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(54) **METHODS OF SECURELY CONTROLLING THROUGH ONE OR MORE SEPARATE PRIVATE NETWORKS AN INTERNET-CONNECTED COMPUTER HAVING ONE OR MORE HARDWARE-BASED INNER FIREWALLS OR ACCESS BARRIERS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of securely controlling through a private network a computer protected by a hardware-based inner access barrier or firewall and optionally configured to operate as a general purpose computer connected to the Internet, comprising: two separate network connections separated by an inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall protecting a private network connection configured for connection to a private network of computers but not protecting a public network connection configured for connection to a public network configured to include the Internet, the method including the step of controlling at least one operation of the computer, the control being provided through the private network and the operation involving data and/or code transmitted to the public network. Another method includes the step of controlling an operation of a second or third private protected unit of the computer, the control being provided through a second or third private network, respectively.

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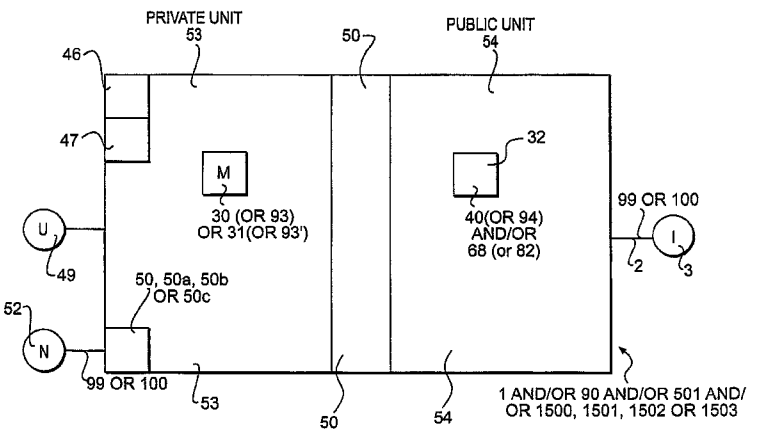

