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(54) **VEHICLE TRACKER INCLUDING INPUT/OUTPUT FEATURES AND RELATED METHODS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A vehicle tracking unit preferably includes a vehicle position determining device, a wireless communications device, and a controller connected to the wireless communications device and the vehicle position determining device. The controller preferably cooperates with the wireless communications device to generate a sequence of alert message notifications for the user, and for canceling any remaining alert message notification of the sequence based upon a cancellation command response from the user having already received the alert message notification.

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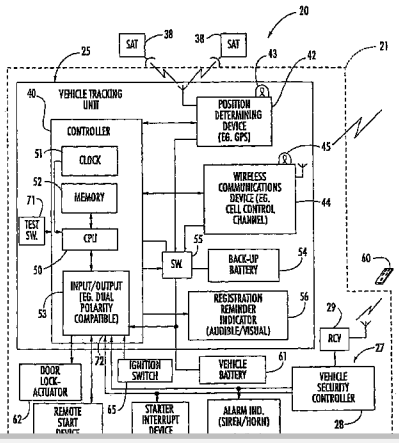

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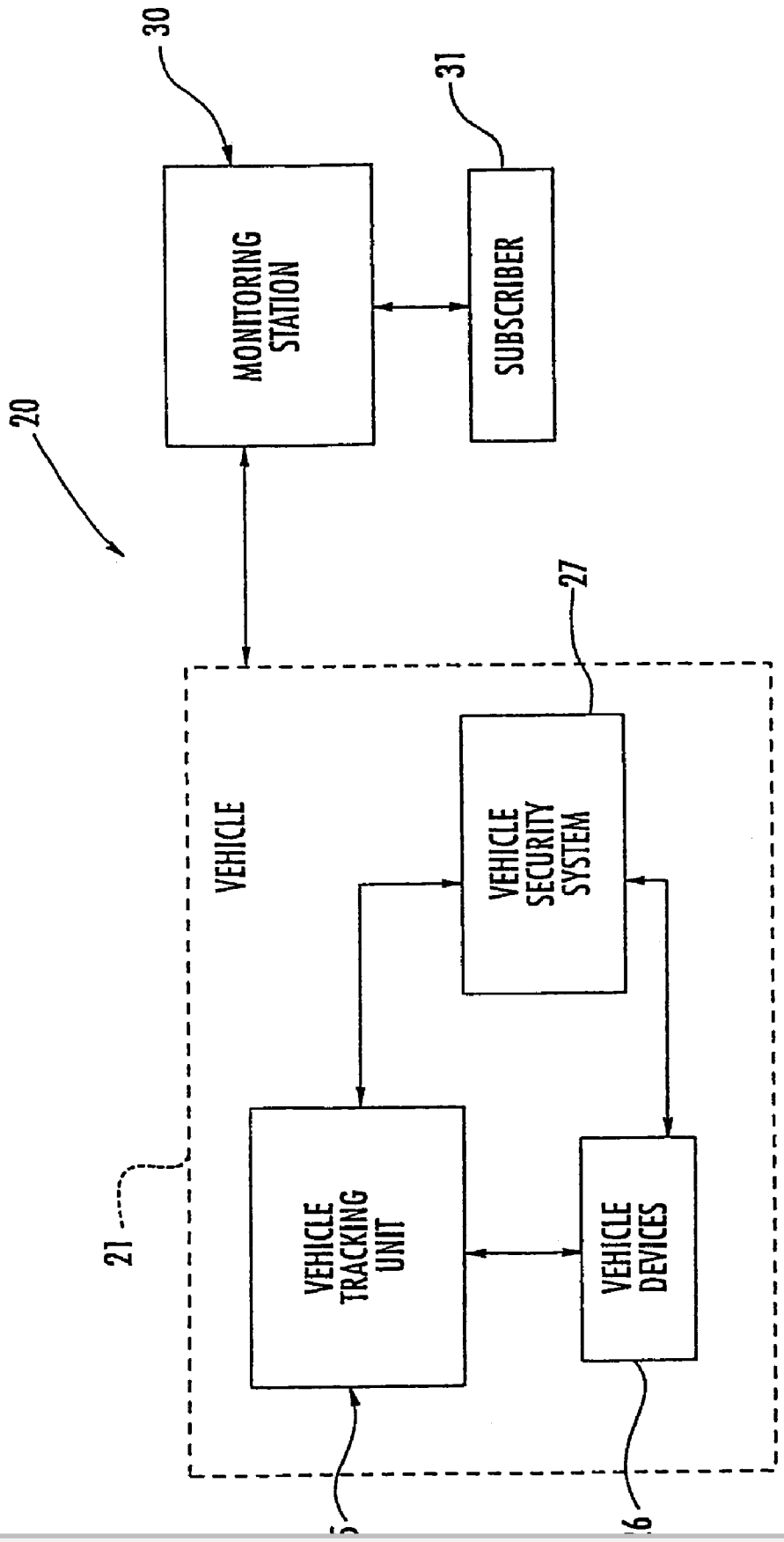

