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(54) **ESTABLISHING COMPUTING TRUST WITH A STAGING AREA**

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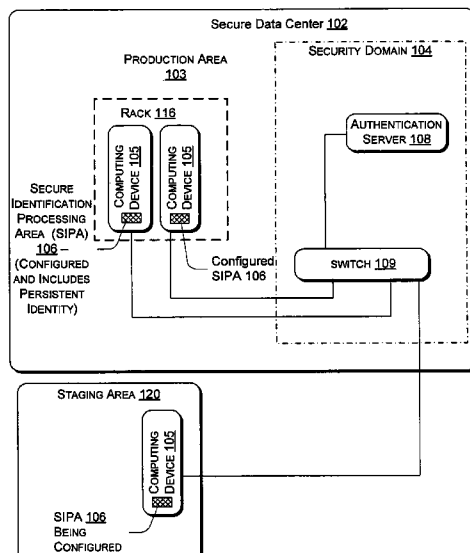
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A technique is provided for admitting to a staging area a computing device. Information related to a persistent identity that is located in the computing device at the staging area is ascertained. The computing device can be substantially authenticated to a protected production network based on the information related to the persistent identity acquired in the staging area.

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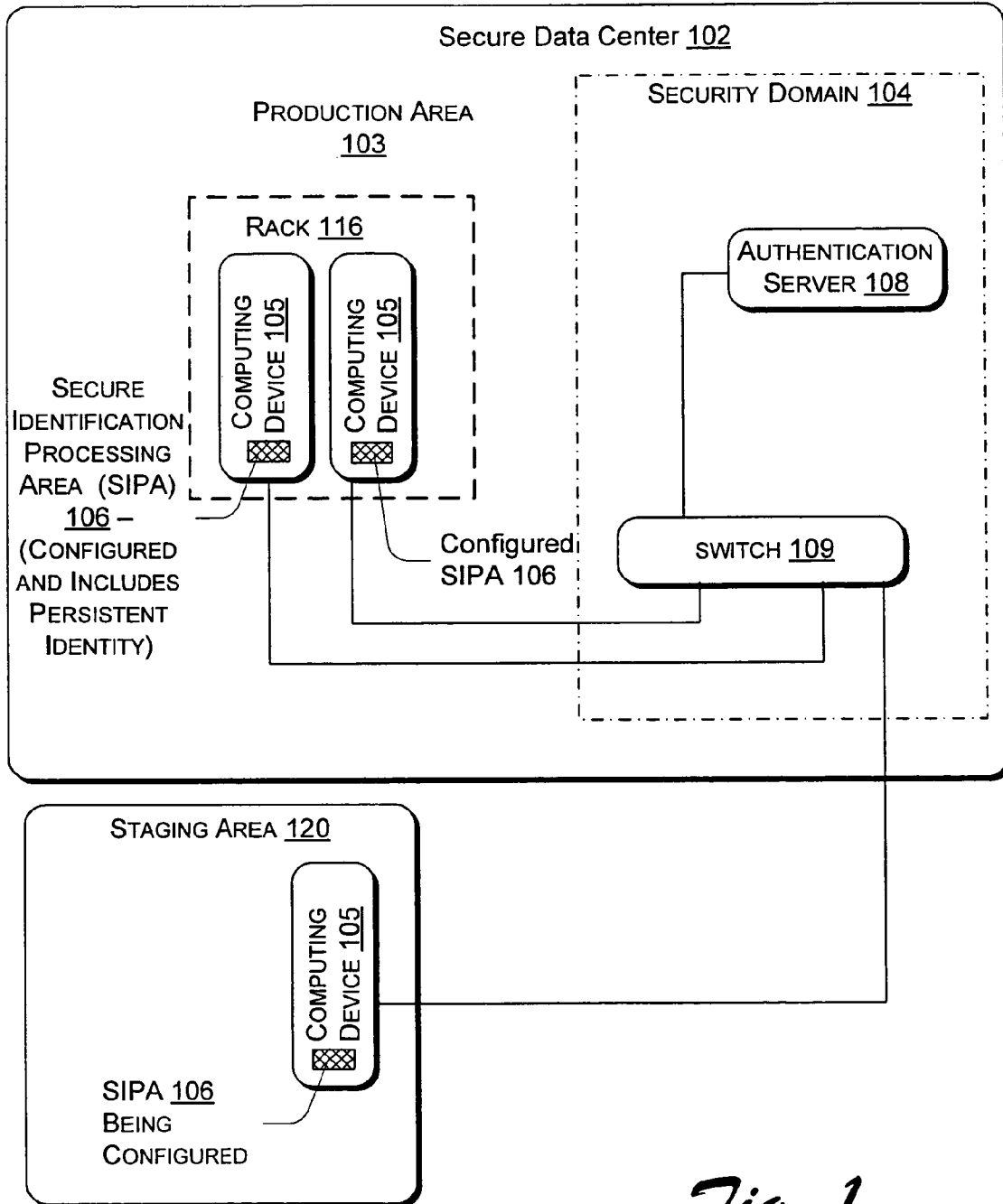


