDITIONER POWER ON, SET TEMPERATURE TO 18°C	AIR CONDITIONER

FIG. 13



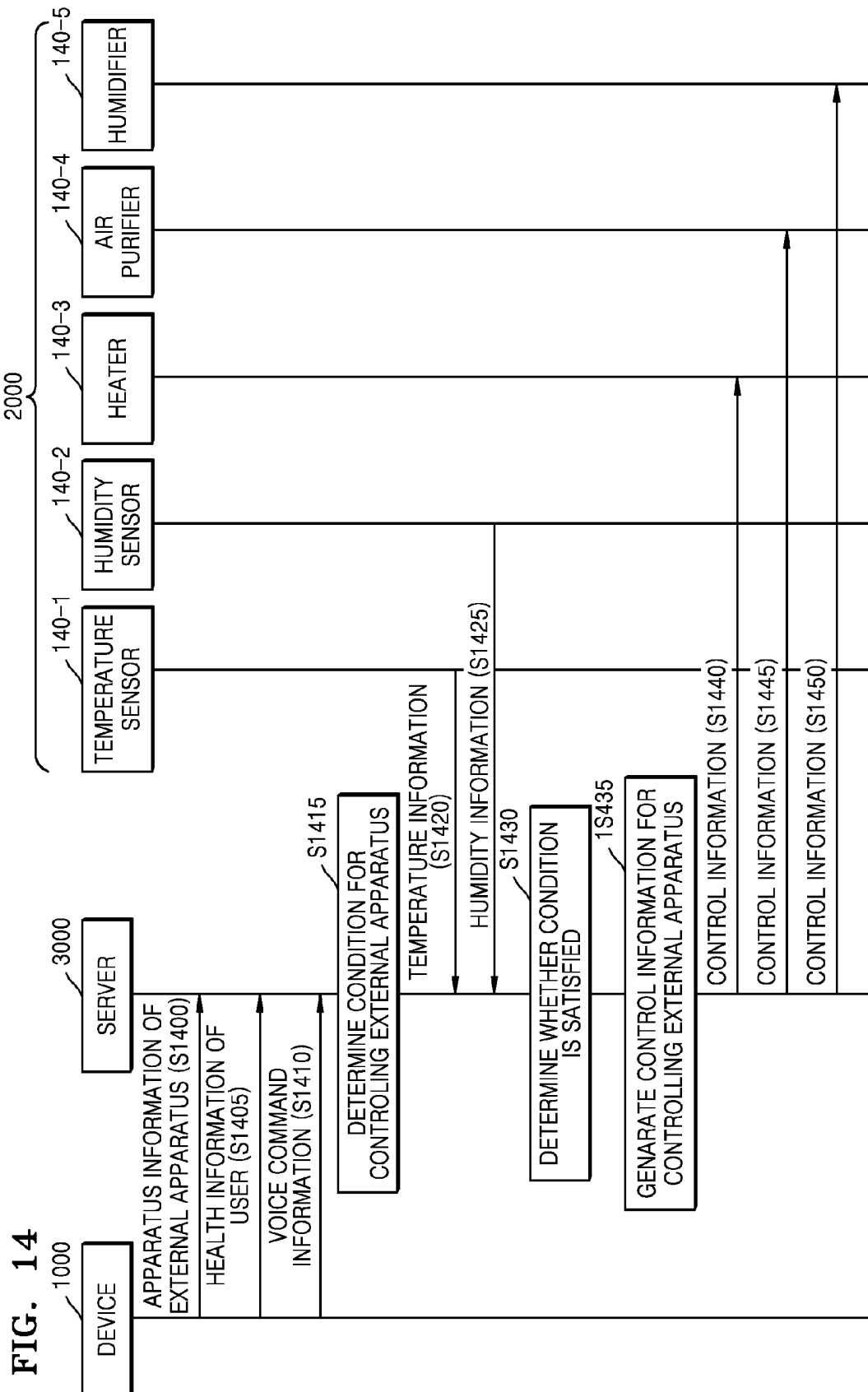


FIG. 15

150 USER VOICE COMMAND	151 USER HEALTH STATE	152 CONDITION INFORMATION	153 CONDITION FOR CONTROLLING EXTERNAL APPARATUS	154 OPERATION	155 CONTROL TARGET APPARATUS
I'LL BE BACK HOME WITHIN 30 MINUTES	ASTHMA	TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY IN HOUSE, LOCATION INFORMATION OF DEVICE	LOCATION OF USER: NEAR HOME	AIR PURIFIER POWER ON	AIR PURIFIER
I'LL BE BACK HOME WITHIN 30 MINUTES	ATOPY	TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY IN HOUSE, WEATHER, SEASON	TEMPERATURE IN HOUSE: GREATER THAN 30°C, HUMIDITY IN HOUSE: LESS THAN 50%	AIR CONDITIONER POWER ON, SET TEMPERATURE OF AIR CONDITIONER TO 27°C, DEHUMIDIFIER POWER ON, SET HUMIDITY LEVEL OF DEHUMIDIFIER TO 55%	AIR CONDITIONER, DEHUMIDIFIER
I'LL BE BACK HOME WITHIN 30 MINUTES	ALLERGIC RHINITIS	TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY IN HOUSE, WEATHER, SEASON	TEMPERATURE IN HOUSE: GREATER THAN 15°C, HUMIDITY IN HOUSE: LESS THAN 30%	HEATER POWER ON, SET TEMPERATURE TO 20°C, DEHUMIDIFIER POWER ON, SET HUMIDITY LEVEL OF DEHUMIDIFIER TO 40%	HEATER, DEHUMIDIFIER

FIG. 16

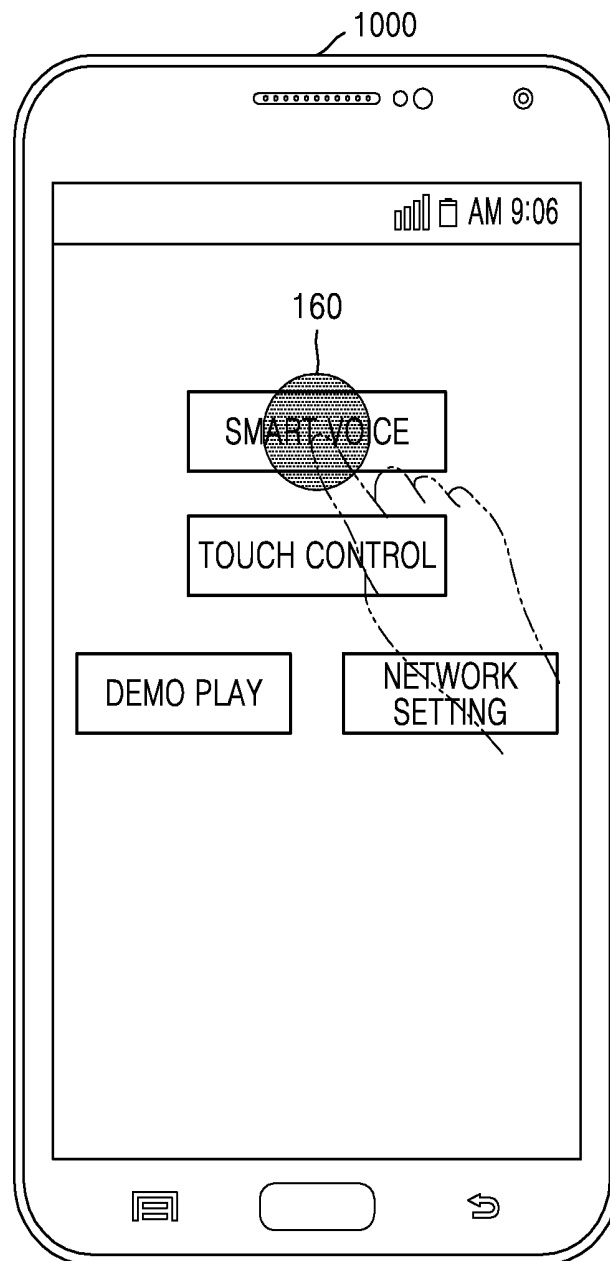


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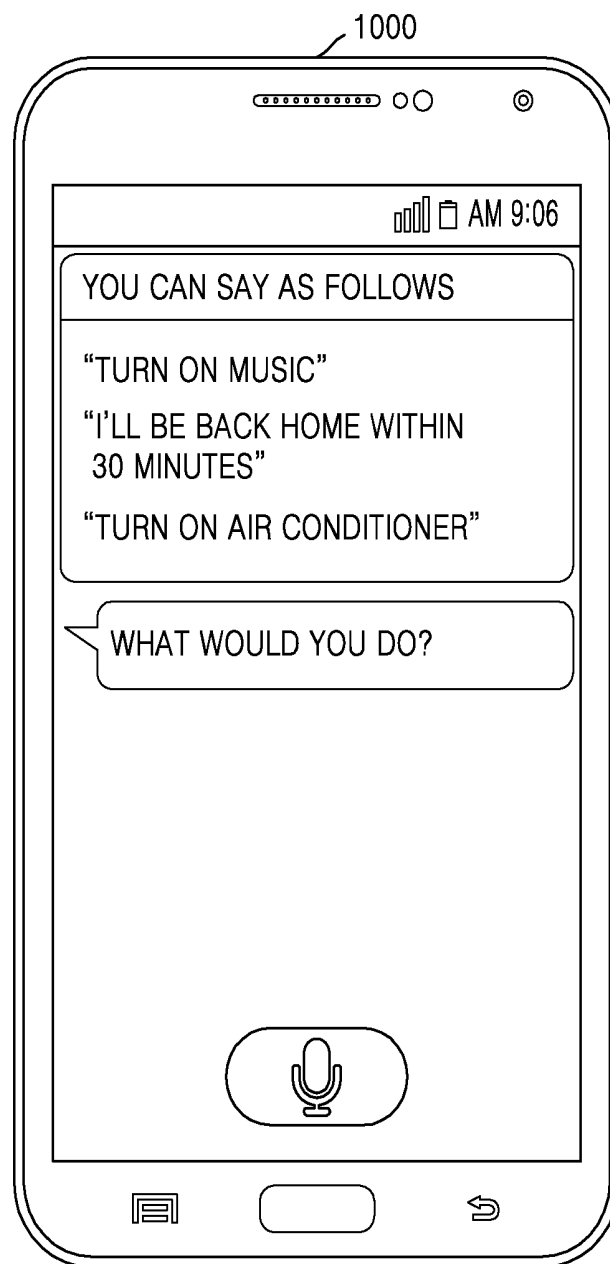


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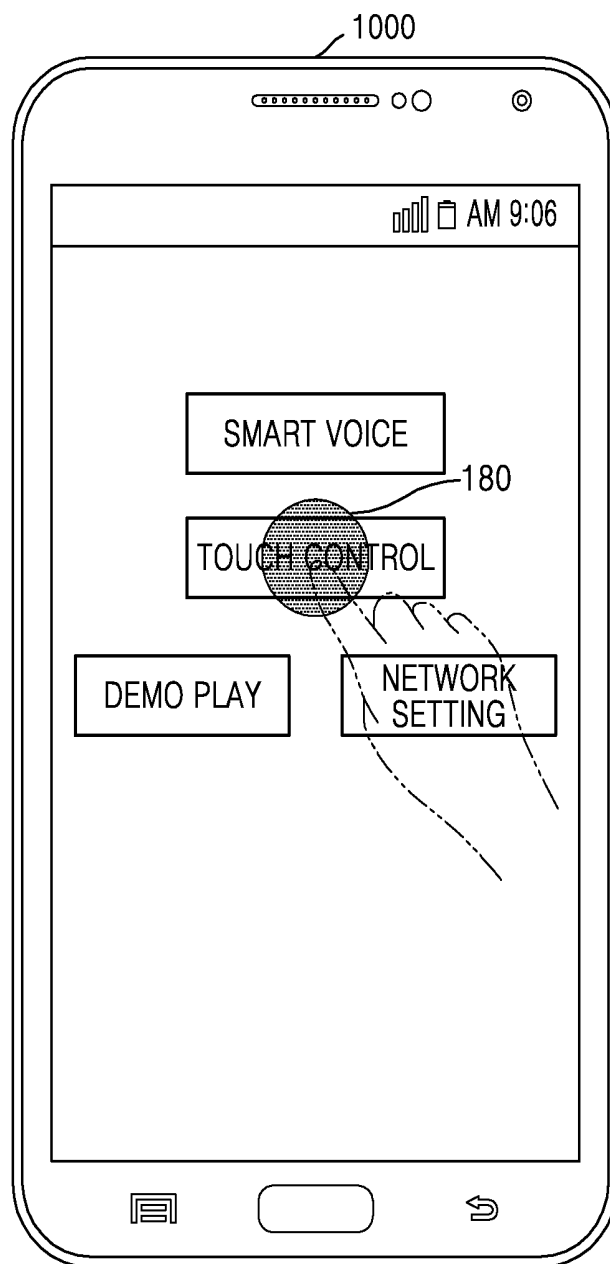


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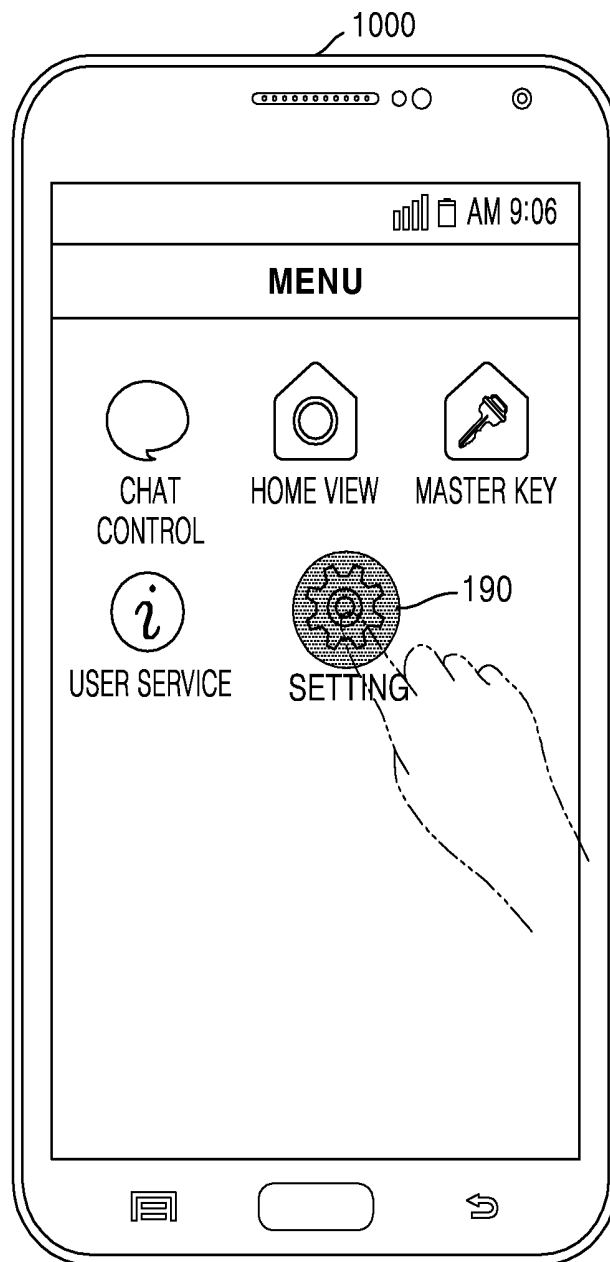