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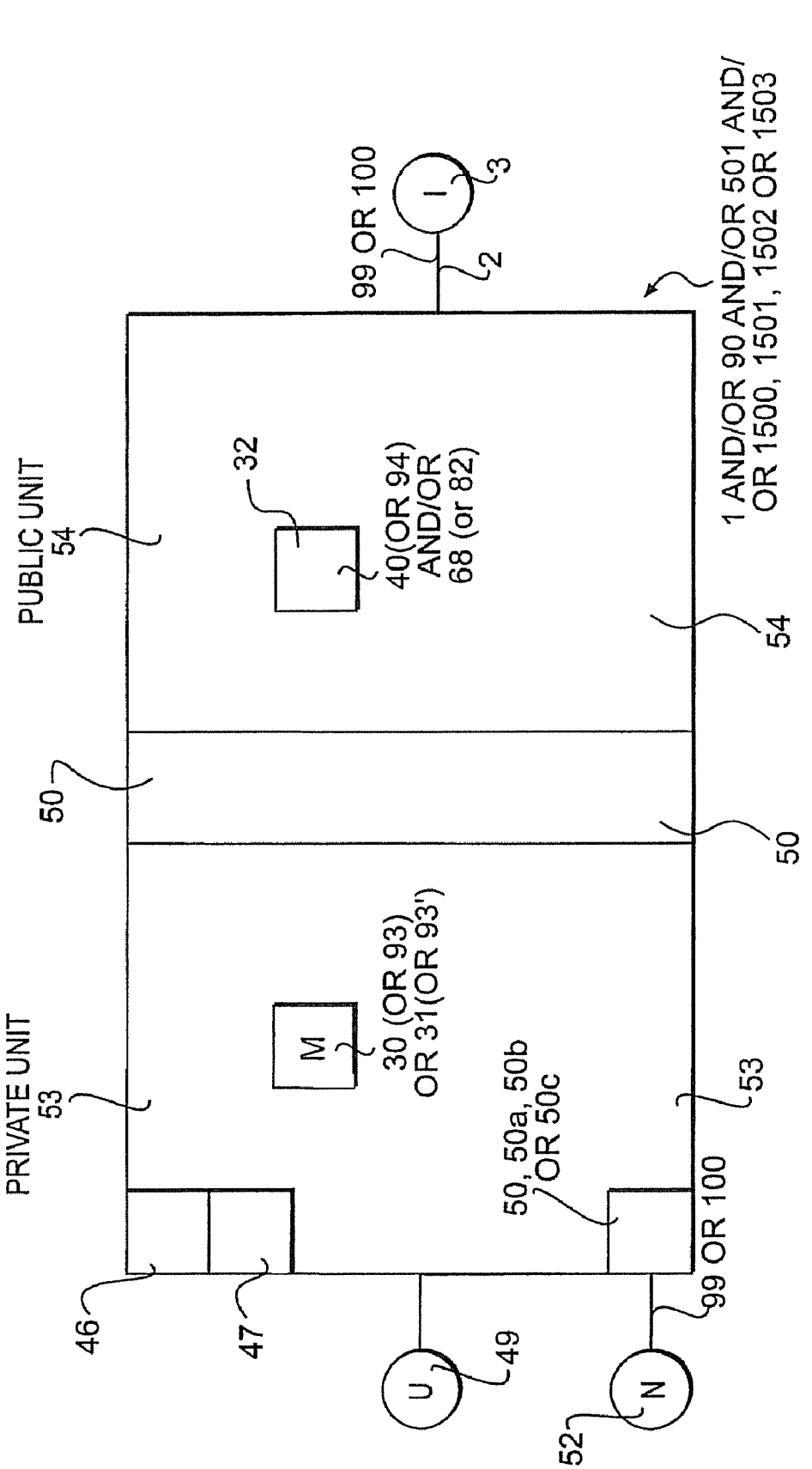
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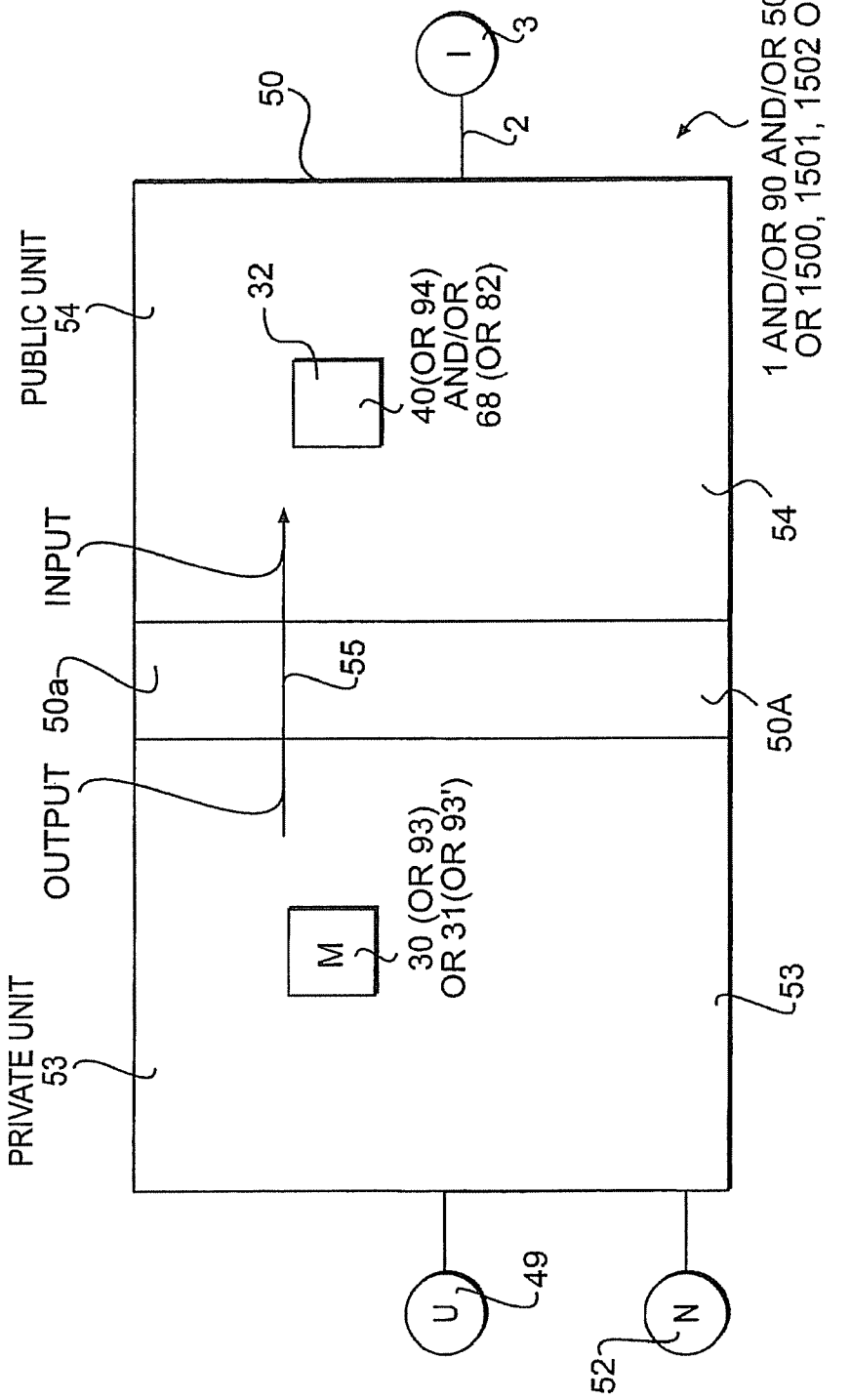
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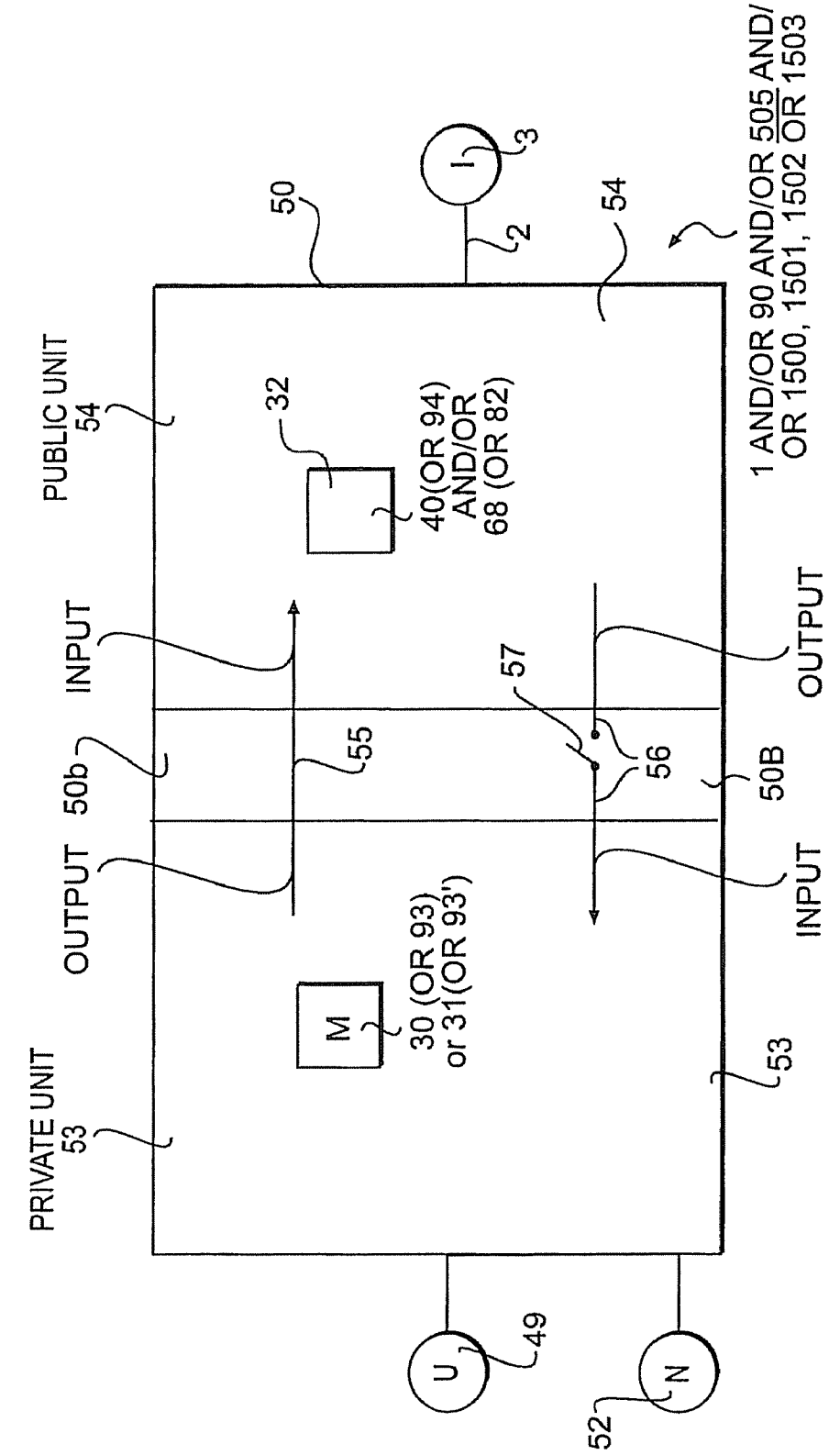
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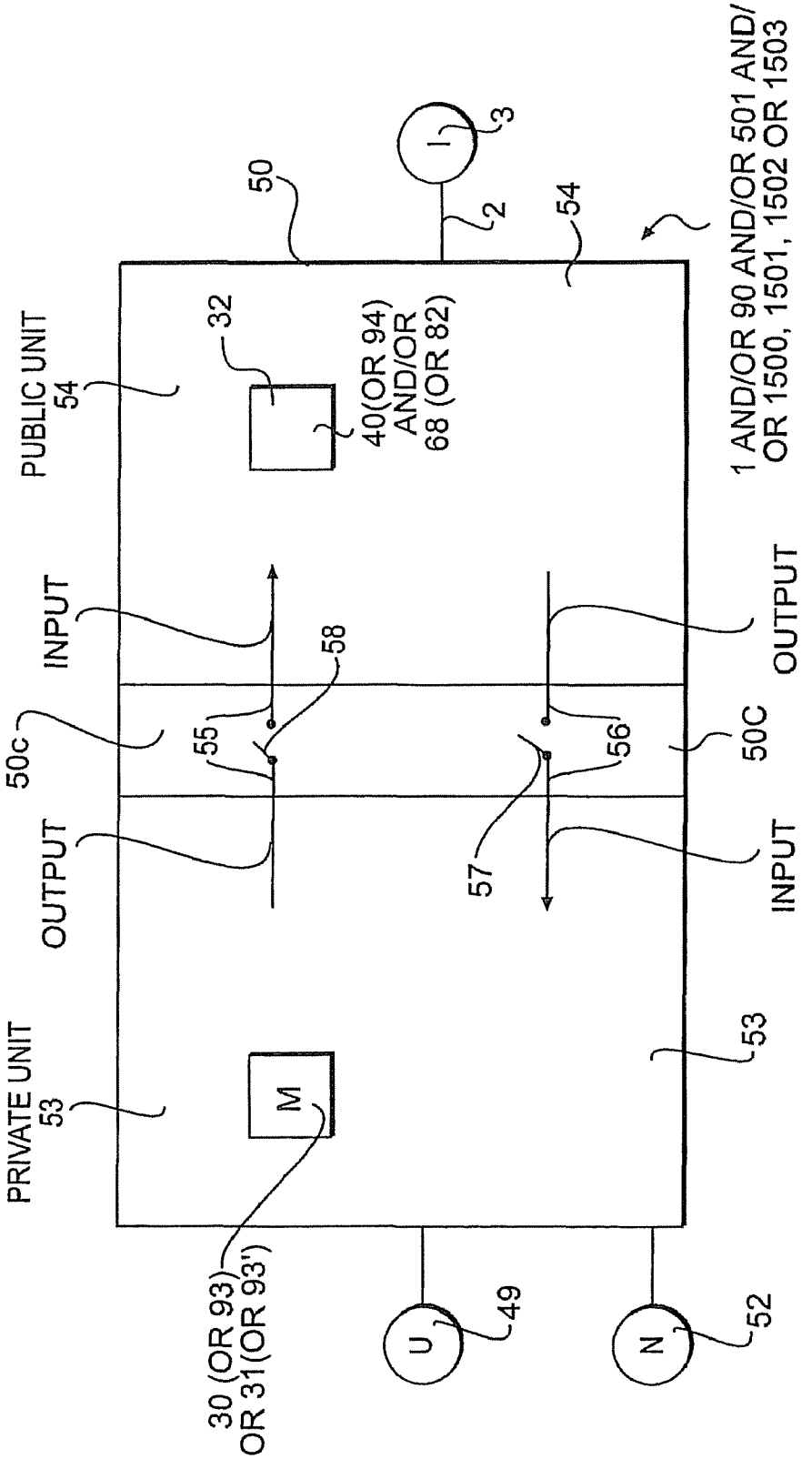
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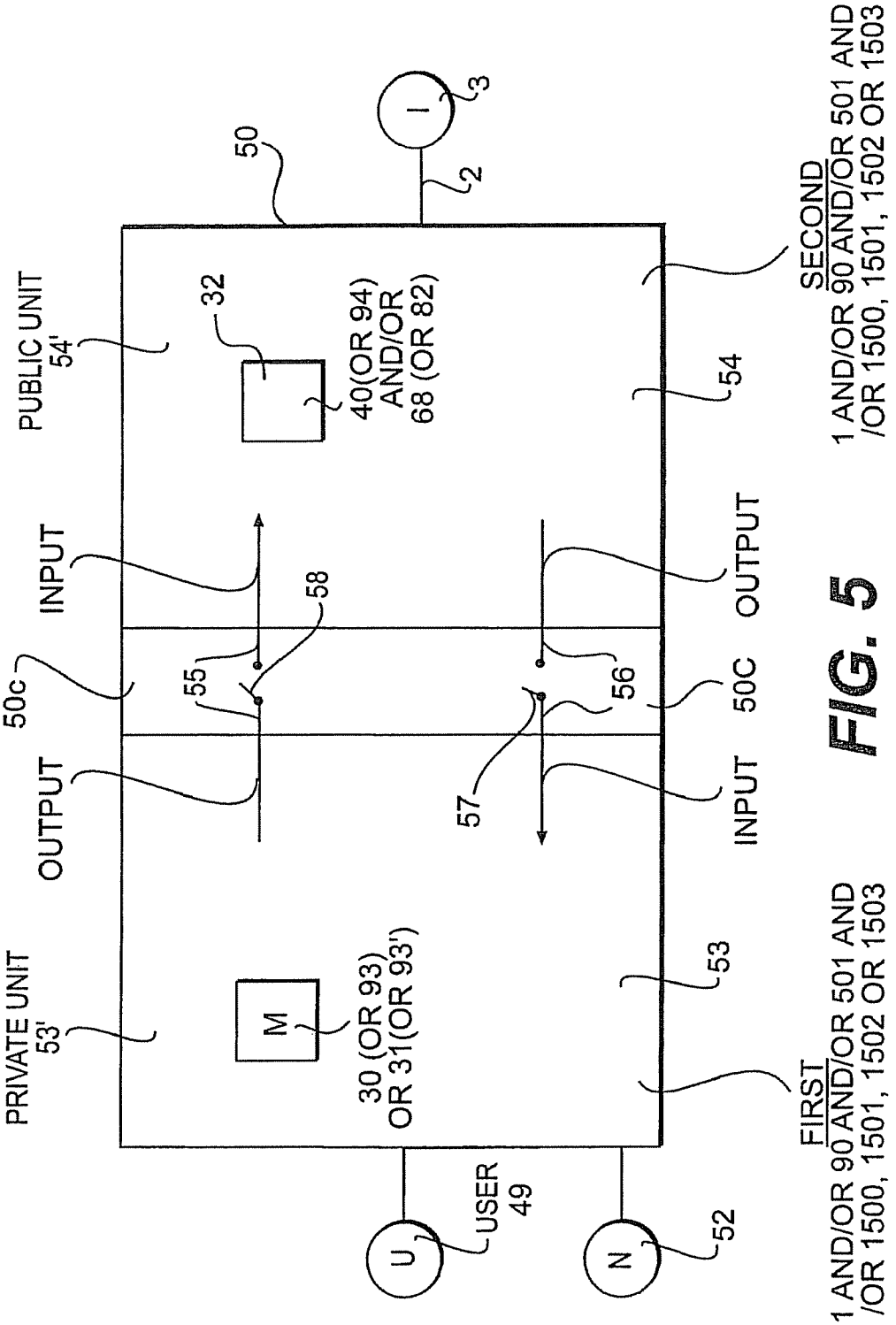
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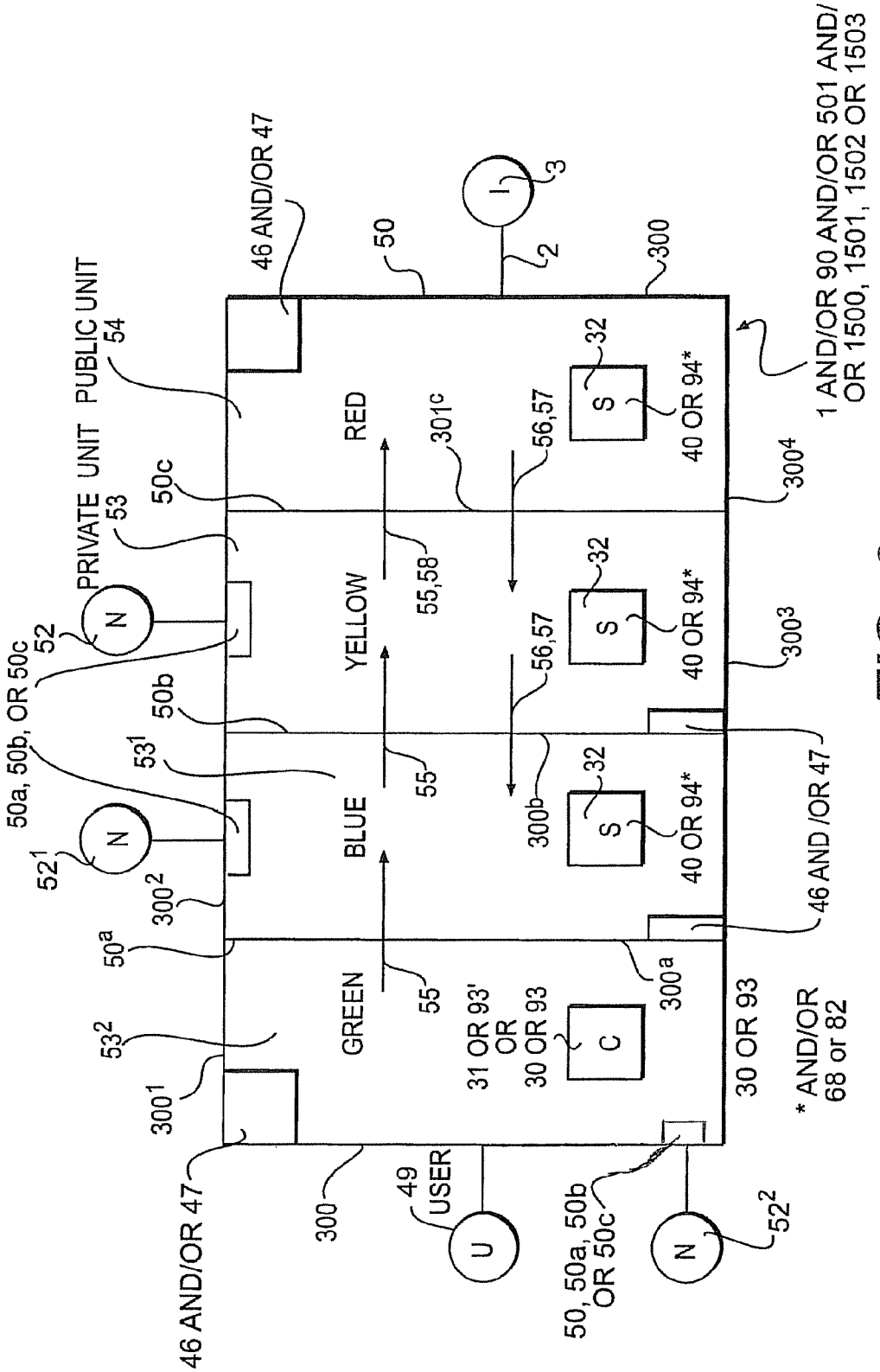
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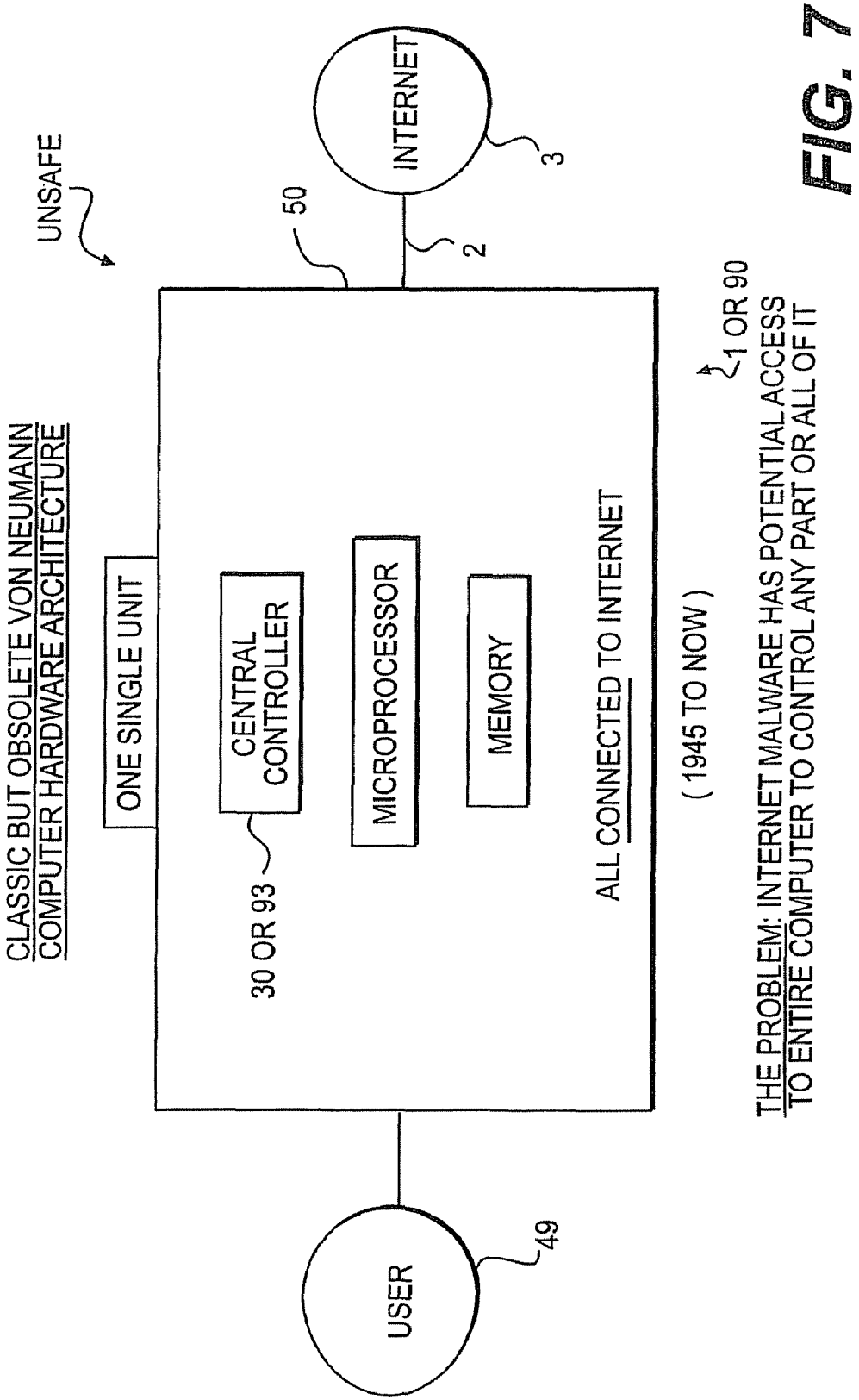
CLASSIC BUT OBSOLETE VON NEUMANN COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
UNSAFE
ONE SINGLE UNIT
CENTRAL CONTROLLER
30 OR 93
MICROPROCESSOR
MEMORY
ALL CONNECTED TO INTERNET
1 OR 90
(1945 TO NOW)
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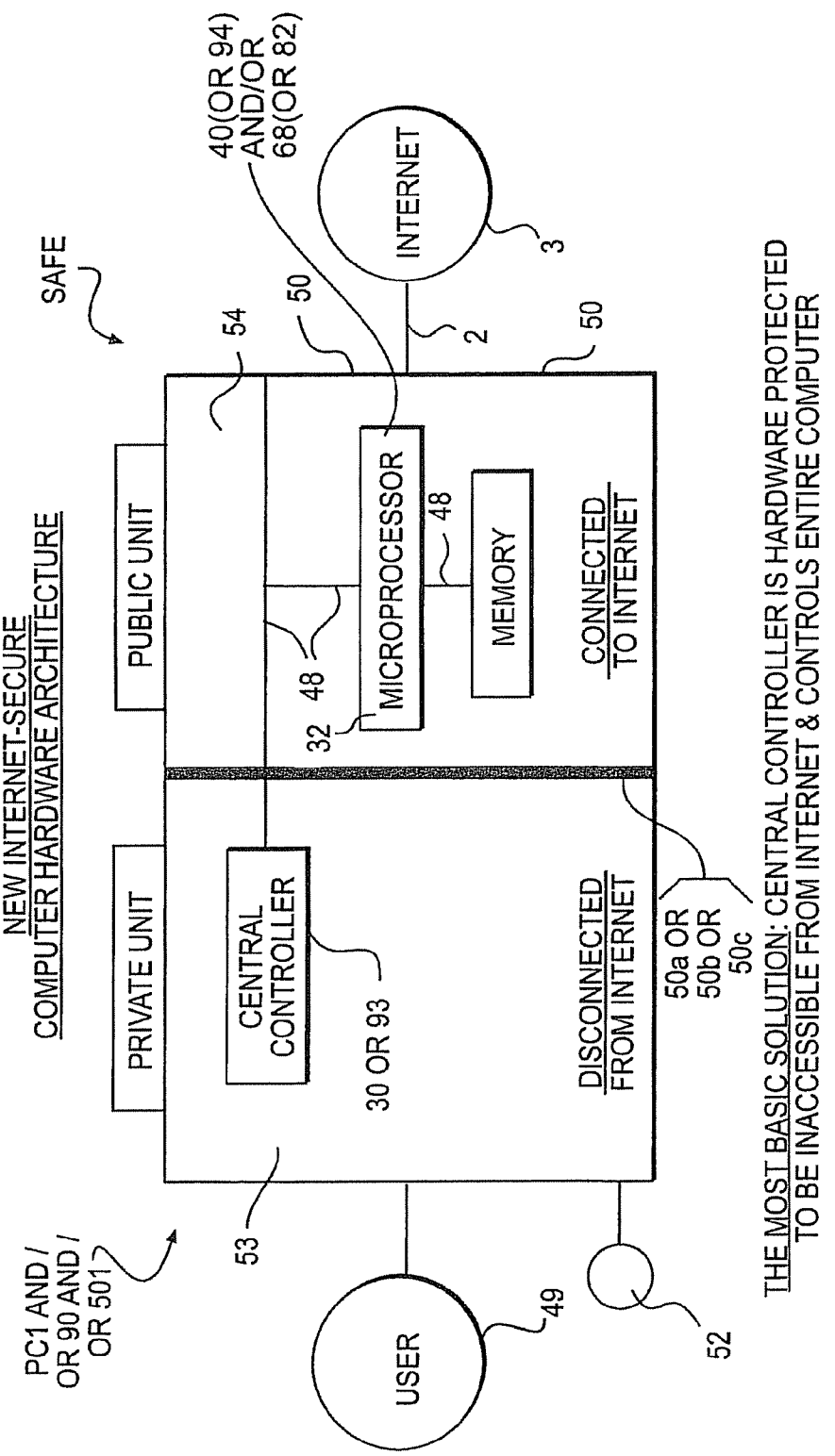
THE PROBLEM: INTERNET MALWARE HAS POTENTIAL ACCESS TO ENTIRE COMPUTER TO CONTROL ANY PART OR ALL OF IT

