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(54) **SYSTEM FOR CONTAINERIZATION OF APPLICATION SETS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system is disclosed having servers with operating systems that may differ, operating in disparate computing environments, wherein each server includes a processor and an operating system including a kernel a set of associated local system files compatible with the processor. This invention discloses a method of providing at least some of the servers in the system with secure, executable, applications related to a service, wherein the applications may be executed in a secure environment, wherein the applications each include an object executable by at least some of the different operating systems for performing a task related to the service. The method of this invention requires storing in memory accessible to at least some of the servers a plurality of secure containers of application software. Each container includes one or more of the executable applications and a set of associated system files required to execute the one or more applications, for use with a local kernel residing permanently on one of the servers. The set of associated system files are compatible with a local kernel of at least some of the plurality of different operating systems. The containers of application software exclude a kernel; and some or all of the associated system files within a container stored in memory are utilized in place of the associated local system files resident on the server.

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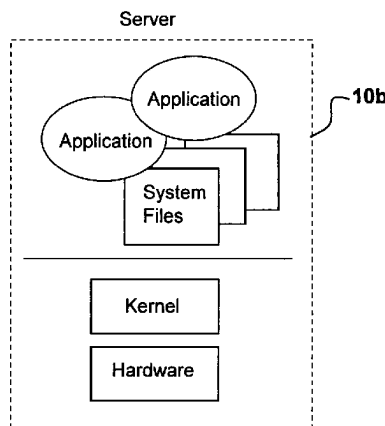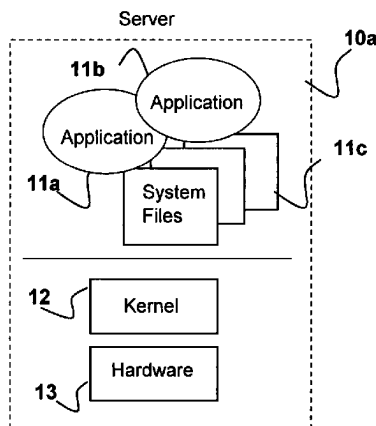
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Figure 1

Figure 2

User/Operator Input

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Capture application From an existing Server install

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Application Installation from Install media or Package files