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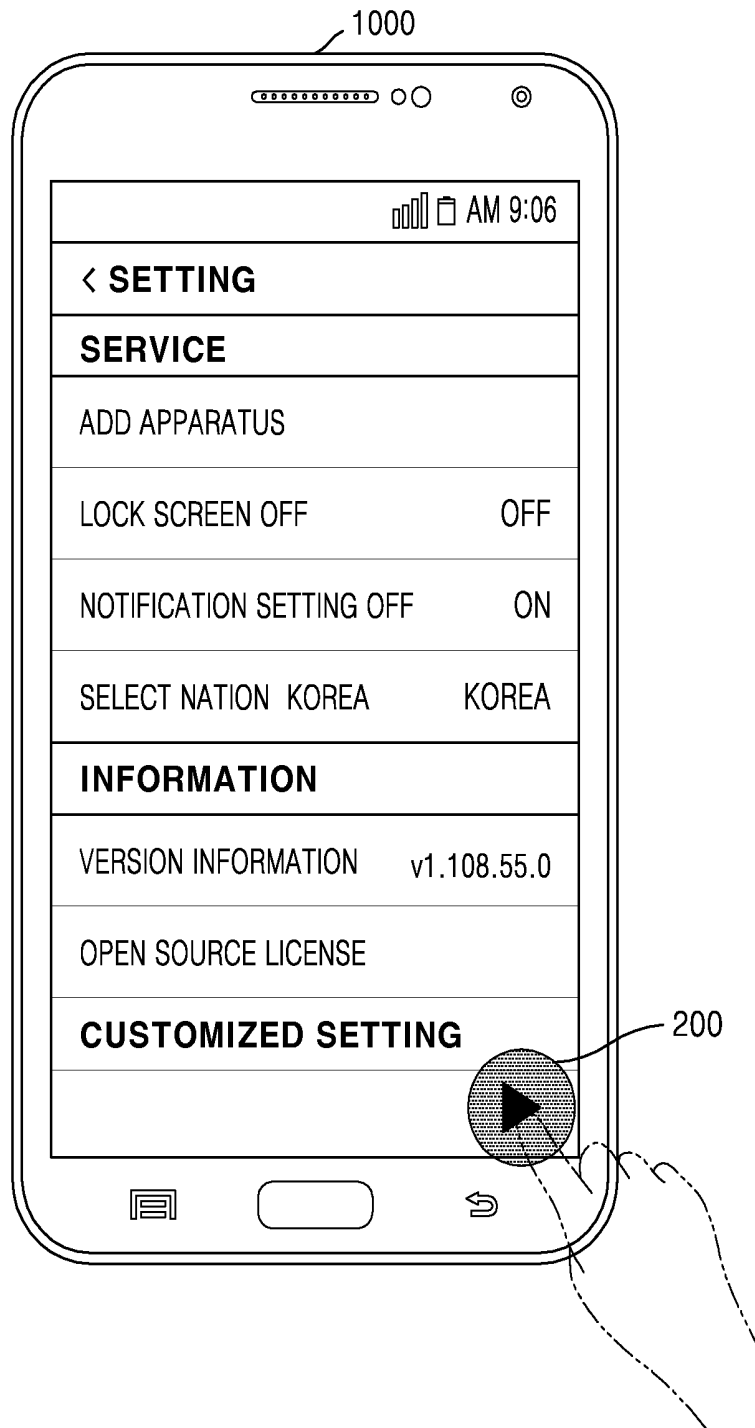


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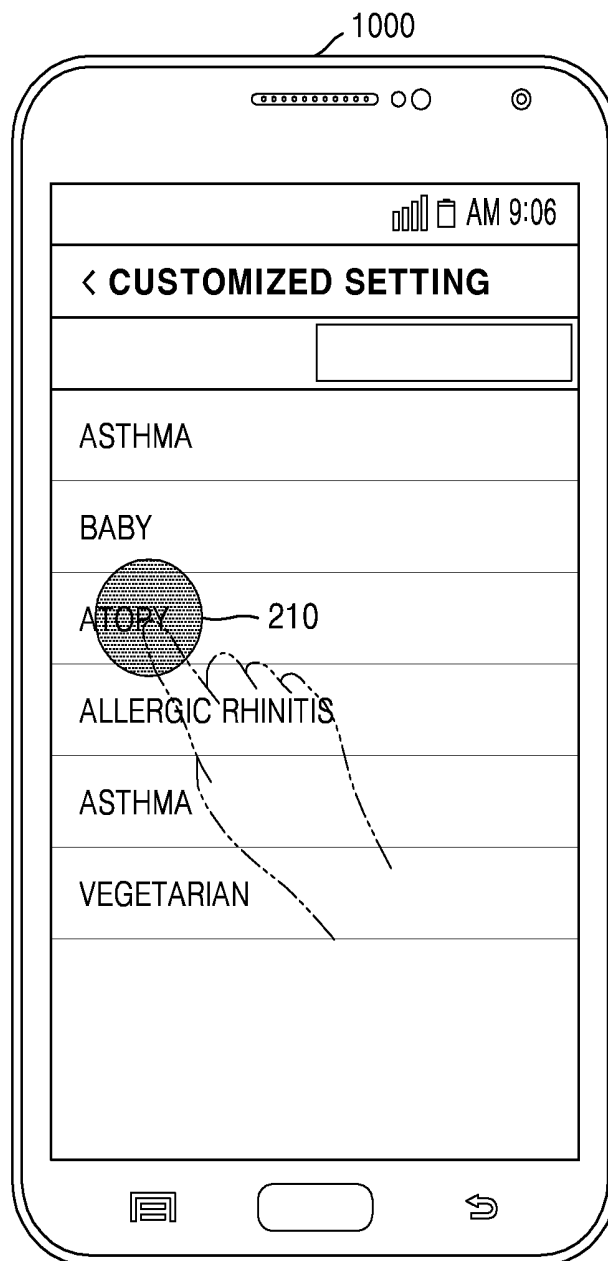


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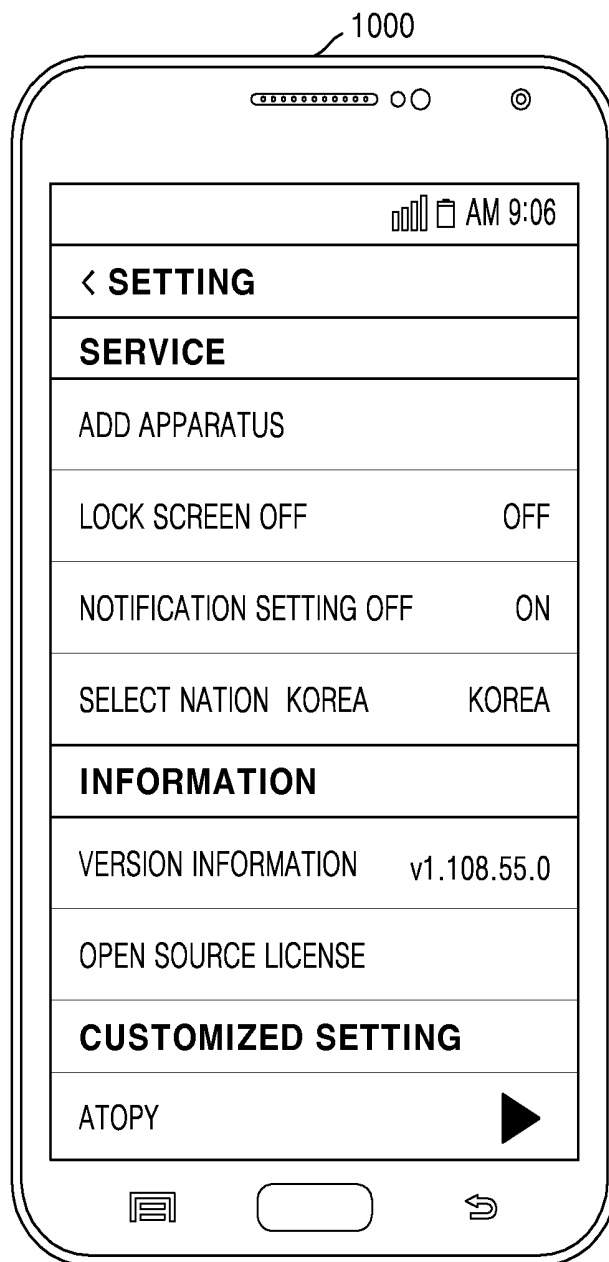


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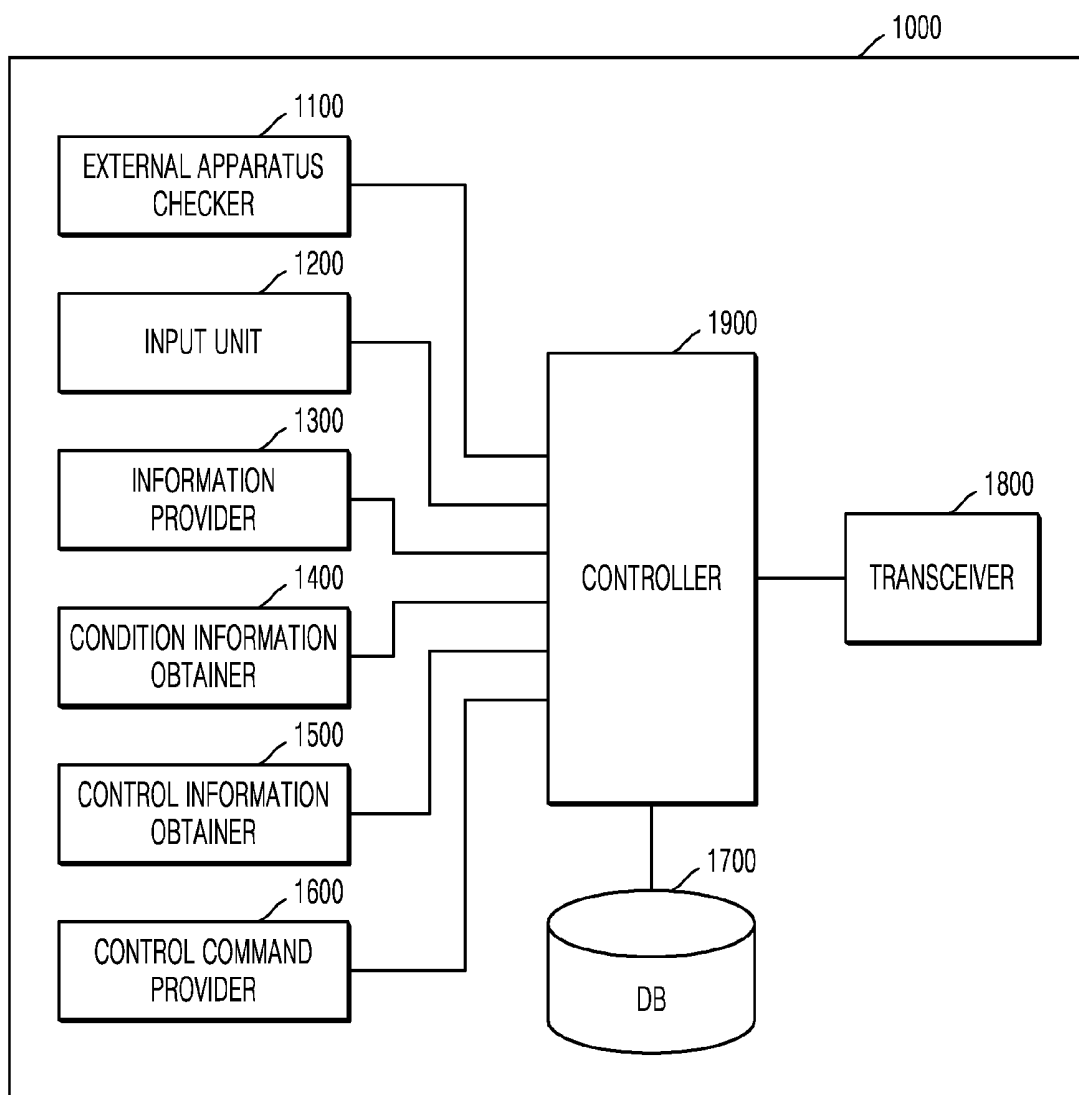


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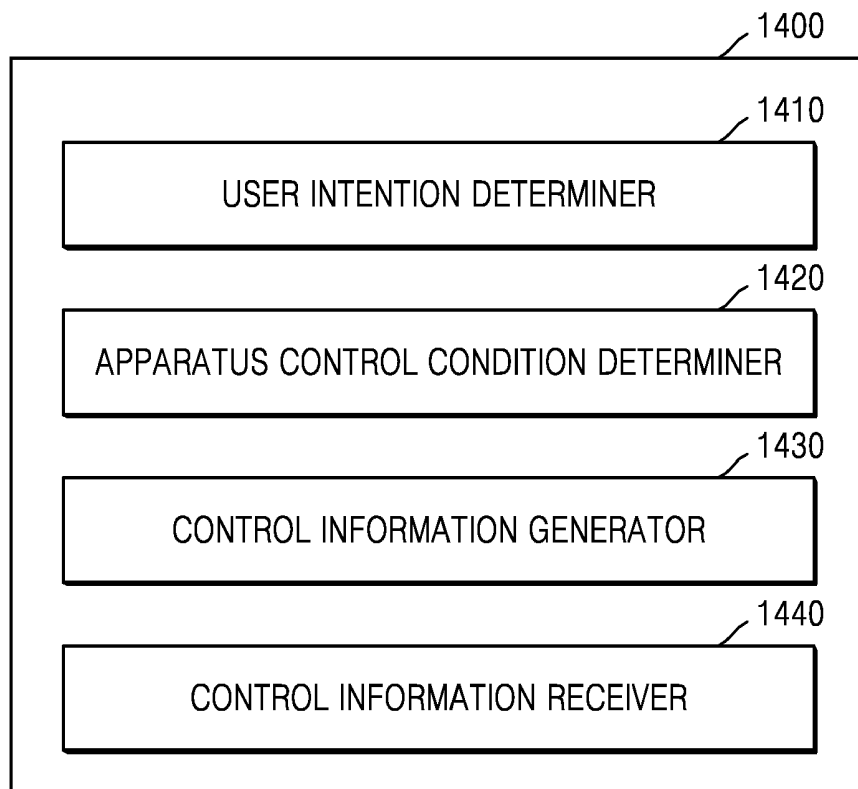