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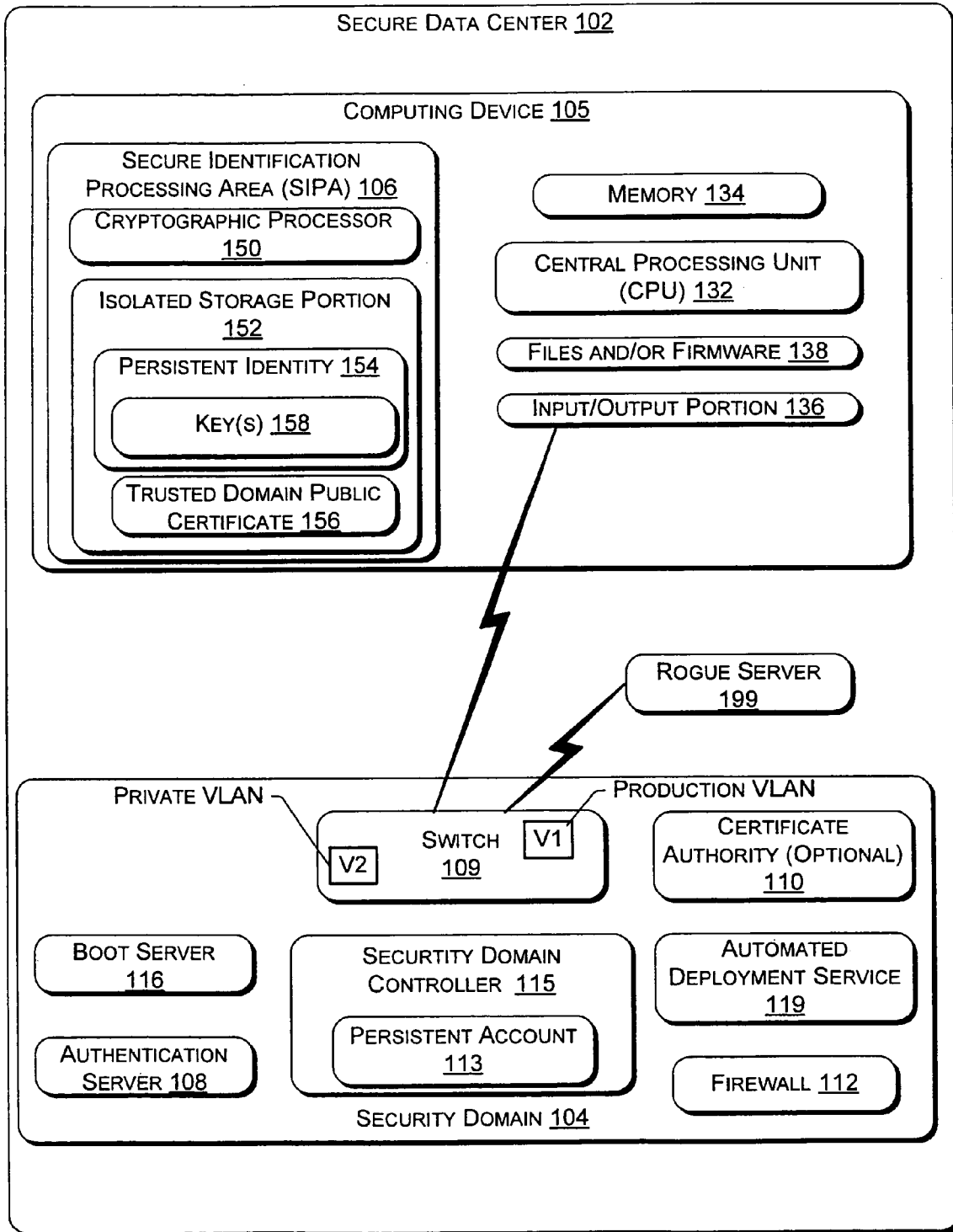