Configuration Data
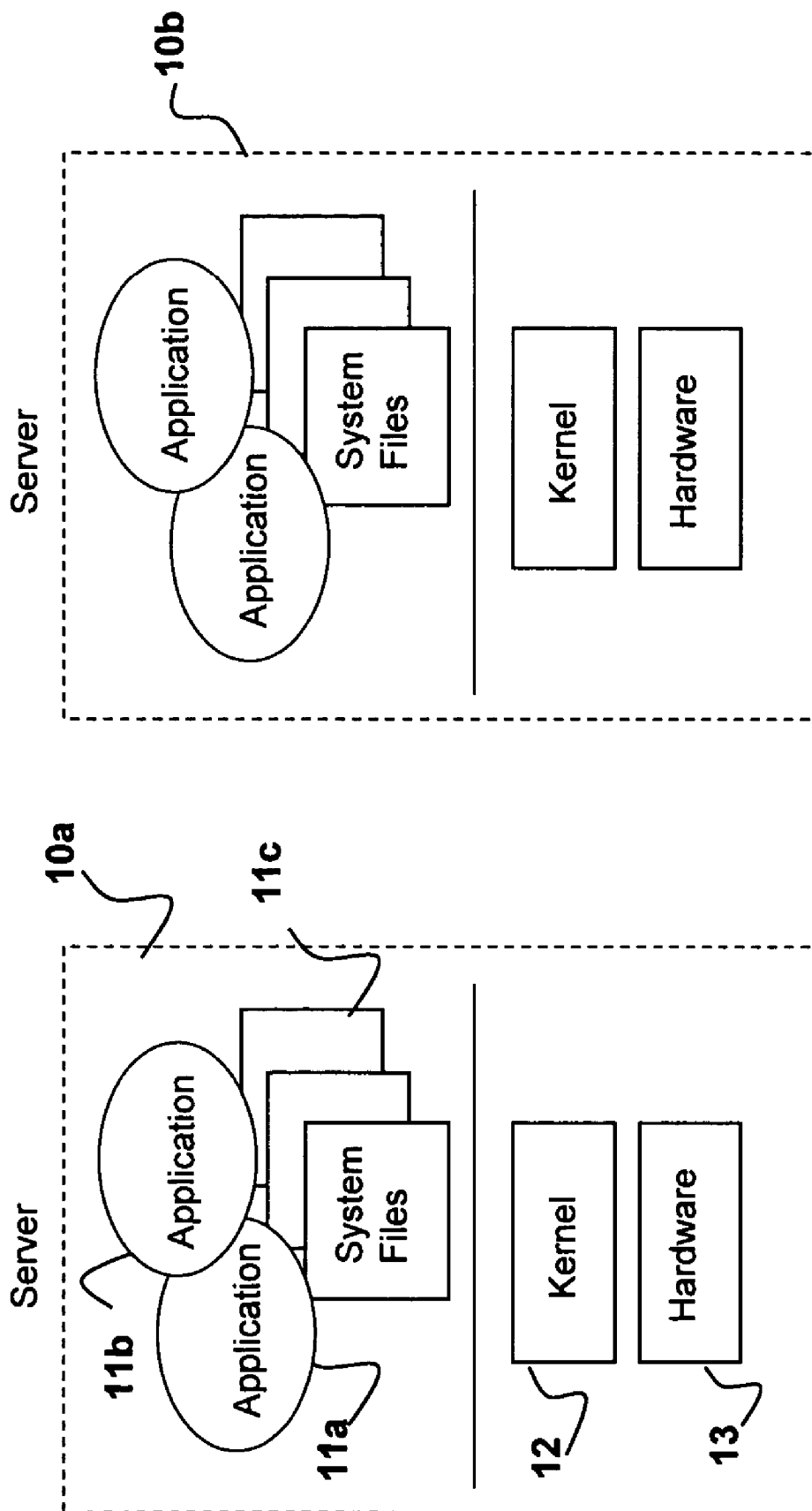
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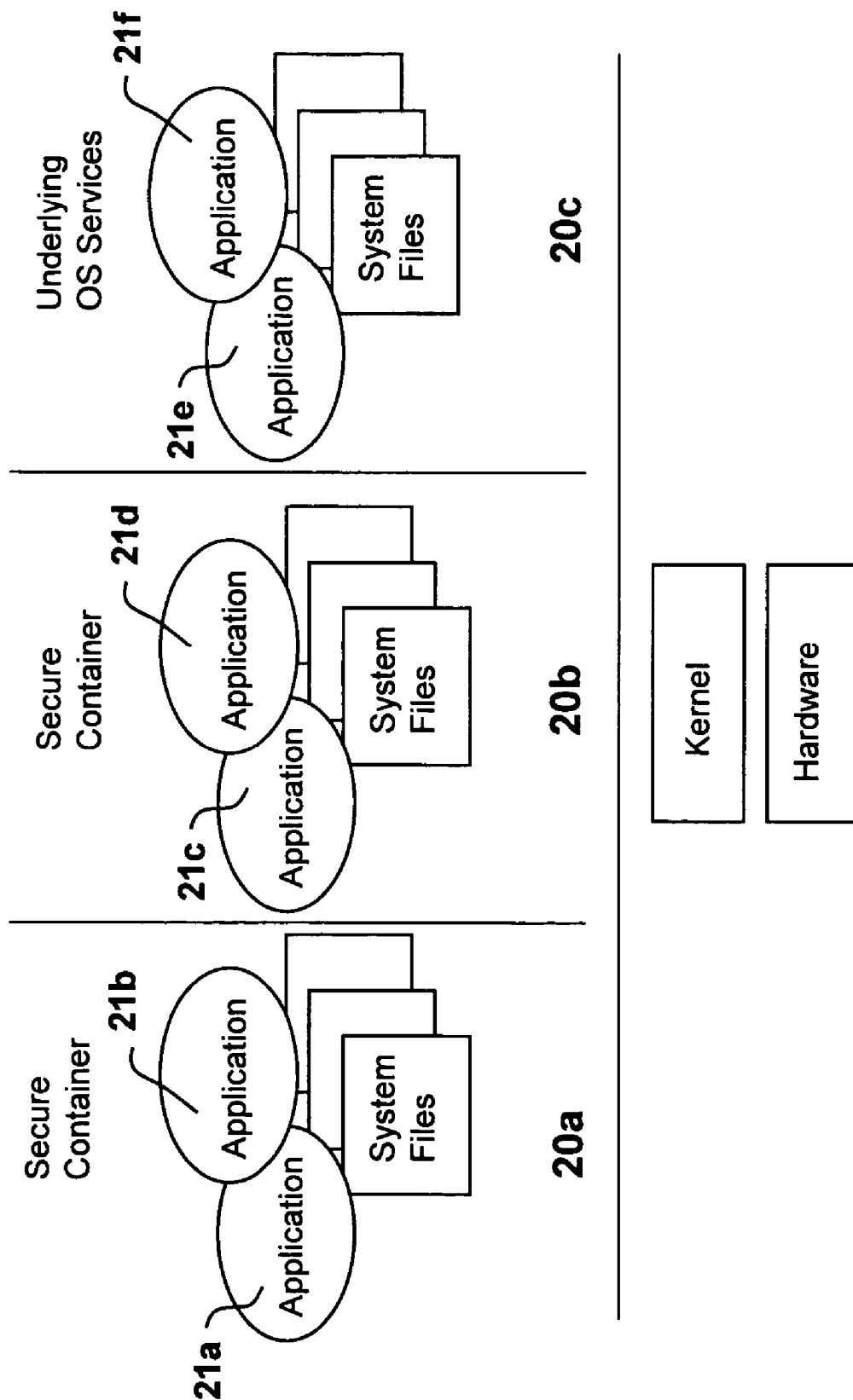
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Container Definition