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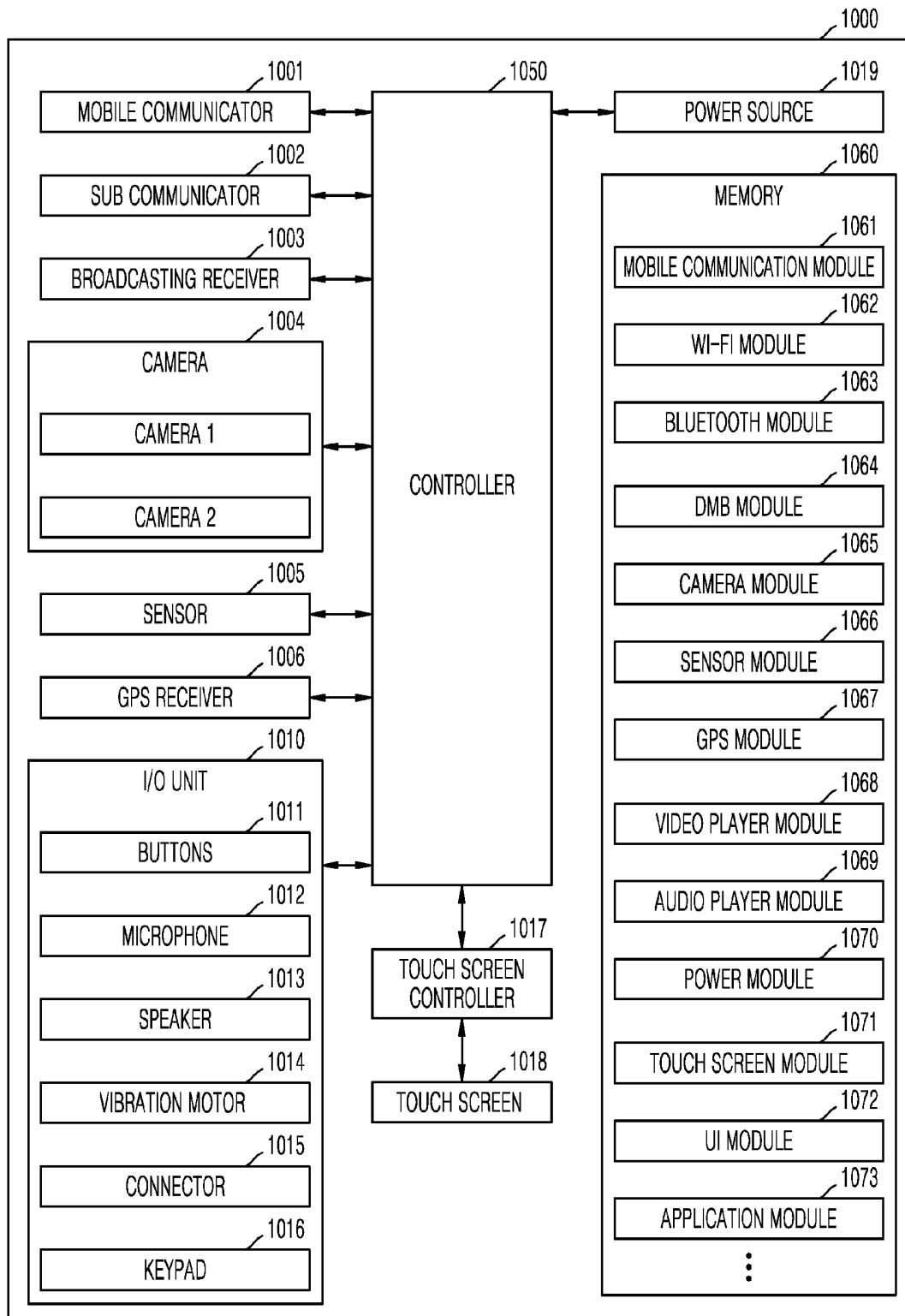
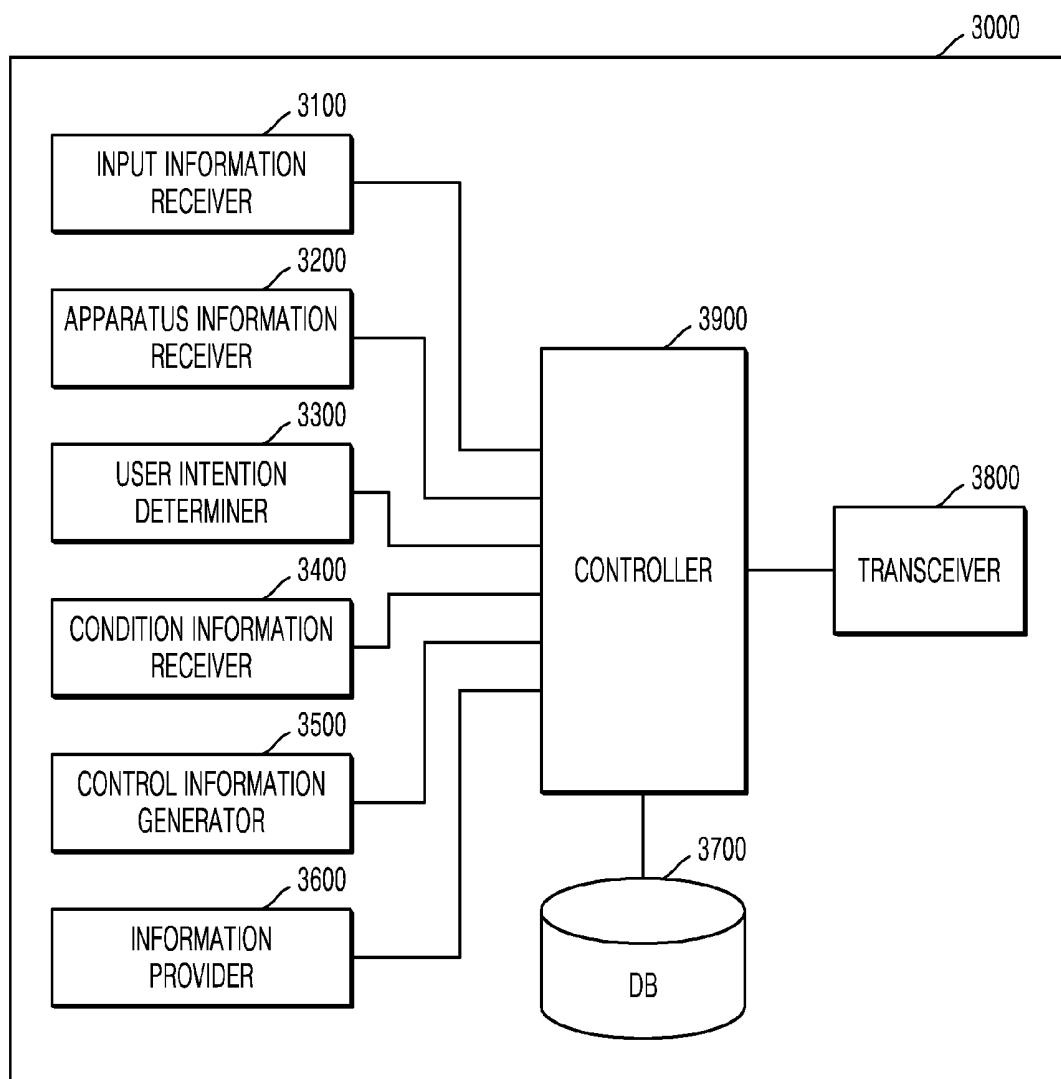


FIG. 26



SYSTEM AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING EXTERNAL APPARATUS CONNECTED WITH DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/975,187, filed on Apr. 4, 2014, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 14/022,556, filed on Sep. 10, 2013, which claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 10-2012-0099739, filed on Sep. 10, 2012, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein in their entireties by reference.

BACKGROUND

1. Field

Apparatuses and methods consistent with exemplary embodiments relate to controlling an external apparatus connected with a device according to a user's intention.

2. Description of the Related Art

Due to development of natural language analysis technologies and mobile technologies, a device may analyze information input by a user and may operate according to the user's intention. However, even though a device may be able to operate according to a user's intention, it is difficult for the device to utilize various connectable or device-compliant apparatuses. As such, it is difficult to control a device by effectively reflecting various true intentions of a user.

Accordingly, there is a need for methods and apparatuses for obtaining various types of condition information by using a device and an external apparatus connectable with the device and for operating the device and different external apparatuses by effectively reflecting various intentions of a user.

SUMMARY

Exemplary embodiments may address at least the above problems and/or disadvantages and other disadvantages not described above. The exemplary embodiments are not required to overcome the disadvantages described above, and an exemplary embodiment may not overcome any of the problems described above.

One or more of exemplary embodiments provide a system and method of controlling an external apparatus connected with a device by determining a user's intention based on user input information, and controlling the device and the external apparatus according to the user's intention.

According to an aspect of an exemplary embodiment, there is provided a server configured to control at least one external apparatus, the server including: a communicator configured to receive an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device; and a controller configured to determine a condition for controlling the at least one external apparatus and operation of the at least one external apparatus based on the received input command of the user and the received biometric information of the user, and provide a control command for controlling the operation of the at least one external apparatus to the at least one external apparatus if the determined condition is satisfied.

According to another aspect of an exemplary embodiment, there is provided a method of controlling at least one external apparatus, the method including: receiving an input

command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device; and determining a condition for controlling the at least one external apparatus and operation of the at least one external apparatus based on the received input command of the user and the received biometric information of the user; and providing a control command for controlling the operation of the at least one external apparatus to the at least one external apparatus if the determined condition is satisfied.

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According to another aspect of an exemplary embodiment, there is provided a method of controlling at least one external apparatus, the method including: receiving an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device; and determining a condition for controlling the at least one external apparatus and operation of the at least one external apparatus based on the received input command of the user and the received biometric information of the user; and providing a control command for controlling the operation of the at least one external apparatus to the at least one external apparatus if the determined condition is satisfied.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above and/or other aspects will become more apparent by describing certain exemplary embodiments, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is an overall schematic diagram of a system for controlling an external apparatus via a device, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a method of controlling an external apparatus by a device, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 3 is a flowchart of a method of controlling an external apparatus by a device, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 4 is a flowchart of a method of controlling an external apparatus by a device, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 5 is a flowchart of a method of controlling an external apparatus by a device, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 6 is an operation table, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of controlling an external apparatus, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 8 is a schematic diagram of controlling an external apparatus, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 9 is a schematic diagram of controlling an external apparatus, according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 10 is a schematic diagram of controlling an external apparatus based on a voice command and biometric information of a user, which is performed by a server, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 11 is a detailed flowchart of a method of controlling an external apparatus according to a voice command of a user in consideration of biometric information of the user, which is performed by a server, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 12 is a schematic diagram showing an example of an operation table of a device for controlling an external apparatus based on biometric information, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 13 is a schematic diagram showing an example of controlling an external apparatus based on a voice command and biometric information of a user, which is performed by a server, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 14 is a flowchart of a method of controlling the external apparatus according to a voice command of a user in consideration of health information about the user, which is performed by a server, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 15 is a schematic diagram showing an example of an operation table of a device for controlling an external apparatus based on a health state of a user, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIGS. 16 and 17 are schematic diagrams showing an example of receiving a voice command of a user, which is performed by a device, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIGS. 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 are schematic diagrams showing an example of receiving a user input of health information of a user, which is performed by a device, according to one or more exemplary embodiments;

FIG. 23 is a block diagram of a device according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 24 is a block diagram of a condition information obtainer according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 25 is a block diagram of a device according to another exemplary embodiment; and

FIG. 26 is a block diagram of a server according to an exemplary embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Certain exemplary embodiments are described in greater detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings.

In the following description, the same drawing reference numerals are used for the same elements even in different drawings. The matters defined in the description, such as detailed construction and elements, are provided to assist in a comprehensive understanding of exemplary embodiments. Thus, it is apparent that exemplary embodiments can be carried out without those specifically defined matters. Also, well-known functions or constructions are not described in detail since they would obscure exemplary embodiments with unnecessary detail.

Throughout the specification, it should be understood that when an element is referred to as being “connected with” another element, it can be directly connected with the other element, or electrically connected with the other element

while intervening elements may also be present. Also, when a part “includes” or “comprises” an element, unless there is a particular description contrary thereto, the part can further include other elements, not excluding the other elements.

Expressions such as “at least one of,” when preceding a list of elements, modify the entire list of elements and do not modify the individual elements of the list.

FIG. 1 is an overall schematic diagram of a system for controlling an external apparatus 2000 via a device 1000, according to an exemplary embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the system includes the device 1000, one or more external apparatuses 2000 connected with the device 1000, a server 3000, and a network 4000.

Referring to FIG. 1, the device 1000 may generate user input information based on a user input, and may provide the user input information, apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000, and condition information to the server 3000 such that the external apparatus 2000 may be controlled according to a user's intention.

The device 1000 may receive a text input or a voice input of the user, may generate the user input information based on the received input, and may provide the generated user input information to the server 3000. The device 1000 may check the external apparatus 2000 connectable with the device 1000, and may obtain and provide the apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 to the server 3000. Furthermore, the device 1000 may obtain the condition information via the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, and may provide the obtained condition information to the server 3000. The device 1000 may obtain the condition information based on control information to be described below, but is not limited thereto.

The server 3000 may analyze the user's intention based on the user input information, and may generate and provide the control information to the device 1000 such that the device 1000 may operate according to the user's intention and that the external apparatus 2000 may be controlled by the device 1000. The server 3000 may determine the user's intention by analyzing the user input information, and may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 in such a way that the user's intention is satisfied. The server 3000 may check whether the determined condition is satisfied and may generate the control information for controlling operations of the device 1000 and the external apparatus 2000.

The device 1000 may receive the control information from the server 3000, and may transmit a control command to some external apparatuses 2000 based on the control information.

The device 1000 is an apparatus capable of transmitting and receiving information to and from the server 3000 and of transmitting the control command to the external apparatus 2000, and may be, for example, a smartphone, a mobile phone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a laptop computer, a media player, a global positioning system (GPS) apparatus, or another mobile or non-mobile computing apparatus, but is not limited thereto.