FIG. 7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COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
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PRIVATE UNIT
CENTRAL CONTROLLER
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MICROPROCESSOR
48
MEMORY
CONNECTED TO INTERNET
DISCONNECTED FROM INTERNET
40(OR 94) AND/OR 68(OR 82)
INTERNET
3
2
50
54
32
53
49
52
50a OR 50b OR 50c
PC1 AND / OR 90 AND / OR 501
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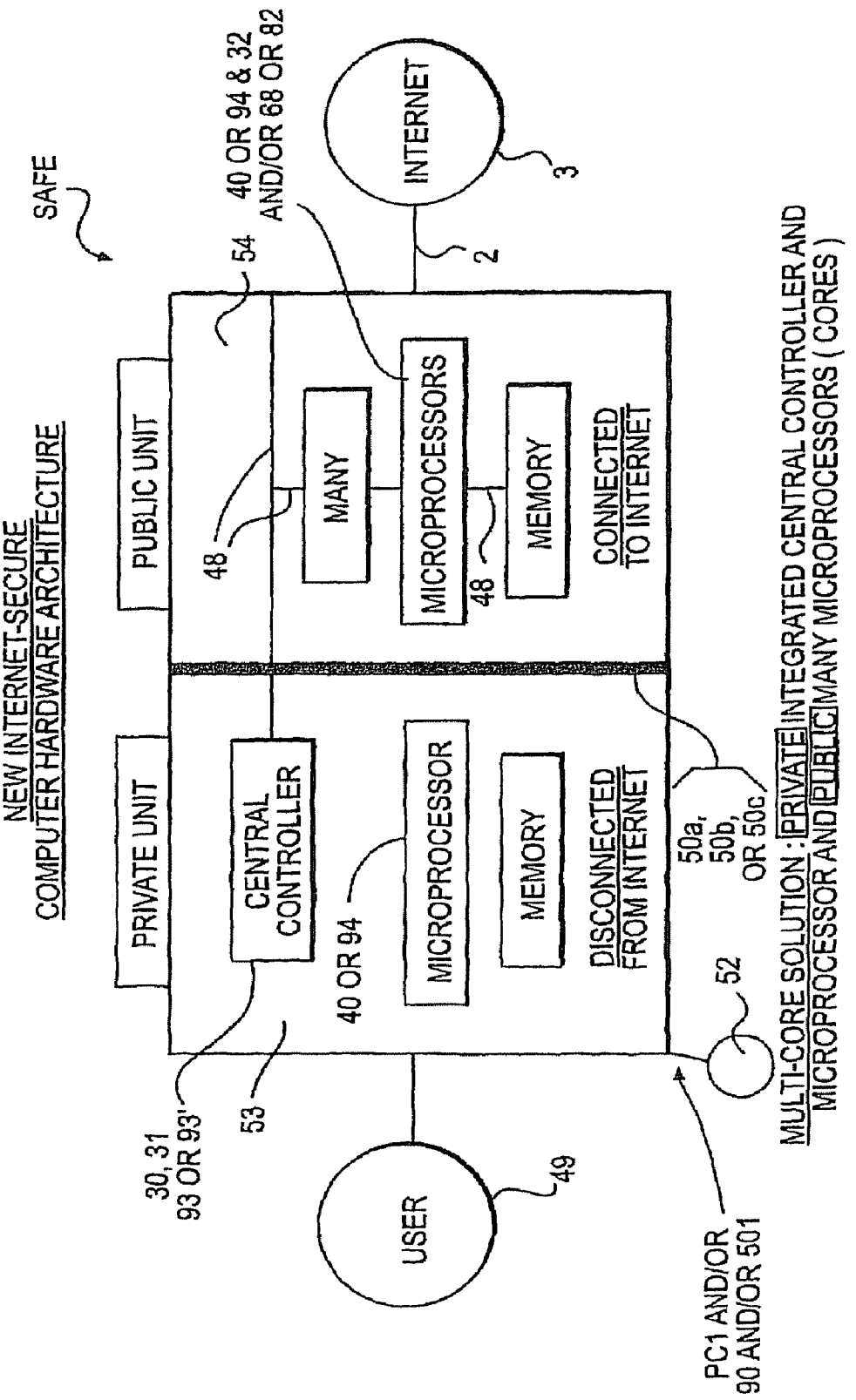
THE MOST BASIC SOLUTION: CENTRAL CONTROLLER IS HARDWARE PROTECTED TO BE INACCESSIBLE FROM INTERNET & CONTROLS ENTIRE COMPUTER

FIG. 8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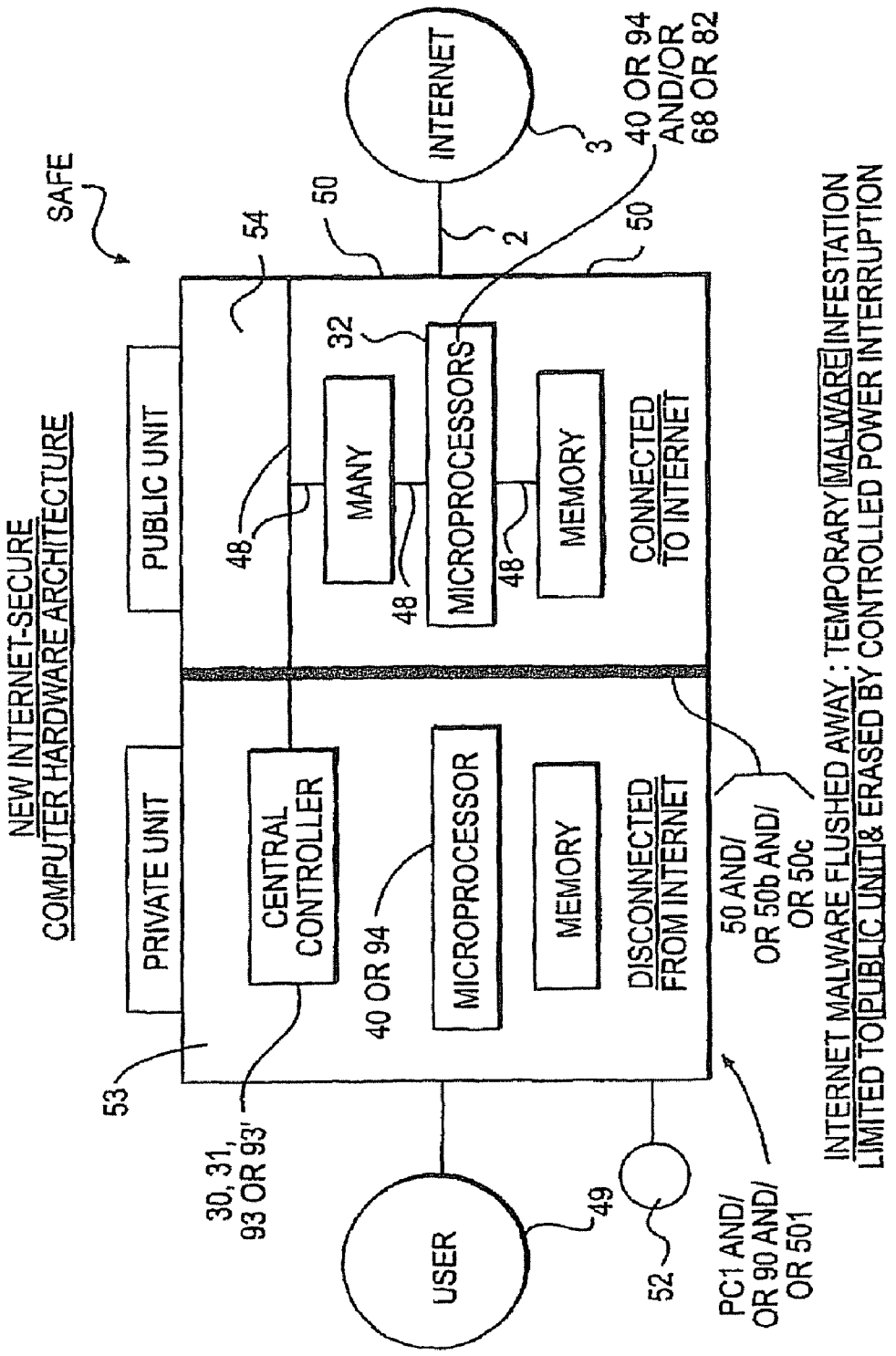
CENTRAL CONTROLLER
MICROPROCESSOR
MEMORY
DISCONNECTED FROM INTERNET
CONNECTED TO INTERNET
MANY
MICROPROCESSORS
MEMORY
40 OR 94
48
48
54
40 OR 94 & 32 AND/OR 68 OR 82
INTERNET
3
2
30, 31 93 OR 93'
53
USER
49
52
50a, 50b, OR 50c
PC1 AND/OR 90 AND/OR 501
MULTI-CORE SOLUTION : PRIVATE INTEGRATED CENTRAL CONTROLLER AND MICROPROCESSOR AND PUBLIC MANY MICROPROCESSORS (CORES)

FIG. 9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MICROPROCESSOR
MEMORY
DISCONNECTED FROM INTERNET
CONNECTED TO INTERNET
MANY
MICROPROCESSORS
MEMORY
INTERNET
USER
53
30, 31, 93 OR 93'
40 OR 94
49
52
2
3
32
48
50
54
40 OR 94 AND/OR 68 OR 82
50 AND/ OR 50b AND/ OR 50c
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FIG. 10