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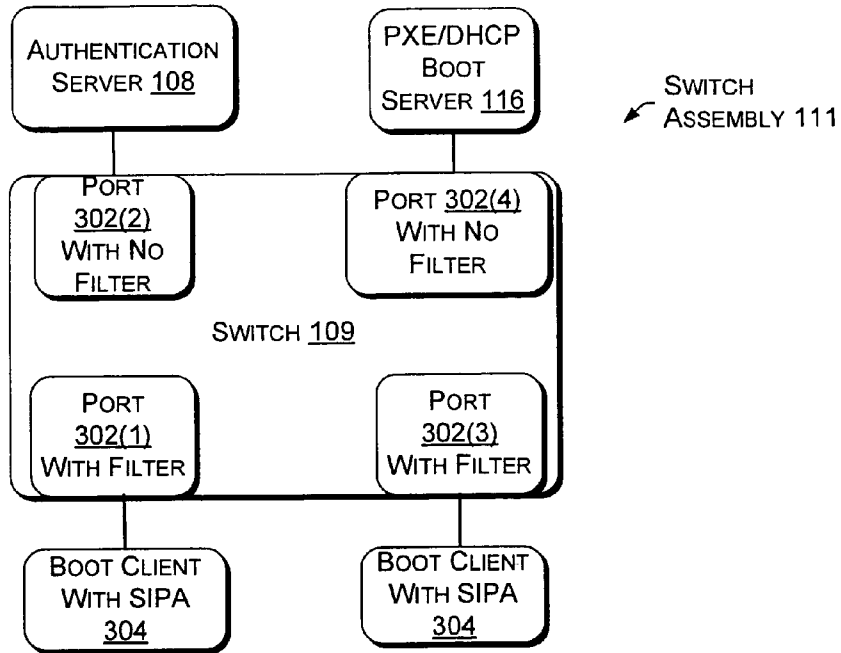


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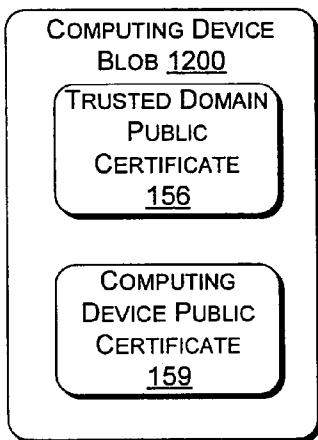


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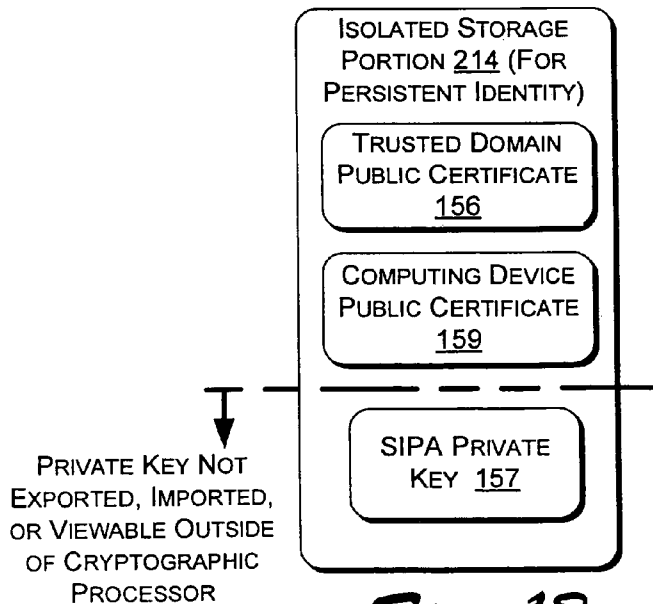


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