The external apparatus 2000 may be an apparatus connectable with and controllable by the device 1000, and/or capable of at least partially sharing functions provided by the device 1000. The external apparatus 2000 may be a stand-alone apparatus capable of independently executing an application, but is not limited thereto. The external apparatus 2000 may include an input apparatus, an output apparatus, or a control apparatus, for example, a home appliance such as a smart TV or an air conditioner, a security camera, a recorder, a mobile phone, a personal computer

(PC), a pillow vibrator, a motor vehicle, a navigator, a microphone, a speaker, a pedal, a joystick, a musical instrument (e.g., a piano, an organ, an electronic keyboard, a guitar, a violin, or a cello), a game manipulator, a doll, a medical appliance, sporting equipment, a camera, or a sensor.

The server **3000** may be a service providing server for providing the control information for allowing the device **1000** to control the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention, but is not limited thereto.

The server **3000** may be a cloud server, for example, a PC of the user. If the server **3000** is a cloud server, the server **3000** may include a predetermined intelligence engine, may analyze the user's intention via the intelligence engine, and may transmit the control information for controlling the external apparatus **2000** to the device **1000**. Otherwise, if the server **3000** is a client server, the server **3000** may receive predetermined information from a separate service providing server (e.g., a weather information providing server or a traffic information providing server).

The network **4000** may be implemented as a wired network such as a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), or a value added network (VAN), or a wireless network such as a mobile radio communication network, a near field communication (NFC) network, or a satellite communication network. The network **4000** may be a comprehensive data communication network for allowing appropriate communications between the network components illustrated in FIG. 1, and may include wired Internet, wireless Internet, and/or a mobile wireless communication network.

FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a method of controlling the external apparatus **2000** by the device **1000** based on control information generated by the server **3000**, according to an exemplary embodiment.

In operation **S200**, the device **1000** checks the external apparatus **2000** controllable by the device **1000**. The device **1000** may check the external apparatus **2000** controllable by the device **1000** from among the external apparatuses **2000** connectable with the device **1000**. The controllable external apparatus **2000** may be an external apparatus connected or connectable with the device **1000** and having installed therein a predetermined application for utilizing a control service according to an exemplary embodiment. If the application is not installed in the controllable external apparatus **2000**, the device **1000** may perform communication connection and pairing with the external apparatus **2000**, and may provide to the external apparatus **2000** the application or link information for downloading the application.

The external apparatus **2000** may include, for example, a home appliance such as a smart TV or an air conditioner, a security camera, a recorder, a mobile phone, a PC, a pillow vibrator, a motor vehicle, or a navigator, but is not limited thereto. The device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** may be connected with each other via a wired network such as a LAN, a WAN, or a VAN, or a wireless network such as a mobile radio communication network, an NFC network, or a satellite communication network. The device **1000** may be connected with the external apparatus **2000** via, for example, a home gateway (not shown).

The device **1000** may receive from the checked external apparatus **2000** apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, but is not limited thereto. The device **1000** may receive the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** from a separate server (not shown). For example, if the device **1000** is connected with the external apparatus **2000** via a home gateway (not shown), the device **1000** may

request the home gateway for the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**. The apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** may include information about at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus **2000**, a media access control (MAC) address, a service set identifier (SSID), the type of the external apparatus **2000**, capability provided by the external apparatus **2000**, a category, and a command used to control the external apparatus **2000**. The capability provided by the external apparatus **2000** may include, for example, a voice output capability, a video output capability, a voice recording capability, an image capturing capability, and a humidity sensing capability, but is not limited thereto.

After user input information is generated in operation **S202** or a user's intention is determined in operation **S204**, the device **1000** may search for the external apparatus **2000** to be controlled by the device **1000**, based on the user input information or the user's intention.

In operation **S202**, the device **1000** provides the user input information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may generate the user input information based on a user input, and may provide the generated input information to the server **3000**. The user input information may be information about at least one of text input by the user, a voice of the user, a facial expression of the user, a gesture of the user, and a physical state of the user.

If the user inputs text to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the text data input by the user as the user input information to the server **3000**. For example, if the user inputs text such as "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow" to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the input text data as the user input information to the server **3000**. Otherwise, if the user inputs a voice to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the input voice data as the user input information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may transform the input voice data into text data, and may transmit the transformed text data as the user input information to the server **3000**. Alternatively, for example, the device **1000** may generate the user input information by using an email or a text message stored in the device **1000**.

The device **1000** may parse the user input information, and may transmit the parsed data to the server **3000**. If the user input information is text data, the device **1000** may parse the text data. Otherwise, if the user input information is voice data, the device **1000** may transform the voice data into text data and may parse the transformed text data. However, an exemplary embodiment is not limited thereto. The device **1000** may provide a voice data file to the server **3000**, and the server **3000** may transform and parse the received voice data file into text.

In operation **S204**, the server **3000** determines the user's intention based on the user input information. The server **3000** may determine the user's intention by analyzing the user input information. In order to analyze received text data as the user input information, the server **3000** may use various natural language analysis methods. For example, the server **3000** may analyze the text data by using natural language processing such as morpheme analysis, syntax analysis, or named entity recognition. Alternatively, the server **3000** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information by using, for example, ontology-based reasoning and probability-based reasoning. If the server **3000** receives voice data as the user input information, the server **3000** may transform the received voice data into text data, and may analyze the transformed text data. The server **3000** may generate user intention information by analyzing the user input information. For example, if the

user input information is “Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn’t rain tomorrow”, the server 3000 may generate the user intention information including time information such as “tomorrow, 7:00”, information related to condition information such as “if it doesn’t rain”, and operation information such as “wake me up”. The information related to condition information may be information used by the device 1000 or the server 3000 to obtain condition information about the user’s intention.

Alternatively, the server 3000 may determine the user’s intention via an interactive interface using feedback. For example, if the user’s intention is not easily determined based on the user input information received from the device 1000, the server 3000 may request the device 1000 for additional user input information. The server 3000 may notify additionally needed information to the device 1000. The server 3000 may determine the user’s intention by using the user input information additionally received from the device 1000. For example, if user input information such as “Give me a call if the baby wakes up” is received from the device 1000, the server 3000 may request the device 1000 to additionally provide information about a point of time when the baby wakes up. The device 1000 may additionally provide user input information such as “Give me a call if the baby wakes up tomorrow morning” to the server 3000, and the server 3000 may determine the user’s intention based on the additionally received user input information.

In operation S206, the device 1000 provides the apparatus information of the checked external apparatus 2000 to the server 3000. The device 1000 may provide information about at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus 2000, a MAC address, an SSID, the type of the external apparatus 2000, capability provided by the external apparatus 2000, a category, and a command used to control the external apparatus 2000 to the server 3000. In operation S206, the device 1000 may provide the apparatus information of the device 1000 to the server 3000. The apparatus information of the device 1000 may include information about at least one of, for example, an identification value of the device 1000, a MAC address, an SSID, the type of the device 1000, capability provided by the device 1000, a category, and a command used to control the device 1000.

In operation S208, the server 3000 determines a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 based on the user’s intention. The condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is a condition for allowing a user-desired operation to be performed according to the user’s intention. For example, if the user input information is “Wake me up if it doesn’t rain at 7:00 tomorrow”, a condition such as “if it doesn’t rain at 7:00 tomorrow” for a user-desired operation such as “wake me up” may be the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000. The server 3000 may determine a condition that has to be satisfied to control operation of the external apparatus 2000 or the device 1000, based on the user intention information. For example, if the user intention information includes time information such as “tomorrow, 7:00” and information related to condition information such as “if it doesn’t rain”, the server 3000 may determine a time condition such as “tomorrow”, a weather condition such as “sunny, cloudy”, and a place condition such as “device location” as the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000. In order to ensure that the determined condition is satisfied, a predetermined external apparatus 2000 may be controlled.

In operation S210, the server 3000 selects the external apparatus 2000 related to the user’s intention. The server 3000 may select the external apparatus 2000 related to the

user’s intention, based on operation information included in the user intention information and the apparatus information received from the device 1000. For example, if the user intention information includes operation information such as “wake me up”, the server 3000 may select the external apparatus 2000 to wake up the user, by using the apparatus information received from the device 1000. The server 3000 may select, for example, a pillow vibrator and/or a lighting device as the external apparatuses 2000 for waking up the user.

In operation S212, the server 3000 generates control information for satisfying the user’s intention. The control information may include information for checking whether the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied, and information for controlling operation of at least one of the device 1000 and the selected external apparatus 2000 if the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied. The control information may include a control command for controlling operation of the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, and information to generate the control command.

In more detail, the server 3000 may generate the control information for checking whether the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied, based on the condition determined by the server 3000 and the apparatus information received from the device 1000. For example, if the condition determined by the server 3000 includes a time condition such as “tomorrow”, a weather condition such as “sunny, cloudy”, and a place condition such as “device location”, the server 3000 may generate the control information for checking whether the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied by allowing the device 1000 to check the date, the location of the device 1000, and the weather via the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000. The control information may include a control command instructing to check the date and the weather, a control command instructing to obtain humidity information from a humidity sensor, and a command instructing to check the location of the device 1000, and the control commands included in the control information may be aligned in a predetermined order.

However, the control information is not limited thereto and may omit a control command but may include information referred to so as to generate a control command, for example, “determine whether the weather is sunny or cloudy at a device location tomorrow”.

If the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied, the server 3000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000. The server 3000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, based on the operation information included in the user intention information and the apparatus information received from the device 1000. For example, if the user intention information includes operation information such as “wake me up”, the server 3000 may generate a control command instructing the device 1000 to output alarm information, a control command instructing a lighting device to be turned on, and/or a control command instructing a pillow vibrator to generate vibration.

The control information may include a plurality of control commands for controlling operation of at least one of the device 1000 and the external apparatus 2000, and the plurality of control commands may be executed in a predetermined order by at least one of the device 1000 and the external apparatus 2000.

In operation S214, the server 3000 provides the generated control information to the device 1000.

In operation S216, the device 1000 checks whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied. The device 1000 may check whether the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied, based on the control information received from the server 3000. If the control information received from the server 3000 includes a control command for checking whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied, the device 1000 may operate according to the control command included in the control information to check whether the condition is satisfied. Otherwise, if the control information received from the server 3000 does not include the control command for checking whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied, the device 1000 may generate a control command based on the control information, and may check whether the condition is satisfied, according to the generated control command.

In operation S218, the device 1000 provides the control command to the external apparatus 2000 based on the control information. The device 1000 may transmit the control command to the external apparatus 2000 in order to follow the user's intention if the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied. If the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied, the device 1000 may transmit the control commands for operating the external apparatuses 2000 to the external apparatuses 2000 in a predetermined order. The device 1000 may perform a predetermined operation based on the control information.

In operation S220, another external apparatus (not shown) is additionally connected with the device 1000 and, in operation S224, the device 1000 provides apparatus information of the additionally connected external apparatus to the server 3000.

In operation S226, the server 3000 generates control information including a control command about the additionally connected external apparatus. The server 3000 may change the control information for satisfying the user's intention, based on the apparatus information of the additionally connected external apparatus.

In operation S228, the server 3000 provides the changed control information to the device 1000. As such, the device 1000 may control operation of the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000 based on the changed control information.

FIG. 3 is a flowchart of a method of controlling the external apparatus 2000 by the device 1000 based on control information generated by the server 3000, according to an exemplary embodiment. In FIG. 3, the server 3000 may check whether a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied. Since some of the operations of FIG. 3 are similar to those described above with reference to FIG. 2, the detailed description thereof is omitted.

In operation S300, the device 1000 checks the external apparatus 2000 controllable by the device 1000.

In operation S302, the device 1000 provides user input information and the apparatus information to the server 3000. The device 1000 may generate the user input information based on a user input, and may provide the generated input information to the server 3000.

Also, the device 1000 may provide information about at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus 2000, the type of the external apparatus 2000, and a command used to control the external apparatus 2000 to the server 3000.

In operation S304, the server 3000 determines the user's intention based on the user input information. The server

3000 may determine the user's intention by analyzing the user input information. In order to analyze received text data as the user input information, the server 3000 may use various natural language analysis methods. For example, the server 3000 may analyze the text data by using natural language processing such as morpheme analysis, syntax analysis, or named entity recognition. If the server 3000 receives voice data as the user input information, the server 3000 may transform the received voice data into text data, and may analyze the transformed text data. Also, the server 3000 may generate user intention information by analyzing the user input information.

In operation S306, the server 3000 determines a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 based on the user's intention. The server 3000 may determine a condition that has to be satisfied to control operation of the external apparatus 2000 or the device 1000, based on the user intention information. For example, if the user intention information includes time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00" and information related to condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", the server 3000 may determine a time condition such as "tomorrow", a weather condition such as "sunny, cloudy", and a place condition such as "device location" as the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000.

In operation S308, the server 3000 requests the device 1000 for condition information. The server 3000 may request the device 1000 for the condition information obtainable by the device 1000 and the condition information obtainable by the external apparatus 2000, based on the condition information. The server 3000 may request the device 1000 for the condition information needed to check whether the determined condition is satisfied. For example, if a time condition, a weather condition, and a place condition are determined, the server 3000 may request the device 1000 to provide information about the weather at a fixed time at a fixed place as the condition information to the server 3000. The server 3000 may provide the type of the condition information to the device 1000, but is not limited thereto. The server 3000 may provide to the device 1000 a control command instructing the device 1000 and the external apparatus 2000 to obtain the condition information.

In operation S310, the device 1000 obtains the condition information. The device 1000 may obtain the condition information in response to a request to obtain the condition information. The device 1000 may obtain various types of the condition information from the external apparatus 2000 and a separate server (not shown). For example, the device 1000 may obtain location information of the device 1000 from a location information providing server (not shown), may obtain weather information around the device 1000 from a weather server (not shown), and may obtain traffic information about a predetermined route from a traffic information providing server (not shown).

Also, for example, the device 1000 may obtain humidity information from a humidity sensor (not shown), may obtain a captured image from a photographing apparatus (not shown), and may obtain recorded voice data from a recording apparatus (not shown). The device 1000 may obtain the condition information from an apparatus included in the device 1000. For example, the device 1000 may obtain various types of the condition information from a temperature sensor, a humidity sensor, a geomagnetic sensor, a gravity sensor, a motion sensor, a gyro sensor, a camera, and a recorder included in the device 1000. The device 1000 may obtain the condition information about a physical state of the user. The condition information about the physical state of

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the user may be, for example, information about a heart rate, an electrocardiogram (ECG), breathing, a pulse, and physical exercise of the user, and may be obtained from the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000 connected with the device 1000. Furthermore, the device 1000 may obtain the condition information about a network status, a login status of the external apparatus 2000, an application installed in the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, and a user using the application. However, the device 1000 is not limited thereto and may obtain various types of information as the condition information.