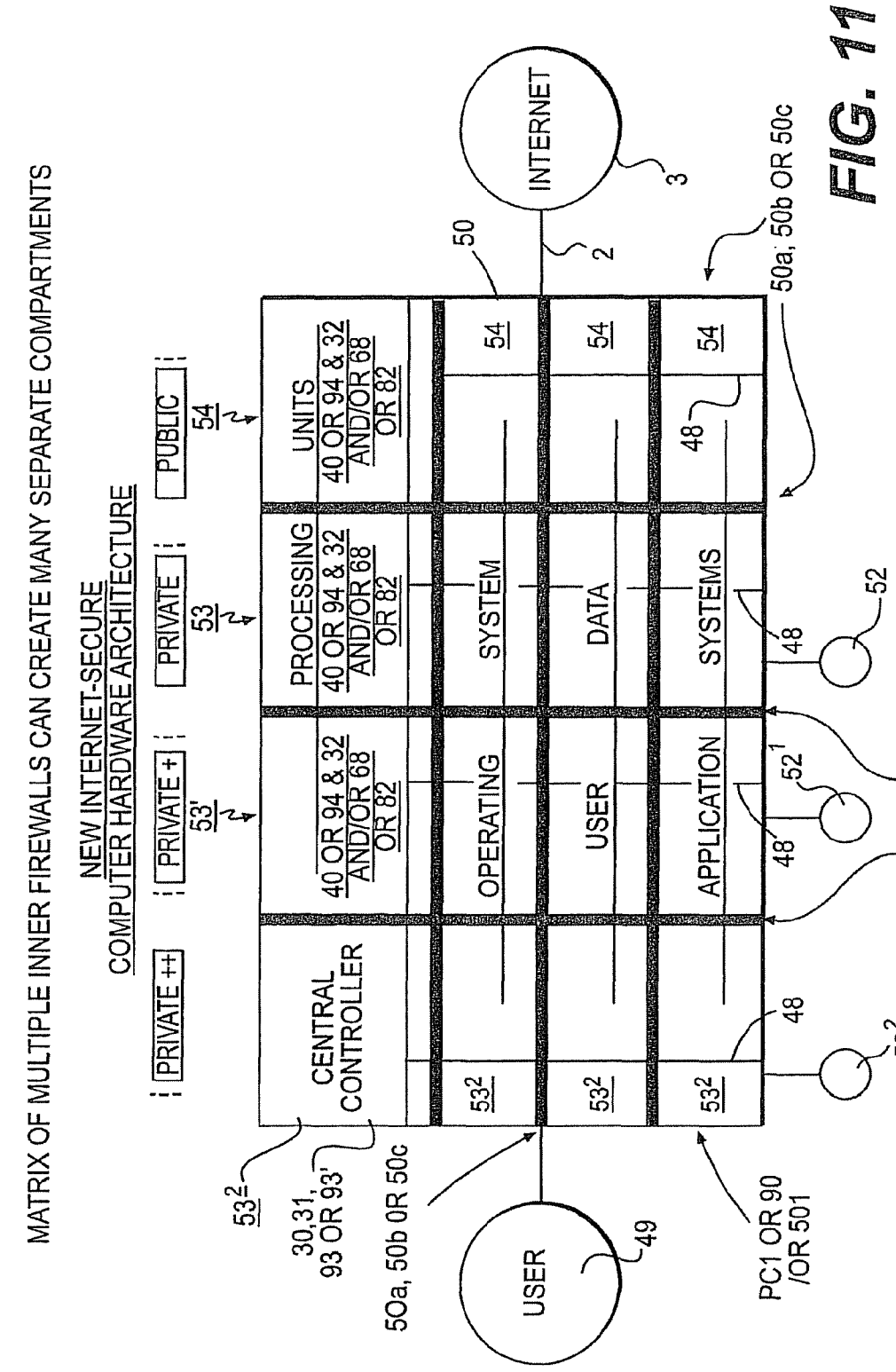
MATRIX OF MULTIPLE INNER FIREWALLS CAN CREATE MANY SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS
NEW INTERNET-SECURE COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
PRIVATE ++
PRIVATE +
PRIVATE
PUBLIC
53'
53
54
CENTRAL CONTROLLER
40 OR 94 & 32 AND/OR 68 OR 82
PROCESSING 40 OR 94 & 32 AND/OR 68 OR 82
UNITS 40 OR 94 & 32 AND/OR 68 OR 82
OPERATING SYSTEM
USER DATA
APPLICATION SYSTEMS
53²
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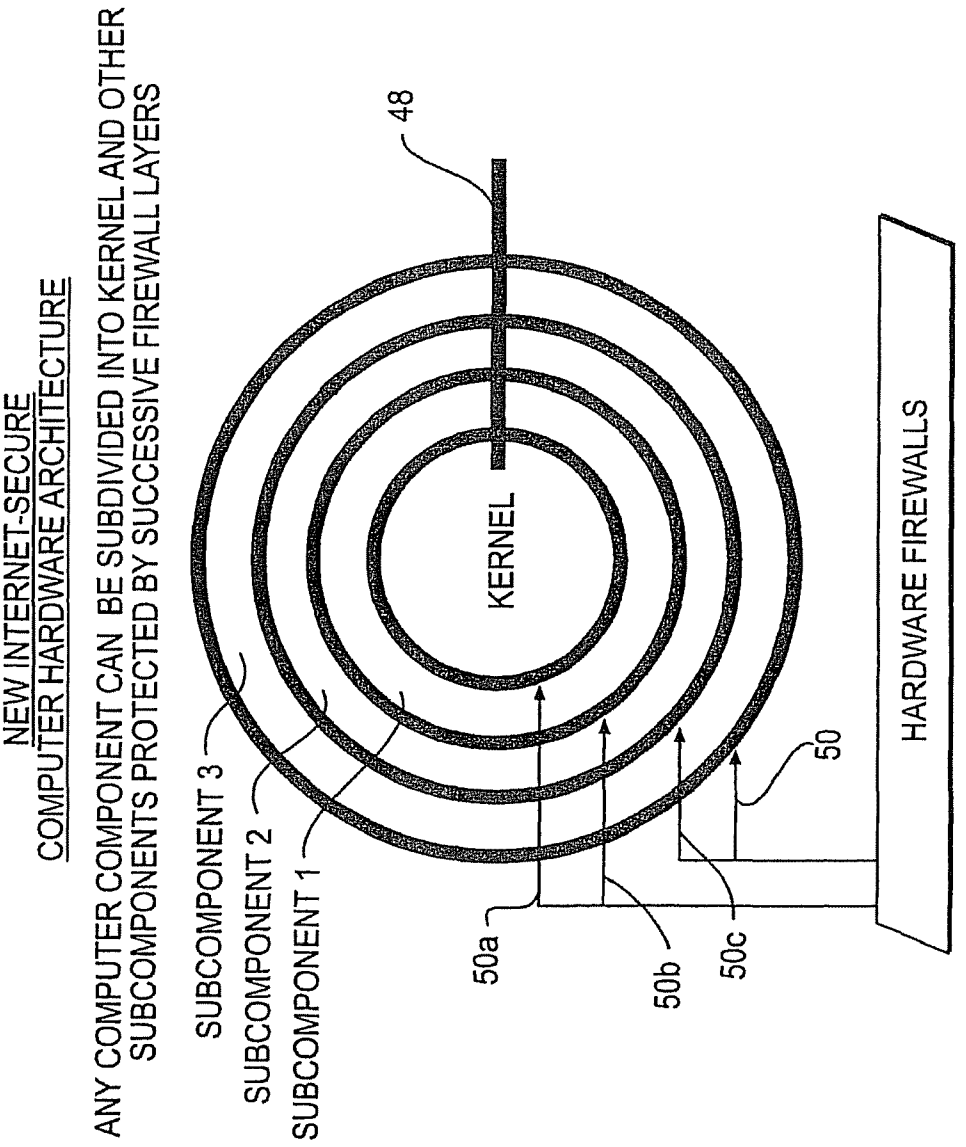
FIG. 11


NEW INTERNET-SECURE
COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
ANY COMPUTER COMPONENT CAN BE SUBDIVIDED INTO KERNEL AND OTHER SUBCOMPONENTS PROTECTED BY SUCCESSIVE FIREWALL LAYERS
SUBCOMPONENT 3
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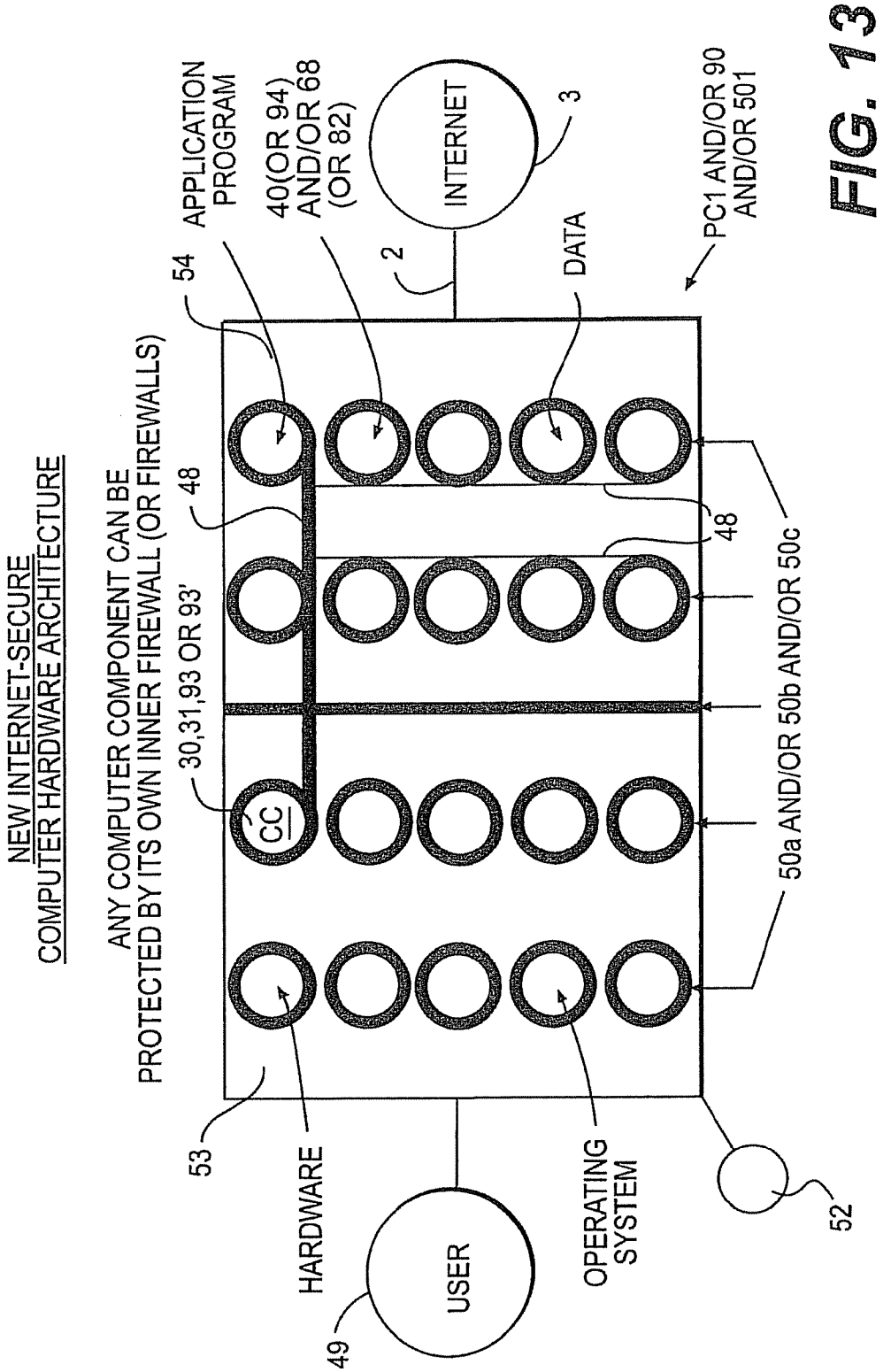
HARDWARE FIREWALLS

FIG. 12


NEW INTERNET-SECURE
COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
ANY COMPUTER COMPONENT CAN BE
PROTECTED BY ITS OWN INNER FIREWALL (OR FIREWALLS)
30,31,93 OR 93'
CC
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54
APPLICATION PROGRAM
40(OR 94) AND/OR 68 (OR 82)
2
INTERNET
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HARDWARE
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OPERATING SYSTEM
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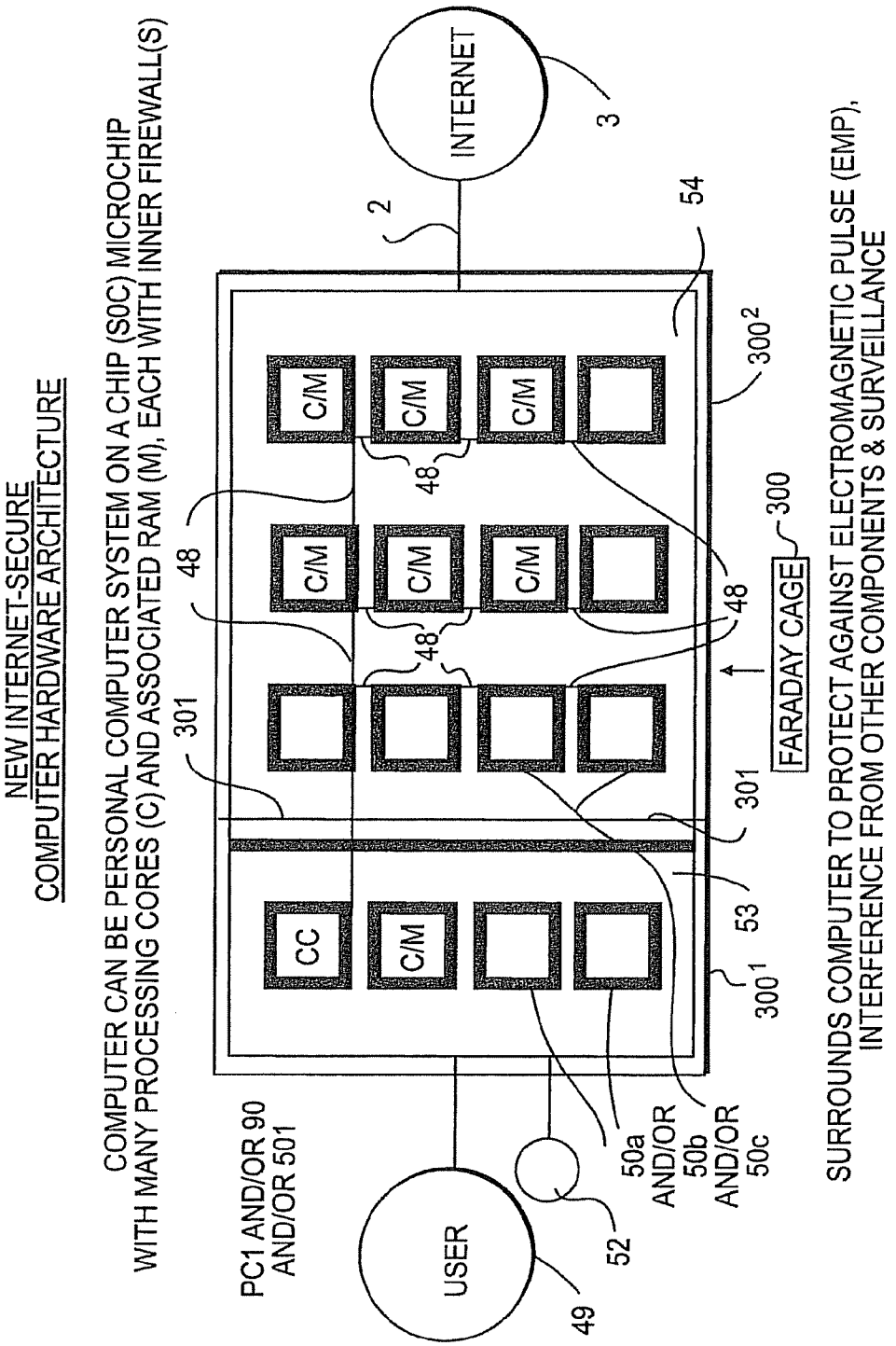
FIG. 13