Container Files

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Figure 3

DOCKET ALARM
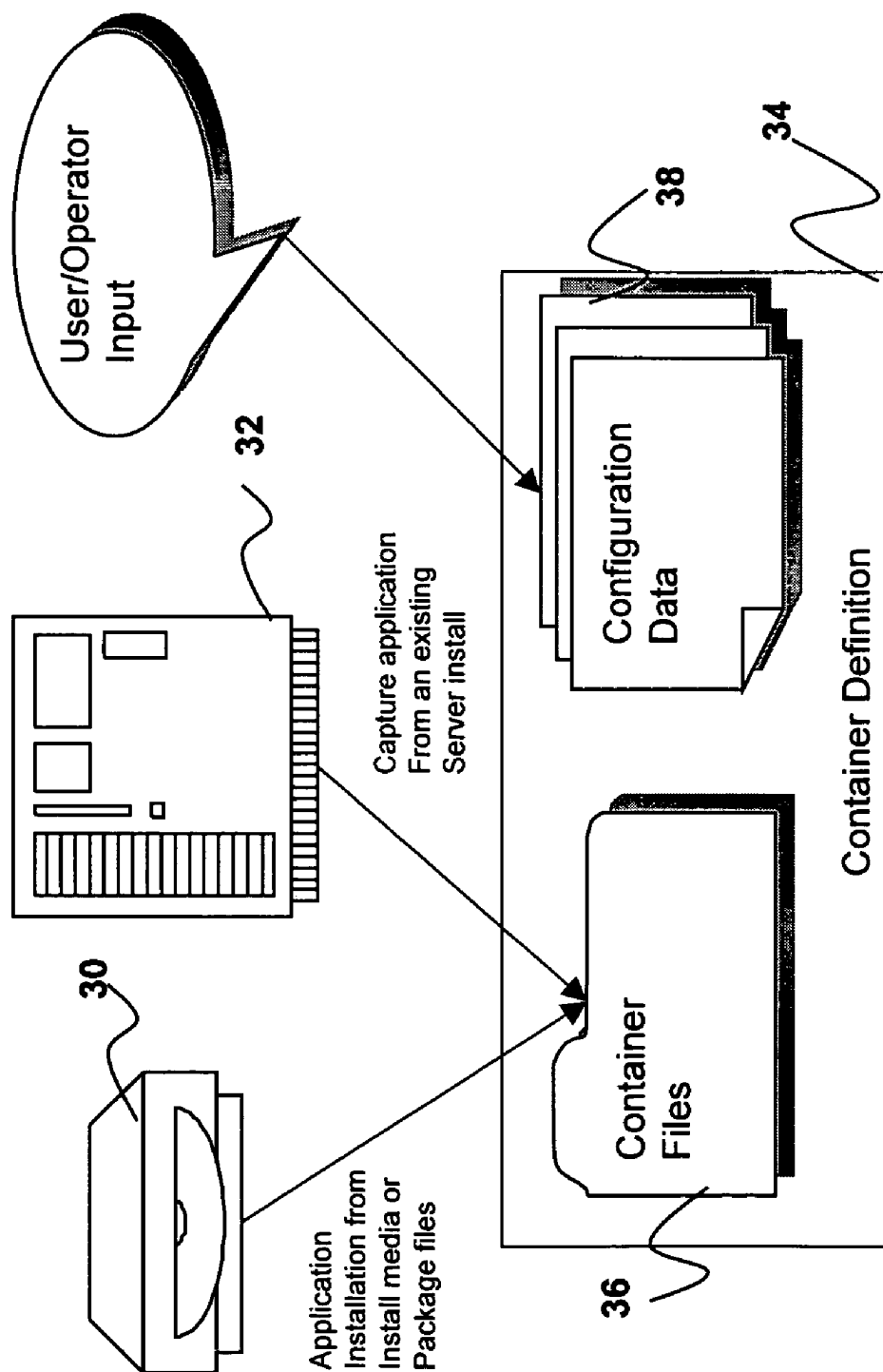
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