In operation S312, the device 1000 provides the obtained condition information to the server 3000. The device 1000 may obtain the condition information in a preset cycle, and may provide the obtained condition information to the server 3000 in real time, but is not limited thereto. The server 3000 may obtain the condition information from another device (not shown) or another server (not shown).

In operation S314, the server 3000 checks whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied, based on the condition information. The server 3000 may check whether the condition is satisfied, based on the condition information received from at least one of the device 1000, the other device, and the other server.

In operation S316, the server 3000 selects the external apparatus 2000 related to the user's intention. The server 3000 may check an operation for satisfying the user's intention, and may select the external apparatus 2000 for performing the checked operation. For example, if the user intention information includes operation information such as "wake me up", the server 3000 may select a lighting device and/or a pillow vibrator.

In operation S318, the server 3000 generates control information about the selected external apparatus 2000. If the condition determined by the server 3000 is satisfied, the server 3000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000. The server 3000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, based on the operation information included in the user intention information and the apparatus information received from the device 1000. For example, if the user intention information includes operation information such as "wake me up", the server 3000 may generate a control command instructing the device 1000 to output alarm information, a control command instructing a lighting device to be turned on, and a control command instructing a pillow vibrator to generate vibration. The control commands included in the control information generated by the server 3000 may be aligned in a predetermined order.

In operation S320, the server 3000 provides the generated control information to the device 1000.

In operation S322, the device 1000 transmits the control command to the external apparatus 2000 based on the control information. The device 1000 may transmit the control commands for operating the external apparatuses 2000 to the external apparatuses 2000 in a predetermined order. The device 1000 may perform a predetermined operation based on the control information.

In operation S324, another external apparatus (not shown) is additionally connected with the device 1000 and, in operation S326, the device 1000 provides apparatus information of the additionally connected external apparatus to the server 3000.

In operation S328, the server 3000 generates control information including a control command about the additionally connected external apparatus. The server 3000 may

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change the control information for satisfying the user's intention, based on the apparatus information of the additionally connected external apparatus.

In operation S330, the server 3000 provides the changed control information to the device 1000. As such, the device 1000 may control operation of the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000 based on the changed control information.

FIG. 4 is a flowchart of a method of generating a control command and controlling the external apparatus 2000 by the device 1000 based on user intention information received from the server 3000, according to an exemplary embodiment. In FIG. 4, the device 1000 may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000, based on the user intention information. Since some of the operations of FIG. 4 are similar to those described above with reference to FIGS. 2 and 3, the detailed description thereof is omitted.

In operation S400, the device 1000 checks the external apparatus 2000 controllable by the device 1000 and, in operation S402, the device 1000 provides user input information to the server 3000. In operation S404, the server 3000 determines a user's intention based on the user input information. Operations S400, S402, and S404 may respectively correspond to operations S200, S202, and S204.

In operation S406, the server 3000 provides user intention information to the device 1000. For example, if the user input information is "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow", the server 3000 may provide to the device 1000 the user intention information including time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00", condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", and operation information such as "wake me up".

In operation S408, the device 1000 determines a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 based on the user's intention. The device 1000 may decide a condition that has to be satisfied to control operation of the external apparatus 2000 or the device 1000, based on the user intention information. For example, if the user intention information includes time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00" and condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", the device 1000 may decide a time condition such as "tomorrow", a weather condition such as "sunny, cloudy", and a place condition such as "device location" as the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000.

In operation S410, the device 1000 obtains condition information. The device 1000 may obtain various types of the condition information from the external apparatus 2000 and a separate server (not shown).

In operation S412, the device 1000 obtains apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000. The device 1000 may receive the apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 from the external apparatus 2000, but is not limited thereto. The device 1000 may receive the apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 from a separate server (not shown). For example, if the device 1000 is connected with the external apparatus 2000 via a home gateway (not shown), the device 1000 may request the home gateway for the apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000. The apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 may include information about at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus 2000, the type of the external apparatus 2000, and a command used to control the external apparatus 2000.

In operation S414, the device 1000 selects the external apparatus 2000 related to the user's intention. The device 1000 may check an operation for satisfying the user's

intention, and may select the external apparatus 2000 for performing the checked operation.

In operation S416, the device 1000 generates control information about the selected external apparatus 2000. If the condition determined by the device 1000 is satisfied, the device 1000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000. The device 1000 may generate the control information for operating the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000, based on the operation information included in the user intention information and the apparatus information received from the device 1000. The control information may include control commands about at least one external apparatus 2000 and the device 1000, and the control commands may be aligned in a predetermined order.

In operation S418, the device 1000 provides a predetermined control command to the external apparatus 2000 based on the generated control information.

In operation S420, another external apparatus (not shown) is additionally connected with the device 1000 and, in operation S422, the device 1000 generates control information including a control command about the additionally connected external apparatus. The device 1000 may change the control information for satisfying the user's intention, based on apparatus information of the additionally connected external apparatus. As such, the device 1000 may control operation of the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000 based on the changed control information.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart of a method of directly determining a user's intention and controlling the external apparatus 2000 by the device 1000 based on user input information, according to an exemplary embodiment.

In operation S500, the device 1000 checks the external apparatus 2000 controllable by the device 1000.

In operation S502, the device 1000 determines a user's intention based on user input information. The device 1000 may determine the user's intention by analyzing the user input information. In order to analyze the user input information, the device 1000 may use various natural language analysis methods. For example, the device 1000 may analyze text data as the user input information by using natural language processing such as morpheme analysis, syntax analysis, or named entity recognition. If the user input information is voice data, the device 1000 may transform the voice data into text data, and may analyze the transformed text data. The device 1000 may generate user intention information by analyzing the user input information. For example, if the user input information is "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow", the device 1000 may generate the user intention information including time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00", condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", and operation information such as "wake me up".

In operation S504, the device 1000 determines a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 based on the user's intention and, in operation S506, the device 1000 obtains condition information. In operation S508, the device 1000 obtains apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000, in operation S510, the device 1000 selects the external apparatus 2000 related to the user's intention and, in operation S512, the device 1000 generates control information about the selected external apparatus 2000. In operation S514, the device 1000 provides a predetermined control command to the external apparatus 2000 based on the generated control information.

Operations S504, S506, S508, S510, S512, and S514 may correspond to the operations described above with reference to FIGS. 2, 3, and 4, and thus, are not described in detail again.

FIG. 6 is an operation table of the device 1000 for controlling the external apparatus 2000, according to an exemplary embodiment. Information about operation of the device 1000 in relation to user input information is recorded in the operation table of the device 1000.

As illustrated in FIG. 6, the operation table 58 of the device 1000 may include a user input information field 60, a user's intention field 62, an external apparatus controlling condition field 64, and an operation field 66. The operation table of the device 1000 may be generated by at least one of the device 1000 and the server 3000.

User input information obtained by the device 1000 is recorded in the user input information field 60. If a user inputs text to the device 1000, the text data input by the user may be recorded in the user input information field 60. If the user input information is voice data, the voice data may be transformed into text data, and the transformed text data may be stored in the user input information field 60.

The user input information recorded in the user input information field 60 may include, for example, "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow", "Let's go home if the traffic is not heavy before 20:00 tomorrow", and "Give me a video call if the baby wakes up".

Information about a user's intention determined based on the user input information may be recorded in the user's intention field 62. The user input information may be analyzed by using natural language processing such as morpheme analysis, syntax analysis, or named entity recognition. For example, if the user input information is "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow", "When: tomorrow, 7:00, Condition: if it doesn't rain, Do: wake me up" may be recorded in the user's intention field 62.

Information about a condition that has to be satisfied to control the external apparatus 2000 according to the user's intention may be recorded in the external apparatus controlling condition field 64.

For example, based on the information recorded in the user's intention field 62, the external apparatus controlling condition field 64 may contain "Who: x, What: weather, When: tomorrow, Condition: sunny, cloudy, Where: device location". That is, a subject condition such as "weather", a time condition such as "tomorrow", a weather condition such as "sunny, cloudy", and a place condition such as "device location" may be recorded in the external apparatus controlling condition field 64. In addition to "Who", "What", "When", "Condition", and "Where", various condition items may be further included in the external apparatus controlling condition field 64. If predetermined data is not recorded as a condition item, the server 3000 may request the device 1000 for additional user input information about the condition item having no recorded data, and may receive the additional user input information from the device 1000 to record predetermined data as the condition item. That is, if the user's intention is not determined based on the user input information, or if a condition and operation for controlling the external apparatus 2000 according to the user's intention are not determined, the server 3000 may request the device 1000 for additional user input information.

The device 1000 may generate a control command for checking whether a predetermined condition is satisfied, based on the information recorded in the condition field 64.

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Operation information of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** for determining whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, and for operating the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention may be recorded in the operation field **66**.

For example, based on the information recorded in the user's intention field **62**, "check time", "check device location", and "check weather" may be recorded in the operation field **66**. If the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, as an operation of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**, "output alarm information" may be recorded in the operation field **66**.

Based on the operation information recorded in the operation field **66**, control information of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** for performing the operation recorded in the operation field **66** may be generated. The control information may include a plurality of control commands for controlling operation of at least one of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**, and the plurality of control commands may be executed by at least one of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** in a predetermined order. For example, based on "check time", "check device location" and "check weather" recorded in the operation field **66**, a control command may be generated in such a way that the device **1000** checks the time, the location of the device **1000**, and the weather by using at least one of the device **1000**, a separate server (not shown), and the external apparatus **2000**. For example, based on "output alarm information" recorded in the operation field **66**, a control command may be generated in such a way that the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** output predetermined alarm information.

Although the device **1000** determines the user's intention and determines the condition and operation for controlling the external apparatus **2000** in the above description, exemplary embodiments are not limited thereto. The determining of the condition and operation for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on the user input information by the device **1000** may be included in the determining of the user's intention.

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram showing that the external apparatus **2000** is controlled according to user input information that is input to the device **1000**, in a system for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 7, if a user inputs voice data such as "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow" to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the voice data or text data transformed from the voice data, as user input information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may provide apparatus information of a humidity sensor **72**, a lighting device **74**, and a pillow vibrator **76** connectable with the device **1000**, to the server **3000**.

The server **3000** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information, and may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The server **3000** may determine whether the determined condition is satisfied, may generate control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**, and may provide the generated control information to the device **1000**.

The device **1000** may determine whether the condition is satisfied, by obtaining weather information from a weather server **70** based on the received control information, and obtaining humidity information from the humidity sensor **72**. If the condition is satisfied, the device **1000** may transmit

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a control command instructing to power on to the lighting device **74** and/or may transmit a control command instructing to generate vibration to the pillow vibrator **76**.

FIG. 8 is a schematic diagram showing that the external apparatus **2000** is controlled according to user input information that is input to the device **1000**, in a system for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 8, if a user inputs voice data such as "Let's go home if the traffic is not heavy before 21:00 tomorrow" to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the voice data or text data transformed from the voice data, as user input information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may provide apparatus information of a motor vehicle **82** and a navigator **84** connectable with the device **1000**, to the server **3000**.

The server **3000** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information, and may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The server **3000** may determine whether the determined condition is satisfied, may generate control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**, and may provide the generated control information to the device **1000**.

The device **1000** may determine whether the condition is satisfied, by obtaining traffic information about a route from a current location of the device **1000** to home, from a traffic information providing server **80** based on the received control information. If the condition is satisfied, the device **1000** may transmit a control command instructing to start an engine to the motor vehicle **82** and may transmit a control command instructing to output route guidance information to the navigator **84**.

FIG. 9 is a schematic diagram showing that the external apparatus **2000** is controlled according to user input information that is input to the device **1000**, in a system for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 9, if a user inputs voice data such as "Give me a video call if the baby wakes up" to the device **1000**, the device **1000** may provide the voice data or text data transformed from the voice data, as user input information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may provide apparatus information of a photographing apparatus **90**, a recording apparatus **92**, and a telephone **94** connectable with the device **1000**, to the server **3000**.

The server **3000** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information, and may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The server **3000** may determine whether the determined condition is satisfied, may generate control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**, and may provide the generated control information to the device **1000**.

The device **1000** may determine whether the condition is satisfied, by obtaining a captured image from the photographing apparatus **90** and obtaining recorded voice data from the recording apparatus **92** based on the received control information. If the condition is satisfied, the device **1000** may transmit a control command instructing to make a video call to the telephone **94**.

FIG. 10 is a schematic diagram showing controlling of the external apparatus **2000** based on a voice command and biometric information of a user, which is performed by the server **3000**, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. 10, while the user of the device 1000 is jogging, the user may input a voice command to the device 1000. Then, the device 1000 may receive the voice command input by the user and obtain biometric information of the user from a wearable device 4000. In this case, the wearable device 4000 may be a device separate from the device 1000 or a device included in the device 1000. Additionally, the device 1000 may transmit the voice command and the biometric information to the server 3000.

The server 3000 may receive the voice command and the biometric information from the device 1000, and receive condition information from the external apparatus 2000. In this case, the external apparatus 2000 may be, for example, an apparatus located in a house of a user.

Then, the server 1000 may generate a control command for controlling the external apparatus 2000 in consideration of the voice command of the user, the biometric information of the user, and a condition of the external apparatus 200, and transmit the generated control command to the external apparatus 2000. Thus, the device 1000 may control the external apparatus 2000 according to the voice command of the user in consideration of a biometric state of the user.

For example, the server 3000 may pre-store reference values of pieces of biometric information for determining a state of the user. If the user inputs a voice command to the device 1000, the wearable device 4000 may sense biometric information of the user and provide the biometric information to the server 3000. Additionally, the server 3000 may determine a state of the user by comparing a piece of biometric information of the user to a reference value and analyzing whether a difference between the piece of biometric information and the reference value is equal to or greater than a certain value within a certain range (for example, whether a heart rate is equal to or greater than 30 bpm, whether a difference between a sensible temperature and a current temperature is greater than $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C.}$, or the like). The server 3000 may determine an intention of the user in consideration of the voice command of the user and the state of the user. The server 3000 may select the external apparatus 2000 which is a control target so as to satisfy the intention of the user, and determine operation of the selected external apparatus 2000. Additionally, the server 3000 may generate control information for controlling the external apparatus 2000 and transmit the generated control information to the external apparatus 2000.