NEW INTERNET-SECURE
COMPUTER HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE
COMPUTER CAN BE PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM ON A CHIP (SOC) MICROCHIP
WITH MANY PROCESSING CORES (C) AND ASSOCIATED RAM (M), EACH WITH INNER FIREWALL(S)
INTERNET
3
2
54
CC
C/M
48
301
53
300^1
300^2
300
FARADAY CAGE
USER
49
52
PC1 AND/OR 90
AND/OR 501
50a
AND/OR
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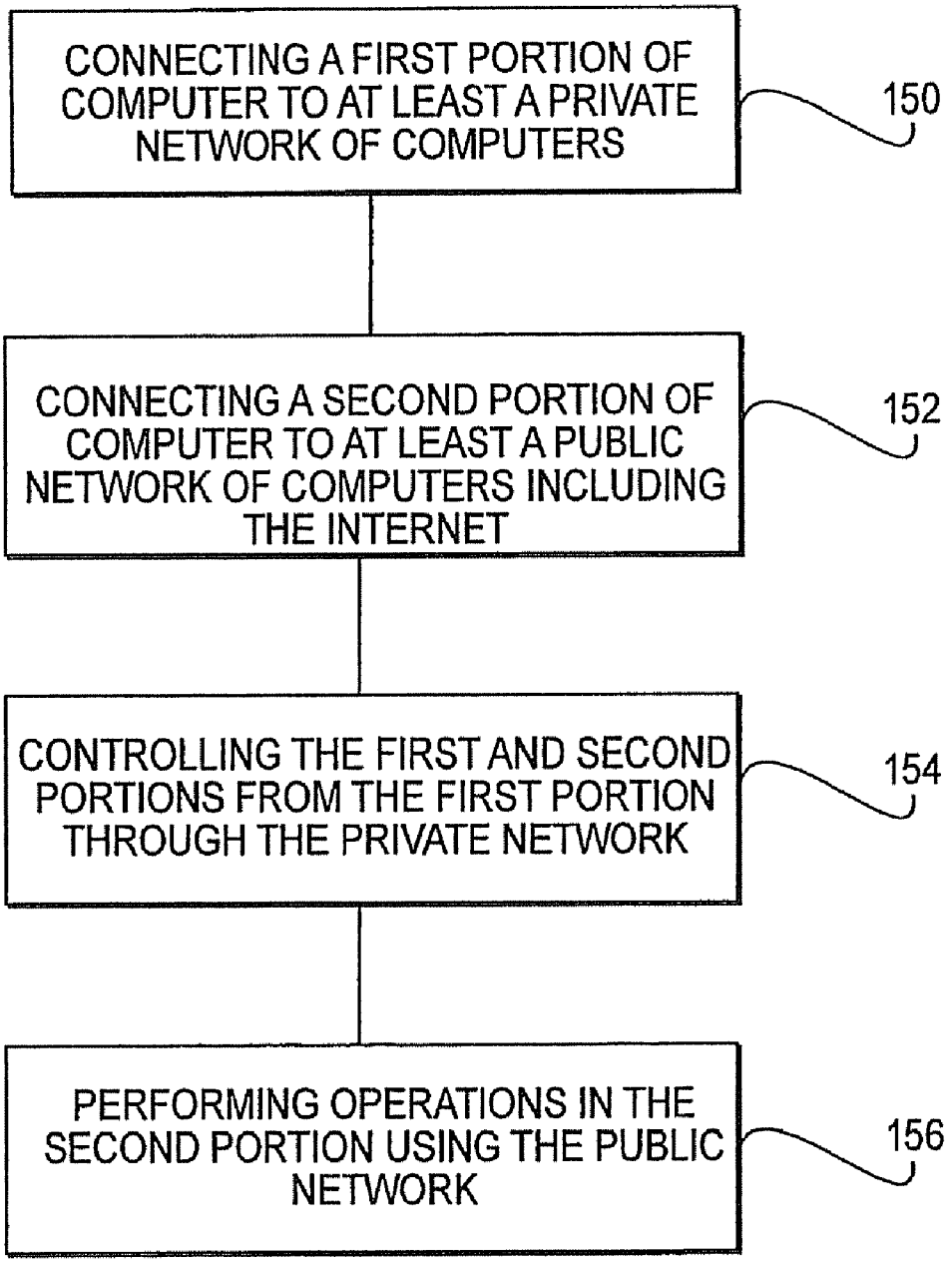
SURROUNDS COMPUTER TO PROTECT AGAINST ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE (EMP),
INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER COMPONENTS & SURVEILLANCE

FIG. 14


CONNECTING A FIRST PORTION OF COMPUTER TO AT LEAST A PRIVATE NETWORK OF COMPUTERS
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CONNECTING A SECOND PORTION OF COMPUTER TO AT LEAST A PUBLIC NETWORK OF COMPUTERS INCLUDING THE INTERNET
152
CONTROLLING THE FIRST AND SECOND PORTIONS FROM THE FIRST PORTION THROUGH THE PRIVATE NETWORK
154
PERFORMING OPERATIONS IN THE SECOND PORTION USING THE PUBLIC NETWORK
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FIG. 15

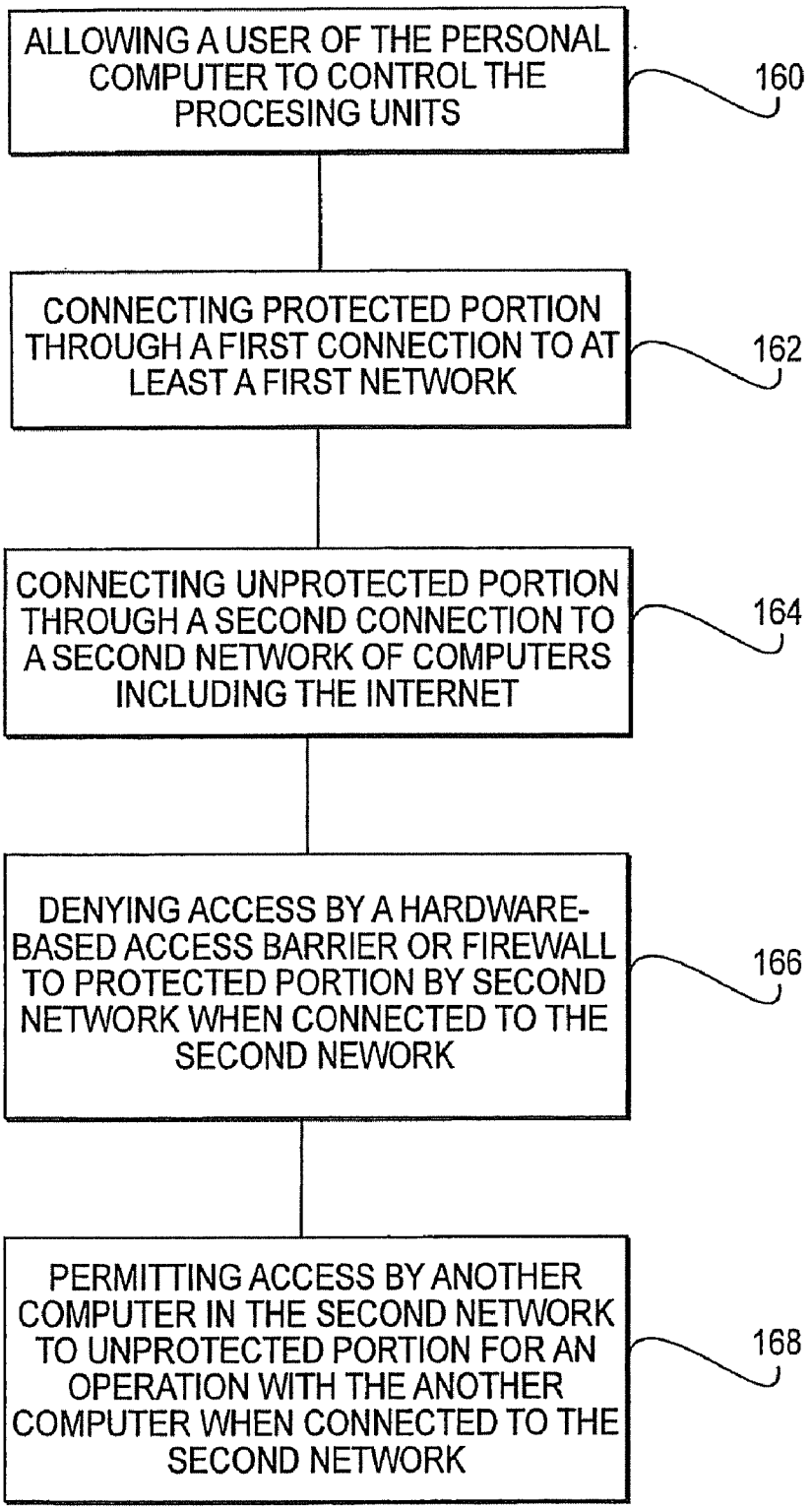
ALLOWING A USER OF THE PERSONAL COMPUTER TO CONTROL THE PROCESING UNITS
160
CONNECTING PROTECTED PORTION THROUGH A FIRST CONNECTION TO AT LEAST A FIRST NETWORK
162
CONNECTING UNPROTECTED PORTION THROUGH A SECOND CONNECTION TO A SECOND NETWORK OF COMPUTERS INCLUDING THE INTERNET
164
DENYING ACCESS BY A HARDWARE-BASED ACCESS BARRIER OR FIREWALL TO PROTECTED PORTION BY SECOND NETWORK WHEN CONNECTED TO THE SECOND NEWORK
166
PERMITTING ACCESS BY ANOTHER COMPUTER IN THE SECOND NETWORK TO UNPROTECTED PORTION FOR AN OPERATION WITH THE ANOTHER COMPUTER WHEN CONNECTED TO THE SECOND NETWORK
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FIG. 16

METHODS OF SECURELY CONTROLLING THROUGH ONE OR MORE SEPARATE PRIVATE NETWORKS AN INTERNET-CONNECTED COMPUTER HAVING ONE OR MORE HARDWARE-BASED INNER FIREWALLS OR ACCESS BARRIERS

This application is a nonprovisional of U.S. provisional app. no. 61/457,265, filed Feb 15, 2011, and a continuation of PCT/US2011/025257, filed Jan. 26, 2011, which, in turn, is a nonprovisional of U.S. provisional app. nos. 61/457,184, filed Jan. 24, 2011; 61/344,018; filed May 7, 2010, 61/282,861, filed Apr. 12, 2010; 61/282,503, filed Feb. 22, 2010 and 61/282,478, filed Feb. 17, 2010. PCT/US2011/025257 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 13/016,527, filed Jan. 28, 2011, which, in turn, is a nonprovisional of U.S. provisional app. Nos. 61/457,184, filed Jan. 24, 2011; 61/344,018; filed May 7, 2010, 61/282,861, filed Apr. 12, 2010; 61/282,503, filed Feb. 22, 2010; 61/282,478, filed Feb. 17, 2010; and 61/282,378, filed Jan. 29, 2010. PCT/US2011/025257 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 13/014,201, filed Jan. 26, 2011, which, in turn, is a nonprovisional of U.S. provisional app. nos. 61/457,184, filed Jan. 24, 2011; 61/344,018; filed May 7, 2010, 61/282,861, filed Apr. 12, 2010; 61/282,503, filed Feb. 22, 2010; 61/282,478, filed Feb. 17, 2010; 61/282,378, filed Jan. 29, 2010; 61/282,337, filed Jan. 26, 2010. The content of each and every one of the foregoing patent applications is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to any computer of any form, such as a personal computer and/or microchip, that has an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall that establishes a private unit that is disconnected from a public unit, the public unit being configured for a connection to a insecure public network of computers including the Internet. In addition, the computer's private unit is configured for a separate connection to at least one secure non-Internet-connected private network for administration, management, and/or control of the computer and/or microchip, locally or remotely, by either a personal user or a business or corporate entity.

More particularly, this invention relates to a computer and/or microchip with an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall separating the private unit that is not connected to the Internet from a public unit connected to the Internet, the private and public units being connected only by a hardware-based access barrier or firewall in the form of a secure, out-only bus or equivalent wireless connection. Even more particularly, this invention relates to the private and public units also being connected by an in-only bus (or equivalent wireless connection) that includes a hardware input on/off switch or equivalent signal interruption mechanism, including an equivalent circuit on a microchip or nanochip (or equivalent wireless connection). Still more particularly, this invention relates to the private and public units being connected by an output on/off switch or microcircuit or nanocircuit equivalent on the secure, out-only bus (or equivalent wireless connection).

In addition, this invention relates to a computer and/or microchip that is connected to a another computer and/or microchip, the connection between computers being made with the same hardware-based access barriers or firewalls including potentially any of the buses and on/off switches described in the preceding paragraph.

Finally, this invention relates to a computer and/or microchip with hardware-based access barriers or firewalls used successively between an outer private unit, an intermediate more private unit, an inner most private unit, and the public unit (or units), with each private unit potentially being configured for a connection to a separate secure private network. Also, Faraday Cage protection from external electromagnetic pulses for part or all of the computer and/or microchip can be provided.