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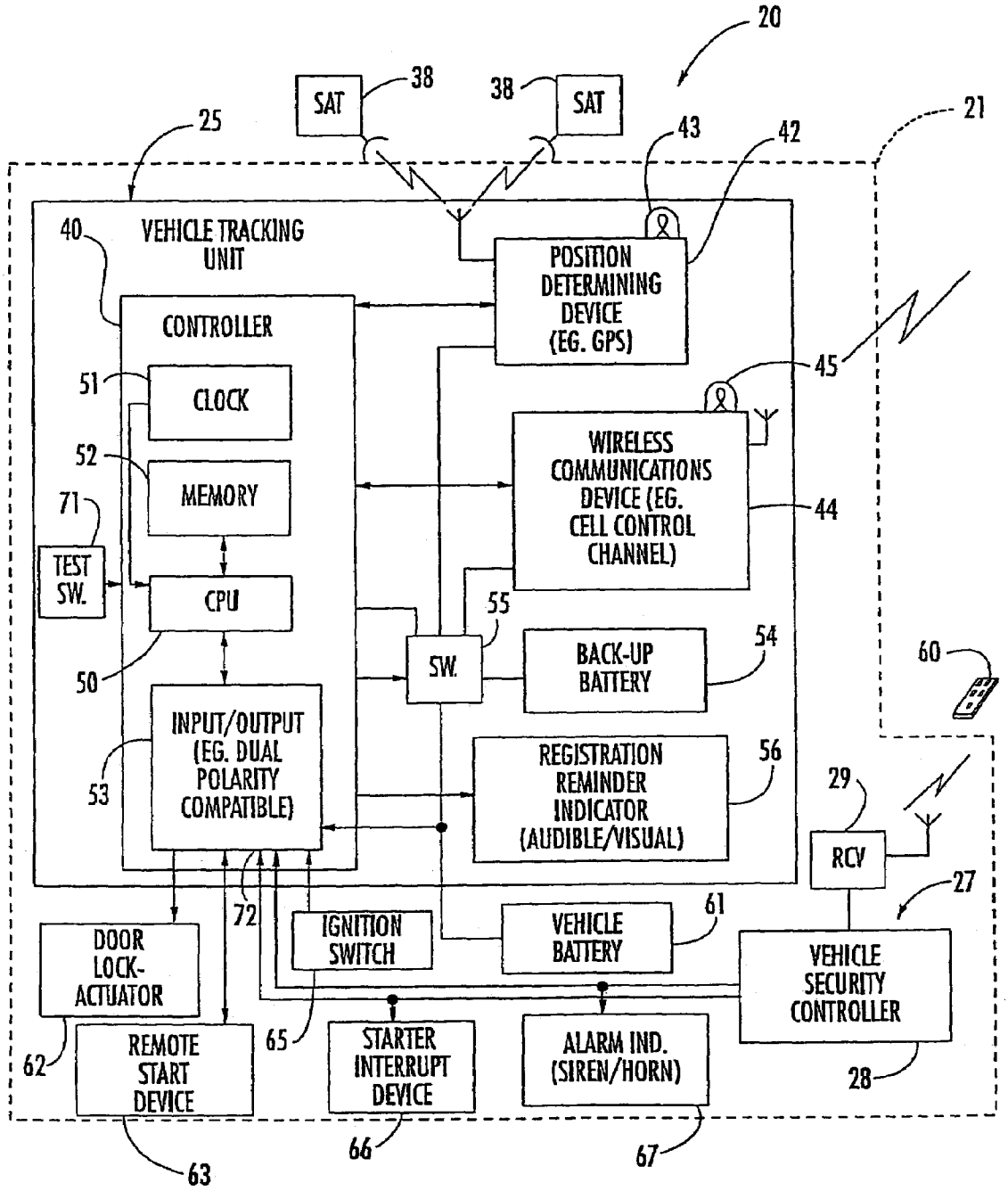

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