If information for selecting the external apparatus 2000 is included in the voice command of the user (for example, if the user says "turn on an air conditioner"), the server 3000 may select the external apparatus 2000, specified by the voice command, as a control target. The server 3000 may determine the state of the user as well as the biometric information of the user, in consideration of information received from the device 1000 or the external apparatus 2000. For example, the server 3000 may determine that the state of the user is "hot", based on information regarding a heart rate of the user, calories consumed by the user, and a distance the user has jogged. Additionally, the server 3000 may select an air conditioner as a control target, generate control information for setting a set temperature of the air conditioner as 18°C. and transmit the control information to the air conditioner.

Additionally, for example, if the user inputs a voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes" to the device 1000, the wearable device 4000 may transmit biometric information of the user to the server 3000. The server 3000 may determine that a sensible temperature of the user is 35°C. (which is a state of the user) by using the

received biometric information. Additionally, the server 3000 may select an air conditioner at home as a control target, and generate control information for setting a set temperature of the air conditioner as 18°C.

If the user feels cold when the user is back home and changes the set temperature of the air conditioner to 22°C. , the air conditioner may transmit the temperature changed by the user to the server 3000. The server 3000 may change a setting for operation of the air conditioner according to a condition for controlling the air conditioner, by using information about the temperature changed by the user. The server 3000 may change a set value for 'setting a set temperature of the air conditioner to 18°C. when a sensible temperature is 35°C. ' to a set value for 'changing a set temperature of the air conditioner to 22°C. when a sensible temperature is 35°C. '. Then, if a sensible temperature of the user is 35°C. when the user inputs a voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes", the server 3000 may generate a control command instructing the air conditioner to set a temperature to 22°C. , instead of a control command instructing the air conditioner to set a temperature to 18°C.

FIG. 11 is a detailed flowchart of a method of controlling the external apparatus 2000 according to a voice command of a user in consideration of biometric information of the user, which is performed by the server 3000, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

In operation S1100, the device 1000 may provide apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 and device information of the wearable device 4000 to the server 3000. The device 1000 provides the apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000, located inside or outside a house of the user, to the server 3000. The external apparatus 2000 may include, for example, a home appliance such as a smart TV or an air conditioner, a security camera, a recorder, a mobile phone, a PC, a pillow vibrator, a motor vehicle, a navigator, a microphone, a speaker, a pedal, a joystick, a musical instrument (e.g., a piano, an organ, an electronic keyboard, a guitar, a violin, or a cello), a game manipulator, a doll, a medical appliance, sporting equipment, a camera, or a sensor, but is not limited thereto. The apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 may include information about at least one selected from the group consisting of an identification value of the external apparatus 2000, a MAC address, an SSID, a type of the external apparatus 2000, a capability provided by the external apparatus 2000, a category, and a command used to control the external apparatus 2000.

Additionally, the device 1000 may provide the device information of the wearable device 4000 worn by the user to the server 3000. The wearable device 4000 may include, for example, a smart watch, smart glasses, a smart band, a smart earphone, smart shoes, a smart ring, a smart bracelet, or a smart necklace. The device information of the wearable device 4000 may, for example, include information about at least one selected from the group consisting of an identification value of the wearable device 4000, a MAC address, an SSID, a type of the wearable device 4000, a capability provided by the wearable device 4000, a category, and a command used to control the wearable device 4000.

The apparatus information of the external apparatus 2000 and the device information of the wearable device 4000, provided to the server 3000 by the device 1000, may be used for the server 3000 to set a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000.

In operation S1105, the device 1000 may provide voice command information to the server 3000. The device 1000 may record a voice command of the user, and transmit the

recorded voice command to the server **3000**. However, the providing of the voice command information is not limited thereto. The device **1000** may convert the recorded voice command into text and provide the text, obtained by the converting, to the server **3000**. For example, the device **1000** may provide information indicating a voice command of the user such as "I'll be back home within 30 minutes" or "turn on an air conditioner" to the server **3000**.

In operation **S1105**, the device **1000** is described as recording a voice command and transmitting the recorded voice command to the server **3000**. However, embodiments are not limited thereto. The wearable device **4000** may record a voice command of the user, and transmit the recorded voice command to the device **1000**. Then, the device **1000** may transmit the recorded voice command to the server **3000**. Alternatively, the wearable device **4000** may record a voice command and transmit the recorded voice command to the server **3000**.

In operation **1110**, the wearable device **4000** may obtain biometric information of the user. For example, if the wearable device **4000** is a smart band, the wearable device **4000** may sense a heart rate or a body temperature of the user. Additionally, for example, if the wearable device **4000** is a glove or a ring, the wearable device **4000** may sense a blood flow rate at an end of the user's hand. However, the biometric information is not limited thereto, and the wearable device **4000** may obtain various biometric information regarding a brain wave or a motion of the user. Additionally, the wearable device **4000** may sense biometric information of the user for a predetermined period of time or when a predetermined event occurs. In this case, a predetermined period of time or a predetermined event may be preset by the server **3000** or the device **1000**.

In operation **S1115**, the server **3000** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The server **3000** may analyze information about the voice command and determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** with respect to the voice command of the user, according to a type of biometric information that may be received from the wearable device **4000** and a type of the external apparatus **2000**. Additionally, the server **3000** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on condition information collected from at least one selected from the group consisting of the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**.

The server **3000** may determine an intention of the user, in consideration of the voice command and the biometric information of the user. Additionally, the server may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, so as to satisfy the intention of the user. Additionally, the server **3000** may select the external apparatus **2000** that is to be a control target. Additionally, if the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, the server **3000** may determine operation of the external apparatus **2000** which is to be controlled by the server **3000**.

For example, if a voice command of the user is "I'll be back home within 30 minutes", the wearable device **4000** is a smart band, and one or more external apparatuses **2000** in the house of the user is at least one of an air conditioner **110-2**, a heater **110-3**, and a temperature sensor **110-1**, and if the server **3000** determines that a heart rate of the user is greater than 120 bpm, that calories consumed by the user are greater than 500 kcal, that a moving distance of the user is greater than 3 km, because the user usually feels hot, the server **3000** may determine to set a target temperature of the air conditioner to 18° C.

Additionally, for example, if a voice command of the user is "turn on the air conditioner", the wearable device **4000** is a glove or a ring, and one or more external apparatuses **2000** in the house of the user is at least one of an air conditioner, a heater, and a temperature sensor, and if the server **3000** determines that a blood flow rate at an end of the user's hand is greater than a reference value, that calories consumed by the user are greater than 500 kcal, that a moving distance of the user is greater than 3 km, and that a sensible temperature of the user is greater than 35° C., the server **3000** may determine to set a target temperature of the air conditioner to 18° C.

In operation **S1120**, the wearable device **4000** may transmit the biometric information of the user to the device **1000**. In operation **S1125**, the device **1000** may transmit the biometric information of the user to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may transmit condition information such as a number of steps taken by the user and calories consumed by the user to the server **3000**. Additionally, the wearable device **4000** may provide the biometric information of the user for a predetermined period of time or when a predetermined event occurs. In this case, the predetermined period of time or the predetermined event may be preset by the server **3000** or the device **1000**.

The device **1000** may receive the voice command, request the wearable device **4000** for the biometric information of the user, and receive the biometric information which is obtained by the wearable device **4000** from the wearable device **4000**. Additionally, the device **1000** may simultaneously transmit the voice command and the biometric information to the server **3000**. Alternatively, the device **1000** may transmit the biometric information to the server **3000** after the device **1000** transmits the voice command to the server **3000**.

Alternatively, the wearable device **4000** may receive the voice command of the user, obtain the biometric information in response to receiving the voice command, and transmit the voice command and the biometric information to the device **1000**. Then, the device **1000** may transmit the voice command and the biometric information to the server **4000**.

If the wearable device **4000** is included in the device **1000**, the device **1000** may receive the voice command of the user, obtain the biometric information in response to receiving the voice command, and transmit the voice command and the biometric information to the server **4000**.

In operation **S1130**, a temperature sensor **110-1** may provide temperature information to the server **3000**. The temperature sensor **110-1** in the house may sense a temperature in the house, and provide information about the sensed temperature to the server **3000**. The temperature sensor **110-1** may provide the information about the sensed temperature for a predetermined period of time or when a predetermined event occurs. In this case, the predetermined period of time or the predetermined event may be preset by the server **3000** or the device **1000**.

In operation **S1135**, the server **3000** may determine whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied. The server **3000** may determine whether the condition, determined in operation **S1115**, is satisfied based on the biometric information received from the wearable device **4000** and the condition information received from the at least one selected from the group consisting of the external apparatus **2000** and the device **1000**. The server **3000** may determine whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, in consideration of a heart rate of the user, a blood flow rate at an end of the

user's hand, a number of steps taken by the user, a sensible temperature of the user, and a condition inside and outside the house.

Additionally, the server **3000** may determine whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, by analyzing the biometric information received from the wearable device **4000** and the condition information received from the at least one selected from the group consisting of the external apparatus **2000** and the device **1000**.

In operation **S1140**, the server **3000** may generate control information for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The control information may include control commands with respect to the external apparatus **2000** and the device **1000**. The control commands may be arranged according to a certain order. For example, if an operation of the external apparatus **2000** to be controlled by the server **3000** is an 'operation of setting a target temperature of an air conditioner to 18° C.', the server **3000** may generate control information for controlling the air conditioner, by arranging a control command for turning a power of the air conditioner on and a control command for setting a target temperature of the air conditioner to 18° C.

In operation **S1145**, the server **3000** may provide the control information to the external apparatus **2000**. For example, the server **3000** may provide the control information for setting the target temperature to 18° C. to the air conditioner. The server **3000** may transmit the control information directly to the external information **2000**. However, the transmitting of the control information is not limited thereto. The server **3000** may provide the control information to the external apparatus **2000** via the device **1000** or a gateway (not shown).

The server **3000** may update the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** and a set value for operation of the external apparatus **2000**, based on feedback information of the user with respect to control of the external apparatus **2000**. For example, if the air conditioner is controlled to set a set temperature to 18° C. when a sensible temperature of the user is 35° C. and the user changes the set temperature of the air conditioner to 22° C. within a predetermined period of time after the user is back home, the air conditioner may transmit the set temperature changed by the user to the server **3000**. Thus, the server **3000** may change a set value for 'setting a set temperature of the air conditioner to 18° C. when a sensible temperature is 35° C.' to a set value for 'changing a set temperature of the air conditioner to 22° C. when a sensible temperature is 35° C.'. Then, if a sensible temperature of the user is 35° C. when the user gives a command such as "I'll be back home within 30 minutes", the server **3000** may generate and transmit a control command for setting a temperature to 22° C. to the air conditioner, instead of transmitting a control command for setting a temperature to 18° C. to the air conditioner.

FIG. **12** is a schematic diagram showing an example of an operation table of the device **1000** for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on biometric information, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. **12**, according to one or more exemplary embodiments, the operation table may include a user voice command field **120**, a biometric information obtainer field **121**, a condition information field **122**, a biometric information field **123**, an external apparatus controlling condition field **124**, an operation field **125**, and a control target apparatus field **126**.

Information indicating a voice command of a user may be written to the user voice command field **120**. Information

indicating a voice command of the user such as 'I'll be back within 30 minutes' or 'turn on the air conditioner' may be written to the user voice command field **120**.

An identification value or a type of the wearable device **4000** or the device **1000** which may obtain biometric information of the user may be written to the biometric information obtainer field **121**. For example, a smart band, a glove, or a ring may be written to the biometric information obtainer field **121**.

Information indicating a type of condition information which may be used to determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** or determine whether a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied may be written to the condition information field **122**. For example, information such as a temperature in a house or a location of the device **1000** may be written to the condition information field **122**.

A type of biometric information that may be obtained from the wearable device **4000** may be written to the biometric information field **123**. A heart rate, a blood flow rate at an end of a hand, and calorie consumption may be written to the biometric information field **123**.

Information indicating a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** may be written to the external apparatus controlling condition field **124**. For example, a condition such as 'a heart rate: greater than 120 bpm, calorie consumption: 500 kcal, and a moving distance: greater than 3 km' may be written to the external apparatus controlling condition field **124**.

Information about operation of the external apparatus **2000** which is to be controlled when the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied may be written to the operation field **125**. Information such as 'air conditioner power on, temperature set to 18° C.' may be written to the operation field **125**.

An identification value of the external apparatus **2000** that is to be controlled by the server **3000** may be written to the control target apparatus field **126**.

FIG. **13** is a schematic diagram showing an example of controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on a voice command and biometric information of a user, which is performed by the server **3000**, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. **13**, the device **1000** may receive a user input of a voice command and a user input of setting a health state of the user. Additionally, the device **1000** may transmit a voice command and health information to the server **3000**. The health information of the user may be information regarding a health state of the user, and include information about a name of a disease, a taste, an age, a height, or a weight of the user. The health information of the user may be used to determine a health state of the user.

The server **3000** may receive a voice command and health information from the device **1000**, and receive condition information from the external apparatus **2000**. In this case, the external apparatus **2000** may be, for example, an apparatus located in a house of the user. Additionally, the server **3000** may receive health information of the user from a hospital server (not shown). In this case, the server **3000** may obtain an authority for accessing the health information of the user which is stored in the hospital server (not shown).

Then, the server **3000** may generate a control command for controlling the external apparatus **2000** in consideration of the voice command of the user, the health information of the user, and a condition of the external apparatus **2000**, and transmit the generated control command to the external apparatus **2000**.

Thus, the server **3000** may control the external apparatus **2000** according to a voice command of the user, in consideration of the health state of the user.

For example, if the user inputs health information indicating 'asthma' to the device **1000** and inputs a voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes", the server **3000** may receive health information and voice command information from the device **1000**, and thus, analyze an intention of the user. Additionally, the server **3000** may generate a control command for selecting an air purifier **140-4** (see FIG. 14) from among one or more external apparatuses **2000** located in the house and operating the air purifier 20 minutes before the user is back home. Additionally, the server **3000** may transmit the generated control command to the air purifier. In this case, the user may additionally input another piece of health information to the device **1000**, and a plurality of pieces of health information may be used by the server **3000**.

FIG. 14 is a detailed flowchart of a method of controlling the external apparatus **2000** according to a voice command of a user in consideration of health information about the user, which is performed by the server **3000**, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

In operation **S1400**, the device **1000** may provide apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may provide the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, located inside or outside a house of the user, to the server **3000**. The apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, provided to the server **3000** by the device **1000**, may be used to set a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**.

In operation **S1405**, the device **1000** may provide health information of the user to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may display a graphical user interface (GUI) for receiving an input of the health information on a screen of the device **1000**, and the user may input a health state of the user to the device **1000** via the displayed GUI.