By way of background, connecting computers to the Internet has immense and well know benefits today, but also has created overwhelming security problems that were not imagined when the basic architecture of modern electronic computers was developed in 1945, which was about twenty years before networks came into use. Even then, those first networks involved a very limited number of connected computers, had low transmission speeds between them, and the network users were generally known to each other, since most networks were relatively small and local.

In contrast, the number of computers connected to the Internet today is greater by a factor of many millions, broadband connection speeds are faster by a similar magnitude, the network connections stretch worldwide and connect to hundreds of thousands of bad actors whose identity is not easily or quickly known, if ever. Indeed, the Internet of today allows the most capable criminal hackers direct access to any computer connected to the Internet. This inescapable reality of the Internet has created a huge and growing threat to military and economic security worldwide. At the same time, connection to the Internet has become the communication foundation upon which both the global economy and individual users depend every day.

In summary, then, computer connection to the Internet is mandatory in today's world, so disconnection is not a feasible option, given the existing global dependence on the Internet. But those unavoidable connections have created a seemingly inherent and therefore unsolvable security problem so serious that it literally threatens the world. So Internet connection today is both unavoidable and unavoidably unsafe.

Past efforts to provide Internet security have been based primarily on conventional firewalls that are positioned externally, physically and/or functionally, between the computer and an external network like the Internet. Such conventional firewalls provide a screening or filtering function that attempts to identify and block incoming network malware. But because of their functionally external position, conventional firewalls must allow entry to a significant amount of incoming traffic, so either they perform their screening function perfectly, which is an impossibility, or at least some malware unavoidably gets into the computer and just a single instance of malware can cause a crash or worse. Once the malware is in, the von Neumann architecture of current computers provides only software protection, which is inherently vulnerable to malware attack, so existing computers are essentially indefensible from successful attack from the Internet, which has provided an easy, inexpensive, anonymous, and effective means for the worst of all hackers worldwide to access any computer connected to it.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, computers cannot be successfully defended without inner hardware or firmware-based access barriers or firewalls that, because of their internal position, can be designed much more simply to function as a access barrier or blockers rather than as general filters. An Internet filter has to screen any network traffic originating from anywhere in the

entire Internet, which is without measure in practical terms and is constantly, rapidly changing, an incredibly difficult if not impossible screening task. In contrast, an access barrier or blocker to an inner protected area of a computer can strictly limit access to only an exception basis. So, in simple terms, a conventional firewall generally grants access to all Internet traffic unless it can be identified as being on the most current huge list of ever changing malware; in contrast, an inner access barrier or blocker can simply deny access to all network traffic, with the only exception being a carefully selected and very short and conditioned list of approved and authenticated sources or types of traffic to which access is not denied.

Such a massively simpler and achievable access blocking function allowing for a much simpler and efficient mechanism for providing reliable security. Whereas a conventional but imperfect firewall requires extremely complicated hardware with millions of switches and/or firmware and/or software with millions of bits of code, the hardware-based access barriers described in this application require as little as a single simple one-way bus and/or another simple one-way bus with just a single switch and/or both simple buses, each with just a single switch. This extraordinarily tiny amount of hardware is at the absolute theoretical limit and cannot be less.

With this new and unique access denial approach, a computer and/or microchip can be simply and effectively defended from Internet malware attack with one or more hardware-based private, protected units (or zones or compartments) inside the computer. Any or all of these private units can be administrated, managed, and/or controlled by a personal or corporate computer user through the use of one or more separate and secure non-Internet private networks. By thus avoiding any connection whatsoever to the insecure public Internet, connection of the computer's private unit to the secure private network allows for all the well known speed, efficiency and cost effectiveness of network connection while still completely avoiding the incalculable risk of Internet connection.

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Finally, this application hereby expressly incorporates by reference in its entirety U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,428 issued 26 Dec. 2000, U.S. Pat. No. 6,725,250 issued 20 Apr. 2004, U.S. Pat. No. 6,732,141 issued 4 May 2004, U.S. Pat. No. 7,024,449 issued 4 Apr. 2006, U.S. Pat. No. 7,035,906 issued 25 Apr. 2006, U.S. Pat. No. 7,047,275 issued 16 May 2006, U.S. Pat. No. 7,506,020 issued 17 Mar. 2009, U.S. Pat. No. 7,606,854 issued 20 Oct. 2009, U.S. Pat. No. 7,634,529 issued 15 Dec. 2009, U.S. Pat. No. 7,805,756 issued 28 Sep. 2010, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,814,233 issued 12 Oct. 2010.

Definitions and reference numerals are the same in this application as in the above incorporated '657, '769, '049 and '553 U.S. applications, as well as in the above incorporated '428, '250, '141, '449, '906, '275, '020, '854, '529, '756, and '233 U.S. patents.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** shows any computer of any type or size or design, such as a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) or nanochip with an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50** establishing a Private Unit (or zone or compartment) **53** of the computer or microchip that is disconnected from a Public Unit (or zone or compartment) **54** that is connected to the insecure public Internet **3** (and/or another, intermediate network **2** that is connected to the Internet **3**). FIG. **1** also shows an example embodiment of the Private Unit **53** having at least one connection to at least one private and secure non-Internet-connected network **52** for personal or local administration of a computer such as the personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) and/or silicon wafer **1500** (or portion **1501**, **1502**, and/or **1503**), or graphene equivalent. The number and placement of the non-Internet-connected networks **52** is optional.

FIG. **2** shows an example embodiment similar to that shown in FIG. **1**, including a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) with an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50** separating a Private Unit **53** disconnected from the Internet **3** and a Public Unit **54** connected to the Internet **3**, but with the Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** connected only by a hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***a*, for example in the form of a secure, out-only bus (or wire) or channel **55** (or in an alternate embodiment, a wireless connection, including radio or optical).

FIG. **3** is an example embodiment similar to that shown in FIG. **2**, but with the Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** connected by a hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***b* example that also includes an in-only bus or channel **56** that includes a hardware input on/off switch **57** or equivalent function signal interruption mechanism, including an equivalent functioning circuit on a microchip or nanochip.

FIG. **4** is a similar example embodiment to that shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, but with Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** connected by a hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***c* example that also includes an output on/off switch **58** or microcircuit equivalent on the secure, out-only bus or channel **55**.

FIG. **5** shows an example embodiment of any computer such as a first personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) that is connected to a second computer such as a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**), the connection between computers made with the same hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***c* example that includes the same buses or channels with on/off switches or equivalents as FIG. **4**.

FIG. **6** shows an example embodiment of a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) similar to FIGS. **23**A and **23**B of the '657 Application, which showed multiple access barriers or firewalls **50** with progressively greater protection, but with hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***c*, **50***b*, and **50***a* used successively from a inner private unit **53**, to an intermediate more private unit 53^1, and to an inner most private unit 53^2, respectively.

FIG. **7** shows a schematic illustration of a classic Von Neumann computer hardware architecture.

FIGS. **8-14** are additional architectural schematic embodiment examples of **48**the use of hardware-based access barri-

ers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c* to create multiple compartments, as well as secure control buses and Faraday Cages.

FIGS. **15** and **16** illustrate methods in accordance with the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

FIGS. **1-4**, **6**, **8-14** all show useful architectural example embodiments of any computer or microchip, including a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) or silicon wafer (or graphene equivalent) **1500** (wafer or wafer portion **1501**, **1502**, and/or **1503**, as described in FIGS. **19-26** and associated text of the '553 Application, which are incorporated by reference herein); tablets, smartphones, servers (including blades) and cloud or supercomputer arrays are other well known examples of computers. The computer shown has an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50** establishing a secure Private Unit (or zone or compartment) **53** that is directly controlled by a user **49** (local in this example) and disconnected by hardware from a Public Unit (or zone or compartment) **54** that is connected to the open to the public and insecure Internet **3** and/or another, intermediate network **2**; the connection of the computer **1** (and/or **90** and/or **501** and/or **1500** or **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) to the network **2** and/or Internet **3** can be wired **99** or wireless **100**.

Hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50** (or **50***a*, **50***b*, or **50***c*) as used in this application refers to an access barrier that includes one or more access barrier or firewall-specific hardware and/or firmware components. This hardware and/or firmware configuration is in contrast to, for example, a computer firewall common in the art that includes only software and general purpose hardware, such as an example limited to firewall-specific software running on the single general purpose microprocessor or CPU of a computer.

The Internet-disconnected Private Unit **53** includes a master controlling device **30** for the computer PC**1** (and/or a master controller unit **93** for the microchip **90** and/or **501**) that can include a microprocessor or processing unit and thereby take the form of a general purpose microprocessor or CPU, for one useful example, or alternatively only control the computer as a master controller **31** or master controller unit **93'**. The user **49** controls the master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) located in the Private Unit **53** and controls both the Private Unit **53** at all times and any part or all of the Public Unit **54** selectively, but can peremptorily control any and all parts of the Public Unit **54** at the discretion of the user **49** through active intervention or selection from a range of settings, or based on standard control settings by default, using for example a secure control bus **48** (to be discussed later). The Public Unit **54** typically can include one or more cores or general purpose microprocessors **40** or **94** and/or graphics-based microprocessors **68** or **82** that are designed for more general operations and not limited to graphics-related operations, including very large numbers of either or both types of microprocessors, and potentially including one or more secondary controllers **32**, as well as any number of specialized or single-function microprocessors.

The inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall has the capability of denying access to said protected portion of the computer **1** or microchip **90** by an insecure public network including the Internet, while permitting access by any other computer in the insecure public network including the Internet to said one or more of the processing units included in the unprotected portion of the computer **1** or microchip **90** for an operation with said any other computer in the insecure public network including the Internet when the computer is connected to the insecure public network including the Internet. The operation can be any computer operation whatsoever involving some interaction between two computers including simply sending and/or receiving data and also including, but not limited to, specific examples such as searching, browsing, downloading, streaming, parallel processing, emailing, messaging, file transferring or sharing, telephoning or conferencing, and/or video conferencing.

More particularly, FIG. **1** shows a useful example of an optional (one or more) closed and secure private non-Internet-connected network **52** for personal or local administration and/or management and/or control of the Private Unit **53**. Wired **99** connection offers superior security generally for the closed and secure private network **52**, but wireless **100** connection is a option, especially if used with a sufficiently high level of encryption and/or other security measures, including low power radio signals of high frequency and short range and/or directional. Access from the closed and private non-Internet-connected network **52** can be limited to only a part of the Private Unit **53** or to multiple parts or to all of the Private Unit **53**.

The closed and secure private non-Internet-connected network **52** (not connected to the open and insecure public Internet **3** either directly or indirectly, such as through another, intermediate network like an Intranet **2**) allows specifically for use as a highly secure and closed private network for providing administrative or management or control functions like testing, maintenance, trouble-shooting, synchronizing files, modifying security, or operating or application system updates to the Private Units **53** of any computers (PC**1** or microchip **90** or **501**) with one or more Public Units **54** that are connected to an insecure local network **2**, such as a business or home network, that is connected to the public Internet **3**.

A particularly useful business example would be administering large numbers of local employee personal computers or network servers, and also including large arrays (especially blades) for cloud applications or supercomputer arrays with a vast multitude of microprocessors or local clusters; in the latter examples, it is possible for a centralized operator to use the secure private network **52** to control, securely and directly, the master controlling devices **30** or **31** or master controller unit **93** or **93'** and associated memory or other devices in the Private Units **53** of a multitude of servers, blades, or large arrays or clusters of computers that are connected to the Internet **3**. A personal use example would be to use a closed and secure private network **52** to connect the private unit **53** of a personal user's smartphone to the private unit **53** of the user's computer laptop in order to update and/or synchronize data or code between the two private units **53**. To maximize security, some or all network **52** traffic can be encrypted and/or authenticated, especially if wireless **100**, including with a very high level of encryption.

In addition, in another useful example, a computer (PC**1** and/or **90** and/or **501**) can be configured so that the closed and secure private non-Internet-connected network **52** can have the capability to allow for direct operational control of the Private Unit **53**, and thus the entire computer, from any location (including a remote one), which can be useful for example for businesses operating an array of servers like blades to host cloud operations or supercomputers with large numbers of microprocessors or cores.

One or more access barriers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, or **50***c* can be located between the secure private non-Internet-connected network **52** and the Private Unit **53** provides a useful example of increased security control.

In yet another useful example, a personal user **49** can dock his smartphone (PC**1** and/or **90** and/or **501** and/or **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) linking through wire or wirelessly to his laptop or desktop computer (PC**1** and/or **90** and/or **501** and/or **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) in a network **52** connection to synchronize the Private Units **53** of those two (or more) personal computers or perform other shared operations between the Private Units **53**. In addition, the Public Units **54** of the user's multiple personal computers can be synchronized simultaneously during the same tethering process, or perform other shared operations between the Public Units **54**. Other shared operations can be performed by the two or more linked computers of the user **49** utilizing, for example, two or three or more Private Units **53**, each unit with one or more private non-Internet connected networks **52**, while two or more Public Units **54** can perform shared operations using one or more other networks **2**, including the open and insecure Internet **3**, as shown later in FIG. **6**.

Also shown in FIG. **1** for personal computer PC**1** embodiments is an optional removable memory **47** located in the Private Unit **53**; the removable memory **47** can be of any form or type or number using any form of one or more direct connections to the Private Unit **53**; a thumbdrive or SD card are typical examples, connected to USB, Firewire, or other ports or card slots. FIG. **1** shows as well an optional one or more removable keys **46**, of which an access key, an ID authentication key, or an encryption and/or decryption key are examples, also connected to the Private Unit **53** using any form of connection, including the above examples. For microchip **90** (and/or **501**) embodiments, wireless connection is a feasible option to enable one or more removable memories **47** or one or more removable keys **46** (or combination of both), particularly for ID authentication and/or access control. In addition, all or part of the Private Unit **53** of a computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** (or wafer **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1501** can be removable from the remaining portion of the same computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**, including the Public Unit **54**; the access control barrier or firewall **50** (or **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c*) can be removable with the Private Unit **53** or remain with Public Unit **54**.

Similarly, FIG. **2** shows a useful architectural example embodiment of any computer or microchip, including a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** (or wafer **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) with an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50** separating a Private Unit **53** that is disconnected by hardware from external networks **2** including the Internet **3** and a Public Unit **54** that is connected to external networks including the Internet **3**.