In operation **S1410**, the device **1000** may provide voice command information to the server **3000**. The device **1000** may record a voice command of the user, and transmit the recorded voice command to the server **3000**. However, the providing of the voice command information is not limited thereto. The device **1000** may convert the recorded voice command into text and provide the text, obtained by the converting, to the server **3000**. For example, the device **1000** may provide information indicating a voice command of the user such as "I'll be back home within 30 minutes" to the server **3000**.

In operation **S1410**, the device **1000** is described as recording a voice command and transmitting the recorded voice command to the server **3000**. However, embodiments are not limited thereto. The wearable device **4000** may record a voice command of the user, and transmit the recorded voice command to the device **1000**. Then, the device **1000** may transmit the recorded voice command to the server **3000**. Alternatively, the wearable device **4000** may record a voice command and transmit the recorded voice command to the server **3000**.

In operation **S1415**, the server **3000** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. The server **3000** may analyze information about the voice command and determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** with respect to the voice command of the user, according to a type of the external apparatus **2000** and a health state of the user. Additionally, the server **3000** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on condition information collected from at least

one selected from the group consisting of the device **1000** and the external apparatuses **2000**.

The server **3000** may determine an intention of the user, in consideration of the voice command and the biometric information of the user. Additionally, the server **3000** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, so as to satisfy the intention of the user.

Additionally, the server **3000** may select the external apparatus **2000** that is to be a control target, in consideration of a condition inside or outside the house. Additionally, if the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied, the server **3000** may determine operation of the external apparatus **2000** that is to be controlled by the server **3000**. For example, the server **3000** may determine the external apparatus **2000** that is to be a control target and operation of the external apparatus **2000**. In this case, an optimum environment value in the house according to a season and a temperature outside the house may be preset.

For example, if a voice command of the user is 'I'll be back home within 30 minutes', a health state of the user is 'asthma', and one or more of the external apparatuses **2000** in the house of the user include an air conditioner (see FIG. 11), a heater, an air purifier, a temperature sensor, or a humidity sensor, and if the server **3000** determines that the user is near the house, the server **3000** may determine to turn on the power of the air purifier.

Additionally, for example, if a voice command of the user is 'I'll be back home within 30 minutes', a health state of the user is 'atopy', a current season is 'summer', and one or more of the external apparatuses **2000** at the user's home include at least one of an air conditioner, a heater, an air purifier, a humidifier, a dehumidifier, a temperature sensor, and a humidity sensor, and if the server **3000** determines that a temperature in the house is greater than 30° C. and humidity in the house is less than 50%, the server **3000** may determine to set a temperature of the air conditioner to 27° C., and a humidity level of a dehumidifier or a humidifier **140-5** to 55%.

Additionally, for example, if a voice command of the user is 'I'll be back home within 30 minutes', a health state of the user is 'allergic rhinitis', a current season is winter, and one or more of the external apparatuses **2000** at the user's home include at least one of an air conditioner, a heater, an air purifier, a dehumidifier, a temperature sensor, and a humidity sensor, and if the server **3000** determines that a temperature in the house is greater than 15° C. and humidity in the house is less than 30%, the server **3000** may determine to set a temperature of the heater **140-3** to 20° C., and a humidity level of a dehumidifier to 40%.

Additionally, the server **3000** may store set values for an optimum indoor temperature and optimum indoor humidity for a general adult according to seasons. Since a heat retention rate of clothes worn by people varies depending on seasons and temperature and humidity are associated with a person's comfort, optimum humidity may vary depending on a change in an optimum temperature. For example, in spring and fall, an optimum temperature may range from 19° C. to 23° C., and optimum humidity may be 50%. In summer, an optimum temperature may range from 24° C. to 27° C., and optimum humidity may be 60%. In winter, an optimum temperature may range from 18° C. to 21° C., and optimum humidity may be 40%. Additionally, the set values for an optimum indoor temperature and an optimum indoor humidity for a general adult according to seasons may be used for the server **3000** to determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** and operation of the external apparatus **2000**.

Additionally, an optimum temperature and an optimum humidity for the user may be different from an optimum temperature and an optimum humidity for general adults, according to characteristics of the user (for example, the user's age, gender, height, weight, chronic disease, and condition). For example, if the season is summer and a disease of the user is atopy, an optimum indoor temperature for the user may be set to 20° C., and optimum humidity may be set to 55%.

For example, if a user who is an atopic patient inputs a voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes" in summer, the server 3000 may analyze an intention of the user in consideration of the voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes". Additionally, the server 3000 may select an air conditioner and a dehumidifier from among one or more external apparatuses 2000, in consideration of the intention of the user, 'summer', and 'atopy', and generate control information so as to set a temperature of the air conditioner to 20° C. and a humidity level of the dehumidifier to 55%, 20 minutes before the user arrives at home.

Additionally, for example, if a season is 'winter' and a health state of the user is 'allergic rhinitis', an optimum indoor humidity for the user may be set to 50% so that the optimum indoor humidity for the user is higher than optimum humidity for general adults. Accordingly, if a user who suffers from allergic rhinitis inputs a voice command saying "I'll be back home within 30 minutes" in winter, the server 3000 may analyze an intention of the user in consideration of the voice command such that "I'll be back home within 30 minutes". Additionally, the server 3000 may select a heater and a dehumidifier from among one or more external apparatuses 2000 in a house of the user, in consideration of the intention of the user, 'winter', and 'atopy', and generate control information so as to set a temperature of the air conditioner to 20° C. and a humidity level of the dehumidifier to 55%, 20 minutes before the user arrives home.

The server 3000 may use various sensing values received from the external apparatus 2000 to determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 and operation of the external apparatus 2000. Additionally, various set values for the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 and operation of the external apparatus 2000 may be stored according to a season, a health state of the user, biometric information of the user, or a condition inside or outside the house.

In operation S1420, a temperature sensor 140-1 in the house may provide temperature information to the server 3000. The temperature sensor 140-1 in the house may sense a temperature in the house, and provide temperature information, obtained by the sensing, to the server 3000. The temperature sensor 140-1 may provide the temperature information for a predetermined period of time or when a predetermined event occurs. In this case, the predetermined period of time or the predetermined event may be preset by the server 3000 or the device 1000.

In operation S1425, a humidity sensor 140-2 in the house may provide humidity information to the server 3000. The temperature sensor 140-1 in the house may sense a temperature in the house, and provide temperature information, obtained by the sensing, to the server 3000. The humidity sensor 140-2 may provide humidity information for a predetermined period of time or when a predetermined event occurs. In this case, the predetermined period of time or the predetermined event may be preset by the server 3000 or the device 1000.

In operation S1430, the server 3000 may determine whether the condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied. The server 3000 may determine whether the condition, determined in operation S1415, is satisfied based on a health state of the user and the condition information collected from at least one selected from the group consisting of the device 1000 and the external apparatuses 2000.

In operation S1435, the server 3000 may generate control information for controlling the external apparatus 2000. The control information may include control commands with respect to the external apparatus 2000 and the device 1000. The control commands may be arranged according to a certain order. For example, if operation of the external apparatus 2000 to be controlled by the server 3000 is 'operation of setting a temperature of an air conditioner to 27° C. and setting a humidity level of the dehumidifier to 55%', the server 3000 may generate control information for controlling the air conditioner and the dehumidifier, by arranging a control command for turning on a power of the air conditioner, a control command for setting a target temperature of the air conditioner to 27° C., a control command for turning on the dehumidifier, and a control command for setting a target humidity level of the dehumidifier to 55%.

In operations S1440, S1445, and S1450, the server 3000 may provide the control information to the external apparatus 2000. The server may transmit the control information directly to the external information 2000. However, the transmitting of the control information is not limited thereto. The server 3000 may provide the control information to the external apparatus 2000 via the device 1000 or a gateway (not shown).

FIG. 15 is a schematic diagram showing an example of an operation table of the device 1000 for controlling the external apparatus 2000 based on a health state of a user, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. 15, according to one or more exemplary embodiments, the operation table may include a user voice command field 150, a user health state field 151, a condition information field 152, an external apparatus controlling condition field 153, an operation field 154, and a control target apparatus field 155.

Information indicating a voice command of a user may be written to the user voice command field 150. Information indicating a voice command of the user saying 'I'll be back within 30 minutes' or 'turn on the air conditioner' may be written to the user voice command field 150.

Information indicating a health state of the user may be written to the user health state field 151. The device 1000 may display a GUI for setting a health state of the user on a screen of the device 1000, and set a health state of the user based on a user input via the GUI. Additionally, information about the set health state may be written to the user health state field 151. Information such as 'asthma', 'atopy', or 'allergic rhinitis' may be written to the user health state field 151.

Information indicating a type of condition information which may be used to determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 or determine whether a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 is satisfied may be written to the condition information field 152. For example, information such as a temperature in a house, humidity in the house, or a location of the device 1000 may be written to the condition information field 152.

Information indicating a condition for controlling the external apparatus 2000 may be written to the external apparatus controlling condition field 153. A condition such

as 'a location of the user: near home', 'a temperature in the house: greater than 30° C.', or 'humidity in the house: less than 50%' may be written to the external apparatus controlling condition field **153**.

Information about operation of the external apparatus **2000** which is to be controlled when the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** is satisfied may be written to the operation field **154**. Information such as 'air purifier power on, air conditioner power on, temperature set to 27° C., dehumidifier power on, or humidity level set to 55%' may be written to the operation field **125**.

An identification value of the external apparatus **2000** that is to be controlled by the server **3000** may be written to the control target apparatus field **155**.

FIGS. **16** and **17** are schematic diagrams showing an example of receiving a voice command of a user, which is performed by the device **1000**, according to one or more embodiments.

Referring to FIG. **16**, the user may execute a voice recognition application installed on the device **1000**, and touch a button **160** for inputting a voice command on an execution screen of the voice recognition application.

Referring to FIG. **17**, as the button **160** for inputting a voice command is touched, the device **1000** may display a GUI for guiding a voice input of the user on a screen of the device **1000**. Then, the user may input a voice command to the device **1000** via the displayed GUI.

FIGS. **18**, **19**, and **20** are schematic diagrams showing an example of receiving a user input of health information of a user, which is performed by the device **1000**, according to one or more exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIGS. **18** through **20**, the user may execute a voice recognition application installed on the device **1000**, and sequentially touch buttons **180**, **190** and **200** for inputting health information of the user on an execution screen of the voice recognition application.

Referring to FIG. **21**, as the buttons **180** through **200** for inputting health information are sequentially touched, the device **1000** may display a selection menu for selecting a health state of the user on a screen of the device **1000**. The selection menu for selecting a health state of the user may include items such as asthma, a baby, atopy **210**, allergic rhinitis, asthma, or a vegetarian. For example, the user may select the atopy **210** from the selection menu.

Referring to FIG. **22**, as the atopy **210** is selected from the selection menu for selecting a health state of the user, the device **1000** may select a health state of the user as 'atopy'.

FIG. **23** is a block diagram of the device **1000** according to an exemplary embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. **23**, the device **1000** includes an external apparatus checker **1100**, an input unit **1200**, an information provider **1300**, a condition information obtainer **1400**, a control information obtainer **1500**, a control command provider **1600**, a database (DB) **1700**, a transceiver **1800**, and a controller **1900**.

The external apparatus checker **1100** checks the external apparatus **2000** controllable by the device **1000**. The external apparatus checker **1100** may check the external apparatus **2000** controllable by the device **1000** from among the external apparatuses connectable with the device **1000**. For example, the external apparatus checker **1100** may identify or select the external apparatus **2000** based on criteria, such as connectivity, compatibility, ability to share functionality, etc., with the device **1000**.

The external apparatus checker **1100** may receive from the checked external apparatus **2000** apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, but is not limited thereto. The

external apparatus checker **1100** may receive the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** from a separate server (not shown). For example, if the device **1000** is connected with the external apparatus **2000** via a home gateway (not shown), the external apparatus checker **1100** may request the home gateway for the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**. The apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** may include information about at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus **2000**, the type of the external apparatus **2000**, and a command used to control the external apparatus **2000**.

The input unit **1200** receives a user input about the device **1000**, and generates user input information. The user input information may include text data or voice data, but is not limited thereto. Alternatively, the input unit **1200** may generate the user input information by using an email or a text message stored in the device **1000**.

The information provider **1300** provides to the server **3000** various types of information for generating control information. The information provider **1300** may provide to the server **3000** at least one of the apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, the user input information, and condition information.

The condition information obtainer **1400** may obtain the condition information from at least one of the device **1000**, a separate server (not shown), and the external apparatus **2000**. The condition information obtainer **1400** may obtain the condition information based on the control information obtained by the control information obtainer **1500** to be described below, but is not limited thereto. In order to satisfy a user's intention, the condition information obtainer **1400** may obtain the condition information related to a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**.

The control information obtainer **1500** obtains the control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention. The control information obtainer **1500** may receive the control information generated by the server **3000**, but is not limited thereto. The control information obtainer **1500** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information, may determine the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, and may generate the control information. The control information obtainer **1500** may receive information about at least one of the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** and the user's intention from the server **3000**, and may generate the control information. The control information obtainer **1500** will be described in detail below with reference to FIG. **24**.

The control command provider **1600** provides a predetermined control command to the external apparatus **2000** based on the obtained control information. The control information may include a plurality of control commands aligned in a predetermined order, and the control command provider **1600** may provide the plurality of control commands to at least one external apparatuses **2000** in a predetermined order.

The DB **1700** stores various types of information to control the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** by the device **1000** according to the user's intention.

The transceiver **1800** transmits and receives to and from the external apparatus **2000** and the server **3000** the various types of information needed to control the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** by the device **1000** according to the user's intention.

The controller **1900** controls operations of the device **1000**, and controls the external apparatus checker **1100**, the input unit **1200**, the information provider **1300**, the condi-

tion information obtainer **1400**, the control information obtainer **1500**, the control command provider **1600**, the DB **1700**, and the transceiver **1800** in such a way that the device **1000** controls the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention.

Some or all of the external apparatus checker **1100**, the input unit **1200**, the information provider **1300**, the condition information obtainer **1400**, the control information obtainer **1500**, and the control command provider **1600** may be driven by software modules, but this is not limiting. Some or all of the external apparatus checker **1100**, the input unit **1200**, the information provider **1300**, the condition information obtainer **1400**, the control information obtainer **1500**, and the control command provider **1600** may be hardware devices.

Also, at least some of the external apparatus checker **1100**, the input unit **1200**, the information provider **1300**, the condition information obtainer **1400**, the control information obtainer **1500**, and the control command provider **1600** may be included in the controller **1900**, and the external apparatus checker **1100**, the input unit **1200**, the information provider **1300**, the condition information obtainer **1400**, the control information obtainer **1500**, the control command provider **1600**, and the controller **1900** may be driven by one processor. However, an exemplary embodiment is not limited thereto.

FIG. **24** is a block diagram of the condition information obtainer **1400** according to an exemplary embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. **24**, the condition information obtainer **1400** may include a user intention determiner **1410**, an apparatus control condition determiner **1420**, a control information generator **1430**, and a control information receiver **1440**.

The user intention determiner **1410** determines a user's intention by analyzing the user input information. For example, the user intention determiner **1410** may use various natural language analysis methods. For example, the device **1000** may analyze text data as the user input information by using natural language processing such as morpheme analysis, syntax analysis, or named entity recognition. If the user input information is voice data, the user intention determiner **1410** may transform the voice data into text data, and may analyze the transformed text data. The user intention determiner **1410** may generate user intention information by analyzing the user input information. For example, if the user input information is "Wake me up at 7:00 if it doesn't rain tomorrow", the user intention determiner **1410** may generate the user intention information including time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00", condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", and operation information such as "wake me up". Alternatively, the user intention determiner **1410** may receive from the server **3000** the user intention information generated by the server **3000**.

The apparatus control condition determiner **1420** determines a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on the user's intention. The apparatus control condition determiner **1420** may determine a condition that has to be satisfied to control operation of the external apparatus **2000** or the device **1000**, based on the user intention information. For example, if the user intention information includes time information such as "tomorrow, 7:00" and condition information such as "if it doesn't rain", the apparatus control condition determiner **1420** may determine a time condition such as "tomorrow", a weather condition such as "sunny, cloudy", and a place condition such as "device location" as the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**. Alternatively, the apparatus control

condition determiner **1420** may receive from the server **3000** information about the condition determined by the server **3000**.

The control information generator **1430** generates control information about the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**. The control information generator **1430** may determine whether the condition is satisfied, based on the condition information. If the condition determined by the device **1000** is satisfied, the control information generator **1430** may generate the control information for operating the device **1000** or the external apparatus **2000**. The control information generator **1430** may generate the control information for operating the device **1000** or the external apparatus **2000**, based on operation information, and apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000**, which are included in the user intention information. The control information may include control commands about at least one of the external apparatus **2000** and the device **1000**, and the control commands may be aligned in a predetermined order.

The control information receiver **1440** may receive from the server **3000** the control information generated by the server **3000**.

FIG. **25** is a block diagram of the device **1000** according to an exemplary embodiment.

A mobile communicator **1001** performs, for example, call setup and data communication with a base station via a cellular network such as a 3G/4G network. A sub communicator **1002** performs a function for short-distance communication such as Bluetooth or NFC. A broadcasting receiver **1003** receives a digital multimedia broadcasting (DMB) signal.

A camera **1004** includes a lens and optical elements for capturing a photo or video.

A sensor **1005** may include a gravity sensor for sensing motion of the device **1000**, an illumination sensor for sensing brightness of light, a proximity sensor for sensing proximity of a person, a motion sensor for sensing motion of a person, etc.

A GPS receiver **1006** receives a GPS signal from a satellite. Various services may be provided to a user by using GPS signals.

An input/output (I/O) unit **1010** provides an interface with the external apparatus **2000** or the user, and includes buttons **1011**, a microphone **1012**, a speaker **1013**, a vibration motor **1014**, a connector **1015**, and/or a keypad **1016**.

A touch screen **1018** receives a touch input of the user. A touch screen controller **1017** transmits to a controller **1050** the touch input received by the touch screen **1018**. A power supply source **1019** is connected with a battery or an external power source to supply power to the device **1000**.

The controller **1050** provides a control command to the external apparatus **2000** by executing programs stored in a memory **1060**.

The programs stored in the memory **1060** may be classified into a plurality of modules according to their functions, for example, a mobile communication module **1061**, a Wi-Fi module **1062**, a Bluetooth module **1063**, a DMB module **1064**, a camera module **1065**, a sensor module **1066**, a GPS module **1067**, a video player module **1068**, an audio player module **1069**, a power module **1070**, a touch screen module **1071**, a user interface (UI) module **1072**, and an application module **1073**.

Functions of most of the modules would be instinctively understood by one of ordinary skill in the art in view of their names and thus only the application module **1073** will be described here. The application module **1073** may check the external apparatus **2000** connected with the device **1000** by

using the mobile communicator **1001** and the sub communicator **1002**, and may receive apparatus information from the external apparatus **2000**. The application module **1073** may receive a user input by using the I/O unit **1010**, and may generate user input information. Furthermore, the application module **1073** may directly obtain condition information via the camera **1004**, the sensor **1005**, or the GPS receiver **1006**, or may receive the condition information from the external apparatus **2000** or a separate server (not shown) by using the mobile communicator **1001** and the sub communicator **1002**. Besides, the application module **1073** may obtain control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**. The application module **1073** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information or may receive user intention information from the server **3000**. The application module **1073** may determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000** based on the user's intention, or may receive information about the condition from the server **3000**. The application module **1073** may determine whether the condition is satisfied and may generate the control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**. The application module **1073** may receive the control information generated by the server **3000**. Furthermore, the application module **1073** may provide to the external apparatus **2000** a control command included in the control information.

FIG. 26 is a block diagram of the server **3000** according to an exemplary embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. 26, the server **3000** includes an input information receiver **3100**, an apparatus information receiver **3200**, a user intention determiner **3300**, a condition information receiver **3400**, a control information generator **3500**, an information provider **3600**, a DB **3700**, a transceiver **3800**, and a controller **3900**.

The input information receiver **3100** receives user input information from the device **1000**. The user input information may include at least one of text data and voice data, but is not limited thereto.

The apparatus information receiver **3200** receives apparatus information of the external apparatus **2000** from the device **1000**. The apparatus information may include information including at least one of an identification value of the external apparatus **2000**, the type of the external apparatus **2000**, and a command used to control the external apparatus **2000**.

The user intention determiner **3300** determines a user's intention by analyzing the user input information. For example, the user intention determiner **3300** may use various natural language analysis methods.

The condition information receiver **3400** receives condition information from the device **1000**. The condition information receiver **3400** may request the device **1000** for the condition information and may receive from the device **1000** the condition information obtained by the device **1000**.

The control information generator **3500** generates control information for controlling the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000**. The control information generator **3500** may generate the control information based on at least one of the user intention information, the apparatus information, and the condition information. The control information generator **3500** may determine the user's intention based on the user input information, may determine the condition for controlling the external apparatus **2000**, and may generate the control information.

The information provider **3600** may provide to the device **1000** at least one of the user intention information, and the

condition information and the control information for controlling the external apparatus **2000**.

The DB **3700** stores various types of information used when the server **3000** generates the control information for operating the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention based on the user input information, and provides the generated control information to the device **1000**.

The transceiver **3800** transmits to and receives from the device **1000** the various types of information used when the server **3000** generates the control information for operating the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention based on the user input information, and provides the generated control information to the device **1000**.

The controller **3900** controls operations of the server **3000**, and controls the input information receiver **3100**, the apparatus information receiver **3200**, the user intention determiner **3300**, the condition information receiver **3400**, the control information generator **3500**, the information provider **3600**, the DB **3700**, and the transceiver **3800** in such a way that the server **3000** generates the control information for operating the device **1000** and the external apparatus **2000** according to the user's intention based on the user input information, and provides the generated control information to the device **1000**.

Some or all of the input information receiver **3100**, the apparatus information receiver **3200**, the user intention determiner **3300**, the condition information receiver **3400**, the control information generator **3500**, and the information provider **3600** may be driven by software modules, but are not limited thereto. Some or all of the input information receiver **3100**, the apparatus information receiver **3200**, the user intention determiner **3300**, the condition information receiver **3400**, the control information generator **3500**, and the information provider **3600** may be hardware devices.

Also, at least some of the input information receiver **3100**, the apparatus information receiver **3200**, the user intention determiner **3300**, the condition information receiver **3400**, the control information generator **3500**, and the information provider **3600** may be included in the controller **3900**, and the input information receiver **3100**, the apparatus information receiver **3200**, the user intention determiner **3300**, the condition information receiver **3400**, the control information generator **3500**, the information provider **3600**, and the controller **3900** may be driven by one processor. However, an exemplary embodiment is not limited thereto.

Exemplary embodiments may be implemented as a medium including computer-executable commands, e.g., a computer-executable program module. A computer-readable medium may be an arbitrary medium that may be accessed by a computer, and may include volatile and nonvolatile media, and detachable and non-detachable media. The computer-readable medium may include a computer recording medium and/or a communication medium. The computer recording medium includes volatile and nonvolatile media, and detachable and non-detachable media that are embodied by using an arbitrary method or technology for storing information such as a computer-readable command, a data structure, a program module, or other data. The communication medium may include a computer-readable command, a data structure, a program module, or other transmission mechanisms, and includes an arbitrary information transmission medium.

Exemplary embodiments may, however, be embodied in many different forms and should not be construed as being limited to the embodiments set forth herein; rather, the

described exemplary embodiments are provided so that the disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the inventive concept to those of ordinary skill in the art. For example, a single component may be separated into a plurality of components, while a plurality of components may be combined into one component.

The foregoing exemplary embodiments and advantages are merely exemplary and are not to be construed as limiting. The present teaching can be readily applied to other types of apparatuses. The description of the exemplary embodiments is intended to be illustrative, and not to limit the scope of the claims, and many alternatives, modifications, and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

What is claimed is:

1. A server configured to control an external apparatus, the server comprising:

a communicator configured to receive an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device, wherein the input command includes a voice command; and

a controller configured to:
analyze the voice command,
determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on the analyzed voice command of the user and the received biometric information of the user,
receive sensing data generated by another external device,
determine whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the sensing data received from the another external device, and
provide a control command for controlling the operation of the external apparatus to the external apparatus in response to the determined condition being satisfied, wherein the biometric information of the user is obtained by the device when the voice command is input by the user into the device.

2. The server of claim 1, wherein the biometric information of the user is generated by a wearable device connected to the device and is provided to the device by the wearable device.

3. The server of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to determine the condition and the operation, according to an intention of the user which is determined based on the input command of the user, the biometric information of the user, and a type of the external apparatus.

4. The server of claim 1, wherein the external apparatus is one of a plurality of the external apparatuses, and the controller is configured to select some of the external apparatuses and determine operation of the selected external apparatuses.

5. The server of claim 1, wherein the communicator is configured to receive condition information of a house of the user or information of a location of the device,

the controller is configured to determine whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the condition information or the information of the location of the device,

the external apparatus is a home appliance in the house of the user, and

the controller is configured to determine an ON/OFF state and a function of the external apparatus.

6. The server of claim 5, wherein the condition information is generated by the another external apparatus and the device, and

the condition information comprises information about at least one among a temperature and a humidity in the house of the user.

7. The server of claim 1, wherein the control command is generated by sequentially arranging a plurality of control commands with respect to the external apparatus to execute the determined operation.

8. The server of claim 1, wherein the external apparatus is one of a plurality of external apparatuses,

the biometric information comprises at least one among a heart rate, a body temperature, and a blood flow rate at an end of a hand of the user,

the plurality of external apparatuses comprises an air conditioner and a heater, and

the condition for controlling at least one among the air conditioner and the heater is determined based on the at least one among the heart rate, the body temperature and the blood flow rate at the end of the hand of the user.

9. The server of claim 1, wherein the communicator is configured to receive apparatus information of the external apparatus from the device,

the apparatus information comprises information about an identification value of the external apparatus, a type of the external apparatus, and a command used to control the external apparatus, and

the control command comprises some commands selected among commands included in the apparatus information.

10. The server of claim 1, wherein the voice command is a phrase including an instruction of the user,

a current user's intention, at a time that the voice command is input, is determined from the instruction, and the controller is configured to determine the condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on the current user's intention and the biometric information.

11. A method of controlling an external apparatus, the method comprising:

receiving an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device, wherein the input command includes a voice command;

analyzing the voice command;

determining a condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on the analyzed voice command of the user and the received biometric information of the user;

receiving sensing data generated by another external device;

determining whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the sensing data received from the another external device; and

providing a control command for controlling the operation of the external apparatus to the external apparatus in response to the determined condition being satisfied, wherein the biometric information of the user is obtained by the device when the voice command is input by the user into the device.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the biometric information of the user is generated by a wearable device connected to the device and is provided to the device by the wearable device.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the determining the condition for controlling the external apparatus and the operation of the external apparatus comprises:

determining the condition and the operation, according to an intention of the user which is determined based on

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the input command of the user, the biometric information of the user, and a type of the external apparatus.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the external apparatus is one of a plurality of external apparatuses, and the determining the operation of the external apparatus comprises selecting some of the plurality of external apparatuses and determining operation of the selected external apparatuses.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving condition information of a house of the user; and

determining whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the condition information,

wherein the external apparatus is a home appliance in the house of the user, and

the determining the operation of the external apparatus comprises determining an ON/OFF state and a function of the external apparatus.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the condition information is generated by the another external apparatus and the device, and

the condition information comprises information about at least one among a location of the device, a temperature in the house of the user, and a humidity in the house of the user.

17. A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium having recorded thereon a computer program which, when executed by a computer system, causes the computer system to perform the method of claim 11.

18. A server configured to control an external apparatus, the server comprising:

a communicator configured to receive an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device, wherein the input command includes a voice command; and

a controller configured to:

analyze the voice command,

determine a condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on

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the analyzed voice command of the user and the received biometric information of the user,

receive sensing data generated by another external device, determine whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the sensing data received from the another external device, and

provide a control command for controlling the operation of the external apparatus to the external apparatus in response to the determined condition being satisfied, wherein the biometric information of the user is obtained by the device when the voice command is input by the user into the device.

19. A method of controlling an external apparatus, the method comprising:

receiving an input command of a user and biometric information of the user from a device, wherein the input command includes a voice command;

analyzing the voice command;

determining a condition for controlling the external apparatus and operation of the external apparatus based on the analyzed voice command of the user and the received biometric information of the user;

receiving sensing data generated by another external device;

determining whether the determined condition is satisfied based on the sensing data received from the another external device; and

providing a control command for controlling the operation of the external apparatus to the external apparatus in response to the determined condition being satisfied, wherein the biometric information of the user is obtained by the device when the voice command is input by the user into the device.

20. A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium having recorded thereon a computer program which, when executed by a computer system, causes the computer system to perform the method of claim 19.

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一种控制外部设备的方法，包括：从设备接收用户的输入命令和用户的生物信息;基于所接收的用户的输入命令和所接收的用户的生物信息，确定用于控制外部设备的条件和外部设备的操作;如果满足所确定的条件，则提供用于控制外部设备的操作的控制命令。