In terms of communication between the two Units in the example shown in FIG. **2**, the Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** are connected only by an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***a* in the form of a secure, out-only bus (or wire) or channel **55** that transmits data or code that is output from the Private Unit **53** to be input to the Public Unit **54**. The user **49** controls the Private Unit **53**-located master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**), which controls all traffic on the secure out-only bus or channel **55**. Connections between the user **49** and the master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**), as well as between the master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) and any component controlled by it, can be for example hardwired on a motherboard (and/or executed in silicon on a microchip **90** and/or **501**) to provide the highest level of security.

In the example shown in FIG. **2**, there is no corresponding in-only bus or channel **56** transmitting data or code that is output from the Public Unit **54** to be input to the Private Unit **53**. By this absence of any bus or channel into the Private Unit **53**, all access from the Internet **3** or intervening network **2** to the Private Unit **53** is completely blocked on a permanent basis. Another example is an equivalent wireless connection between the two Units would require a wireless transmitter (and no receiver) in the Private Unit **53** and a receiver (and no transmitter) in the Public Unit **54**, so the Private Unit **53** can only transmit data or code to the Public Unit **54** and the Public Unit **54** can only receive data or code from the Private Unit **53** (all exclusive of external wireless transmitters or receivers of the PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**).

The Private Unit **53** can include any non-volatile memory, of which read-only memory and read/write memory of which flash memory (and hard drives and optical drives) are examples, and any volatile memory, of which DRAM (dynamic random access memory) is one common example.

An equivalent connection, such as a wireless (including radio and/or optical) connection, to the out-only bus or channel **55** between the two Units **53** and **54** would require at least one wireless transmitter in the Private Unit **53** and at least one receiver in the Public Unit **54**, so the Private Unit **53** can transmit data or code to the Public Unit **54** only (all exclusive of external wireless transmitters or receivers of the PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**).

An architecture for any computer or microchip (or nanochip) can have any number of inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a* arranged in any configuration.

FIG. **2** also shows an example embodiment of a firewall **50** located on the periphery of the computer **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) controlling the connection between the computer and the network **2** and Internet **3**; the firewall **50** can be hardwire-controlled directly by the master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**), for example.

FIG. **3** is a similar useful architectural example embodiment to that shown in FIG. **2**, but with the Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** connected in terms of communication of data or code by an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***b* example that includes a secure, out-only bus or channel **55**. The connection between units also includes an in-only bus or channel **56** that is capable of transmitting data or code that is output from the Public Unit **54** to be input into the Private Unit **53**, strictly controlled by the master controller **30** (and/or **31** and/or **93** and/or **93'**) in the Private Unit **53**. The in-only bus or channel **56** includes an input on/off switch (and/or microchip or nanochip circuit equivalent) **57** that can break the bus **56** Public to Private connection between Units, the switch **57** being controlled by the Private Unit **53**-located master controlling device **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**), which also controls all traffic on the in-only bus or channel **56**; the control can be hardwired.

For one example, the master controller **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) can by default use the on/off switch and/or micro-circuit (or nano-circuit) equivalent **57** to break the connection provided by the in-only bus or channel **56** to the Private Unit **53** from the Public Unit **54** whenever the Public Unit **54** is connected to the Internet **3** (or intermediate network **2**). In an alternate example, the master controller **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) can use the on/off switch and/or micro or nano-circuit equivalent **57** to make the connection provided by the in-only bus or channel **56** to the Private Unit **53** only when very selective criteria or conditions have been met first, an example of which would be exclusion of all input except when encrypted and from one of only a few authorized (and carefully authenticated) sources, so that Public Unit **54** input to the Private Unit **53** is extremely limited and tightly controlled from the Private Unit **53**.

Another example is an equivalent connection, such as a wireless (including radio and/or optical) connection, to the

in-only bus or channel **56** with an input on/off switch **57** between the two Units **53** and **54** would require at least one wireless receiver in the Private Unit **53** and at least one transmitter in the Public Unit **54**, so the Private Unit **53** can receive data or code from the Public Unit **54** while controlling that reception of data or code by controlling its receiver, switching it either "on" when the Public Unit **54** is disconnected from external networks **2** and/or **3**, for example, or "off" when the Public Unit **54** is connected to external networks **2** and/or **3** (all exclusive of external wireless transmitters or receivers of the PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**).

An architecture for any computer and/or microchip (or nanochip) can have any number of inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***b* arranged in any configuration.

FIG. **4** is a similar useful architectural example embodiment to that shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, but with Private Unit **53** and Public Unit **54** connected in terms of communication of data or code by an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***c* example that also includes an output on/off switch and/or microcircuit equivalent **58** on the secure out-only bus or channel **55**, in addition to the input on/off switch and/or microcircuit (or nano-circuit) equivalent **57** on the in-only bus or channel **56**.

The output switch or microcircuit equivalent **58** is capable of disconnecting the Public Unit **54** from the Private Unit **53** when the Public Unit **54** is being permitted by the master controller **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) to perform a private operation controlled (completely or in part) by an authorized third party user from the Internet **3**, as discussed previously by the applicant relative to FIG. **17**D and associated textual specification of the '657 Application incorporated above. The user **49** using the master controller **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) always remains in preemptive control on the Public Unit **54** and can at any time for any reason interrupt or terminate any such third party-controlled operation. The master controller **30** (or **31** or **93** or **93'**) controls both on/off switches **57** and **58** and traffic (data and code) on both buses or channels **55** and **56** and the control can be hardwired.

Another example is an equivalent connection, such as a wireless connection, to the in-only bus or channel **56** and out-only bus or channel **55**, each with an on/off switch **57** and **58** between the two Units **53** and **54**, would require at least one wireless transmitter and at least one receiver in the Private Unit **53**, as well as at least one transmitter and at least one receiver in the Public Unit **54**, so the Private Unit **53** can send or receive data or code to or from the Public Unit **54** by directly controlling the "on" or "off" state of its transmitter and receiver, controlling that flow of data or code depending, for example on the state of external network **2** or Internet **3** connection of the Public Unit **54** (again, all exclusive of external wireless transmitters or receivers of the PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**).

An architecture for any computer and/or microchip (or nanochip) can have any number of inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***c* arranged in any configuration.

FIG. **5** shows an architectural example embodiment of a first computer (personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** or wafer **1500**, or **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) functioning as a Private Unit **53'** that is connected to at least a second computer (or to a multitude of computers, including personal computers **1** and/or microchips **90** and/or **501** or **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) functioning as a Public Unit or Units **54'**. The connection between the private computer **53'** and the public computer or computers **54'** is made including the same inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50***c* architecture that includes the same buses and channels **55** and **56** with the same on/off switches **57** and **58** as previously described above in the FIG. **4** example above and can use the same hardwire control. Alternatively, inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a* or **50***b* can be used. In addition, inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c* can be used within the first and/or second computers.

The connection between the first and second computer can be any connection, including a wired network connection like the Ethernet, for example, or a wireless network connection, similar to the examples described above in previous FIGS. **2-4**. In the Ethernet example, either on/off switch **57** or **58** can be functionally replaced like in a wireless connection by control of an output transmitter or an input receiver on either bus or channel **55** or **56**; the transmitter or receiver being turned on or off, which of course amounts functionally to mere locating the on/off switches **55** or **56** in the proper position on the bus or channel **55** or **56** to control the appropriate transmitter or receiver, as is true for the examples in previous figures.

FIG. **6** shows a useful architectural example embodiment of any computer (a personal computer **1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** or wafer **1500**, **1501**, **1502**, or **1503**) similar to FIGS. **23**A and **23**B of the '657 Application incorporated by reference above, which showed multiple inner firewalls **50** with progressively greater protection. FIG. **6** shows an example of an internal array of inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***c*, **50***b*, and **50***a* (described in previous FIGS. **2-4** above) used in a specific sequence between a public unit **54** and a first private unit **53**, between the first private unit **53** and a more private second unit **53**^{1}, and between the more private second unit **53**^{1} and a most private third unit **53**^{2}, respectively.

In addition, FIG. **6** shows a useful architectural example embodiment of one or more master controllers-only C (**31** or **93'**) located in the most private unit **53**^{2}, with one or more microprocessors or processing units or "cores" S (**40** or **94**) located in the more private unit **53**^{1}, in the private unit **53**, and in the public unit **54**. Each of the microprocessors or processing units or cores S can have at least one secondary controller **32** with which it can be integrated, for example.

The microprocessors S (or processing units or cores) can be located in any of the computer units, but the majority in a many core architecture can be in the public unit to maximize sharing and Internet use. Alternatively, for computers that are designed for more security-oriented applications, a majority of the microprocessors S (or processing units or cores) can be located in the private units; any allocation between the public and private units is possible. Any other hardware, software, or firmware component or components can be located in the same manner as are microprocessors S (or master controllers-only C) described above.

An architecture for any computer and/or microchip or nanochip can have any number of inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c* arranged in any combination or configuration.

As shown in FIG. **6**, the private non-Internet network **52**, which was discussed previously relative to FIG. **1**, can consist in an example embodiment of more than one network, with each additional non-Internet network **52** being used to connect Private Units **53**^{2}, **53**^{1}, and **53** of one computer and/or microchip to separate non-Internet networks **52**^{2}, **52**^{1} and **52**, respectively, and that are connected to Private Units **53**^{2}, **53**^{1}, and **53**, respectively, of other computers and/or microchips. That is, each computer and/or microchip Private Unit **53**^{2}, **53**^{1}, and **53** can have its own separate, non-Internet network **52**^{2}, **52**^{1}, and **52**, respectively, and so that any Private Unit can be connected to other computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) units of the same level of security; any Private

Unit can also be subdivided into subunits of the same level of security. This is a useful embodiment example for making relatively local connections from business or home networks and scales up to large business servers, cloud, or supercomputers applications. The connections can be wired or wireless and local or non-local.

Similarly, a computer PC1 and/or microchip **90** or **501** Public Unit **54** can be subdivided into a number of different levels of security, for example, and each subdivided Public Unit **54** can have a separate, non-Internet connected network **52**; and a subdivided Public Unit **54** can be further subdivided with the same level of security. In addition, any hardware component (like a hard drive or Flash memory device (and associated software or firmware), within a private (or public) unit of a given level of security can be connected by a separate non-Internet network **52** to similar components within a private (or public) unit of the same level of security.

Any configuration of access barriers or firewalls **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c* can be located between any of the private non-Internet-connected networks 52^2, 52^1, and **52**, and the Private Units 53^2, 53^1, and **53**, respectively, providing a useful example of increased security control as shown in FIG. **6**.

Also shown in the example embodiment of FIG. **6**, each Private Unit 53^2, 53^1, and **53** can have one or more ports (or connections to one or more ports), like for a USB connection to allow for the use of one or more optional removable access and/or encryption or other keys **46**, and/or one or more optional removable memory (such as a USB Flash memory thumbdrive) or other device **47**, both of which as discussed previously in the text of FIG. **1**, which example can also have one or more ports for either **46** and/or **47** and/or other device. The Public Unit **54** can also have one or more of any such removable devices, or ports like a USB port to allow for them.

Any data or code or system state, for example, for any Public or Private Unit **54** or **53** can be displayed to the personal user **49** and can be shown in its own distinctive color or shading or border (or any other visual or audible distinctive characteristic, like the use of flashing text). FIG. **6** shows an example embodiment of different colors indicated for each of the Units.

For embodiments requiring a higher level of security, it may be preferable to eliminate permanently or temporarily block (by default or by user choice, for example) the non-Internet network 52^2 and all ports or port connections in the most private unit 53^2.

The public unit **54** can be subdivided into an encrypted area (and can include encryption/decryption hardware) and an open, unencrypted area, as can any of the private units **53**; in both cases the master central controller **30**, **31**, **93**, or **93'** can control the transfer of any or all code or data between an encrypted area and an unencrypted area considering factors such authentication.

The invention example structural and functional embodiments shown in the above described FIGS. **1-6**, as well as the following FIGS. **7-16** and the associated textual specification of this application all most directly relate to the example structural and functional embodiments of the inner firewall **50** described in FIGS. **10**A-**10**D, **10**J-**10**Q, **17**A-**17**D, **23**A-**23**E, **24**, **25**A-**25**D and **27**A-**27**G, and associated textual specification, of the above '657 Application incorporated by reference.

FIG. **7** shows the fundamental security problem caused by the Internet connection to the classic Von Neumann computer hardware architecture that was created in 1945. At that time there were no other computers and therefore no networks of even the simplest kind, so network security was not a consideration in its fundamental design, which is unsafe for use when connected to an open insecure public network of enormous scale, such as the Internet.

FIGS. **8-14** are useful architectural example embodiments of the inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c*.

FIG. **8** shows a useful example embodiment of the applicant's basic architectural solution to the fundamental security problem caused by the Internet, the solution being to protect the central controller of the computer with an inner firewall **50** controlling access by the Internet, as discussed in detail in FIGS. **10**A-**10**D and **10**J-**10**Q, and associated textual specification of the '657 Application, those specific drawing and text portions of which are incorporated by reference in this application; they were discussed as well as earlier in this application. FIG. **8** and subsequent figures describe example embodiments of a number of specific forms of an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall **50**, such as access barriers or firewalls **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c* as described previously in this application; the number and potential configurations of access barriers or firewalls **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c* within any computer, such as computer PC **1** and/or microchip **90** (and/or **501**) is without any particular limit.

FIG. **9** is a similar embodiment to FIG. **8**, but also showing a useful architectural example of a central controller integrated with a microprocessor to form a conventional general purpose microprocessor or CPU (like an Intel ×86 microprocessor, for example). FIG. **8** also shows a computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** with many microprocessors or cores.

FIG. **10** is the same embodiment as FIG. **9**, but also shows a major functional benefit of the applicant's access barrier or firewall **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c* invention, which is to enable a function to flush away Internet malware by limiting the memory access of malware to DRAM **66** (dynamic random access memory) in the Public Unit **54**, which is a useful example of a volatile memory that can be easily and quickly erased by power interruption. The flushing function of a firewall **50** was discussed earlier in detail in FIGS. **25**A-**25**D and associated textual specification of the '657 Application and those specific drawing and text portions of the '657 Application are incorporated by reference herein.

FIG. **11** is a useful example embodiment similar to FIG. **6** and shows that any computer or microchip can be partitioned into many different layers of public units **54** and private units **53** using an architectural configuration of access barriers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c*; the number and arrangement of potential configurations is without any particular limit; and the number of microprocessors **40** or **94** and/or **68** or **82** in the public unit **53** can be potentially any number, including 1 or 2 or 3 or at least 4 or 8 or 16 or 32 or 64 or 128 or 256 or 512 or 1024 or many more, as could potentially be the case in prior or subsequent figures. The partition architecture provided by firewalls **50** was discussed earlier in detail in FIGS. **23**A-**23**B and associated textual specification of the '657 Application and those specific drawing and text portions are incorporated by reference herein.

FIG. **12** is another useful architectural example embodiment of the layered use of access barriers or firewalls **50**, **50***c*, **50***b*, and **50***c* based on a kernel or onion structure; the number of potential configurations including relative to layers or types of access barriers or firewalls is without any particular limit. This structure was discussed in detail relative to firewalls **50** in FIGS. **23**D-**23**E and associated textual specification of the '657 Application and those specific drawing and text portions are incorporated by reference herein.

FIG. **13** is a useful architectural example embodiment showing the presence of many FIG. **12** example embodiments with layered access barriers or firewalls **50***a*, **50***b*, and **50***c* structures on all of the many hardware, software, and/or firmware components of a computer; the number of FIG. **12** embodiments or their potential configurations including relative to layers or types of access barriers or firewalls is without any particular limit in either the private unit **53** or the public unit **54** of any computer or microchip. The many layered kernels structure was discussed in more detail in FIG. **23**C and associated textual specification of the '657 Application and those specific drawing and text portions are incorporated by reference earlier. Note that any subcomponent or kernel of the FIG. **12** example embodiment can be protected by a hardware-based access barrier **50***a* (or **50***b* or **50***c* or **50**), a secure, out-only bus or channel **55**, and therefore can for example be effectively disconnected from any input from any network, including either the secure private network **52** and the insecure public network including the Internet **3**.

FIG. **14** is a useful architectural example embodiment similar to FIG. **13**, but also showing the computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** surrounded by a Faraday Cage **300**; the number of potential similar configurations is without any particular limit. This use of Faraday Cages **300** was discussed in detail in FIGS. **27**A-**27**G and associated textual specification of the '657 Application and those specific drawing and text portions are incorporated by reference herein.

FIG. **14** shows a useful example embodiment of a Faraday Cage **300** surrounding completely a computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**. The Faraday Cage **300** can be subdivided by an example partition **301** to protect and separate the Private Unit **53** from the Public Unit **54**, so that the Private Unit **53** is completely surrounded by Faraday Cage $\mathbf{300}^1$ and Public Unit **54** is completely surrounded by Faraday Cage $\mathbf{300}^2$, in the example embodiment shown. Each unit can alternatively have a discrete Faraday Cage **300** of its own, instead of partitioning a larger Faraday Cage **300** and the surrounding of a Unit can be complete or partial. Any number or configuration of Faraday Cages can be used in the manner shown generally in FIG. **14**, including a separate Faraday Cage for any hardware component of the computer or microchip.

The example embodiments shown in FIGS. **1-4**, **6-11**, and **13-16** are a computer of any sort, including a personal computer PC**1**; or a microchip **90** or **501**, including a microprocessor or a system on a chip (SoC) such as a personal computer on a microchip **90**; or a combination of both, such as a computer with the architecture shown in FIGS. **1-4**, **6-11**, and **13-16**, the computer also including one or more microchips also with the architecture shown in FIGS. **1-4**, **6-11**, and **13-16**.

The Public Unit **54** shown in FIGS. **1-6**, **8-11**, and **13-14** can be used in a useful embodiment example to run all or a part of any application (or "apps") downloaded from the Internet or Web, such as the example of any of the many thousands of apps for the Apple iPhone that are downloaded from the Apple Apps Store, or to run applications that are streamed from the Internet or Web. Similarly, all or part of a video or audio file like a movie or music can be downloaded from the Web and played in the Public Unit **54** for viewing and/or listening be the computer user **49**.

Some or all personal data pertaining to a user **49** can be kept exclusively on the user's computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** for any cloud application or app to protect the privacy of the user **49** (or kept non-exclusively as a back-up), unlike conventional cloud apps, where the data of a personal user **49** is kept in the cloud and potentially intentionally shared or carelessly compromised without authorization by or knowledge of the personal user **49**. In effect, the Public Unit **54** can be a safe and private local cloud, with personal files retained there or in the Private Unit **53**. All or part of an app can also potentially be downloaded or streamed to one or more Private Units, including $\mathbf{53}^2$, $\mathbf{53}^1$, and **53**.

Privacy in conventional clouds can also be significantly enhanced using the inner hardware-based access barriers or firewalls **50***a* and/or **50***b* and/or **50***c* described in this application, since each individual or corporate user of the cloud can be assured that their data is safe because it can be physically separated and segregated by hardware, instead of by software alone, as is the case currently.

Similarly, the example embodiment of FIG. **6** shows a computer and/or microchip Public Unit **54** and Private Units **53**, $\mathbf{53}^1$, and $\mathbf{53}^2$, each with a separate Faraday Cage. $\mathbf{300}^4$, $\mathbf{300}^3$, $\mathbf{300}^2$, and $\mathbf{300}^1$, respectively, that are created using partitions $\mathbf{301}^c$, $\mathbf{301}^b$, and $\mathbf{301}^a$, respectively. Any Public Unit **54** or Private Unit **53** can be protected by its own Faraday Cage **300**. The Faraday Cage **300** can completely or partially surround the any Unit in two or three dimensions.

FIGS. **8-11** and **13-14** also show example embodiments of a secure control bus (or wire or channel) **48** that connects the master controlling device **30** (or **31**) or master control unit **93** (or **93'**) or central controller (as shown) with the components of the computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**, including those in the Public Unit **54**. The secure control bus **48** provides hardwired control of the Public Unit **54** by the central controller in the Private Unit **53**. The secure control bus **48** can be isolated from any input from the Internet **3** and/or an intervening other network **2** and/or from any input or monitoring from any or all parts of the Public Unit **54**. The secure control bus **48** can provide and ensure direct preemptive control by the central controller over any or all the components of the computer, including the Public Unit **54** components. The secure control bus **48** can, partially or completely, coincide or be integrated with the bus **55**, for example. The secure control bus **48** is configured in a manner such that it cannot be affected, interfered with, altered, read or written to, or superseded by any part of the Public Unit **54** or any input from the Internet **3** or network **2**, for example. A wireless connection can also provide the function of the secure control bus **48** in a manner similar to that describing wireless connections above in FIGS. **2-6** describing buses **55** and **56**.

The secure control bus **48** can also provide connection for the central controller to control a conventional firewall or for example access barrier or firewall **50***c* located on the periphery of the computer or microchip to control the connection of the computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501** to the Internet **3** and/or intervening other network **2**.

The secure control bus **48** can also be used by the master central controller **30**, **31**, **93**, or **93'** to control one or more secondary controllers **32** located on the bus **48** or anywhere in the computer PC**1** and/or microchip **90** and/or **501**, including in the Public Unit **54** that are used, for example, to control microprocessors or processing units or cores S (**40** or **94**) located in the Public Unit **54**. The one or more secondary controllers **32** can be independent or integrated with the microprocessors or processing units or cores S (**40** or **94**) shown in FIGS. **9** and **11** above, for example; such integrated microprocessors can be a special purpose design or a common general purpose microprocessors like an Intel x86 microprocessor, for example.

In accordance with the present disclosure, a method of protecting a computer is disclosed in FIG. **15**. The computer includes may include a master controlling device that is configured using hardware and firmware; at least two general

purpose microprocessors; a protected portion of the computer; an unprotected portion of the computer; and an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall that is located between the protected portion of the computer and the unprotected portion of the computer, the protected portion including at least the master controlling device and at least one of the microprocessors, and the unprotected portion including at least one of the microprocessors, the at least one microprocessor of the unprotected portion being separate from and located outside of the inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall. As shown in FIG. **15**, the method of protecting a computer includes connecting a first portion of the computer through at least a first connection to at least a private network of computers (**150**); connecting a second portions of the computer through a second connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet (**152**); controlling the first and second portions of the computer from the first portion through the private network (**154**); and performing operations in the second portion using the public network (**156**).

In accordance with the present disclosure, a method of protecting a computer is disclosed in FIG. **16**. The computer may include a master controlling device that is configured using hardware and firmware; at least two general purpose microprocessors; a protected portion of the computer; an unprotected portion of the computer; and an inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall that is located between the protected portion of the computer and the unprotected portion of the computer, the protected portion including at least the master controlling device and at least one of the microprocessors, and the unprotected portion including at least one of the microprocessors, the at least one microprocessor of the unprotected portion being separate from and located outside of the inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall. As shown in FIG. **16**, the method includes allowing a user of the computer to control the microprocessors (**160**); connecting the protected portion of the computer through a first connection to at least a secure private network of computers (**162**); connecting the unprotected portion of the computer through a second connection to an insecure public network of computers including the Internet (**164**); denying access by the hardware-based access barrier or firewall to the protected portion of the computer by the insecure public network when the personal computer is connected to the insecure public network (**166**); and permitting access by any other computer in the insecure public network to the one or more of the processing units included in the unprotected portion of the computer for an operation with the any other computer in the insecure public network when the personal computer is connected to the insecure public network (**168**).

Any one or more features or components of FIGS. **1-16** of this application can be usefully combined with one or more features or components of FIGS. **1-31** of the above '657 U.S. Application or FIGS. **1-27** of the above '769 U.S. application. Each of the above '657 and '769 applications and their associated U.S. publications are expressly incorporated by reference in its entirety for completeness of disclosure of the applicant's combination of one or more features or components of either of those above two prior applications of this applicant with one or more features or components of this application. All such useful possible combinations are hereby expressly intended by this applicant.

Furthermore, any one or more features or components of FIGS. **1-16** of this application can be usefully combined with one or more features or components of the figures of the above '049 and '553 U.S. applications, as well as in the above '428, '250, '141, '449, '906, '275, '020, '854, '529, '756, and '233 U.S. patents. Each of the above '049 and '553 applications and their associated U.S. publications, as well as the above '428, '250, '141, '449, '906, '275, '020, '854, '529, '756, and '233 U.S. patents are expressly incorporated by reference in its entirety for completeness of disclosure of the applicant's combination of one or more features or components of either of those above two prior applications of this applicant with one or more features or components of this application. All such useful possible combinations are hereby expressly intended by this applicant.

In addition, one or more features or components of any one of FIGS. **1-16** or associated textual specification of this application can be usefully combined with one or more features or components of any one or more other of FIGS. **1-16** or associated textual specification of this application. And any such combination derived from the figures or associated text of this application can also be combined with any feature or component of the figures or associated text of any of the above incorporated by reference U.S. applications '657, '769, '049, and '553, as well as U.S. Pat. Nos. '428, '250, '141, '449, '906, '275, '020, '854, '529, '756, and '233.

The invention claimed is:

1. A method of securely controlling through two private networks a computer configured to operate as a general purpose computer and configured for connection to the Internet, said computer comprising:

at least one network connection configured for connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet, said at least one network connection being located in at least one public unit of said computer,

at least an additional and separate first private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, first private network of computers, at least said first separate private network connection being located in at least a first protected private unit of said computer, and

at least a first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that is located between and communicatively connects at least said first protected private unit of said computer and said at least one public unit of said computer;

wherein said first private unit, said public unit and said two separate network connections are separated by at least said first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall;

at least said first protected private unit of the computer includes at least a first microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said at least one public unit of the computer includes at least a second microprocessor or core or processing unit, configured to operate as a general purpose microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said second microprocessor or core or processing unit is separate from said first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall,

at least a separate, second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, second private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, second private network of computers, at least said second private network connection being located in at least a second protected private unit of said computer; and

said second protected private unit of the computer includes at least a third microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

said method comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said first private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from

said first private network of computers to said first separate private network connection in said first protected private unit of said computer;

receiving said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said first protected private unit of said computer;

transmitting data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said first protected private unit to at least a part of said public unit;

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said second private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said second private network of computers to said second private network connection in said second protected private unit of said computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said second protected private unit of said computer from said second private network of computers, said part of said second protected private unit including at least said third microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said third microprocessor or core or processing unit through said second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first protected private unit.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely controlling said computer.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely providing administrative functions for said computer.

4. The method of claim **3**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely maintaining the computer, remotely testing the computer, or remotely updating an operating or application system of said computer.

5. The method of claim **3**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes performing at least one operation in the public unit of said computer.

6. The method of claim **1**, wherein said computer further comprises:

at least a separate, third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, third private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, third private network of computers, said at least a third private network connection being located in at least a third protected private unit of said computer;

said third protected private unit of the computer includes at least a fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said third private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said third private network of computers to said third private network connection in said third protected private unit of said computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said third protected private unit of said computer from said third private network of computers, said part of said third protected private unit including at least said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit through said third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first or second protected private unit.

7. A method of securely controlling through two private networks a computer configured to operate as a general purpose computer and configured for connection to the Internet, said computer comprising:

at least one network connection configured for connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet, said at least one network connection being located in at least one public unit of said computer,

at least an additional and separate first private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, first private network of computers, at least said first separate private network connection being located in at least a first protected private unit of said computer, and

at least a first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that is located between and communicatively connects at least said first protected private unit of said computer and said at least one public unit of said computer;

wherein said first private unit, said public unit and said two separate network connections are separated by at least said first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall;

at least said first protected private unit of the computer includes at least a first microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said at least one public unit of the computer includes at least a second microprocessor or core or processing unit, configured to operate as a general purpose microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said second microprocessor or core or processing unit is separate from said first inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall,

at least a separate, second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, second private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, second private network of computers, at least said second private network connection being located in at least a second protected private unit of said computer; and

said second protected private unit of the computer includes at least a third microprocessor or core or processing unit;

said second protected private unit of said computer being located between said first protected private unit and said public unit of said computer; and

said method comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said second private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said second private network of computers to said second separate private network connection in said second protected private unit of said computer;

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said second protected private unit of said computer from said second private network of computers, said part of said second protected private unit including at least said third microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said third microprocessor or core or processing unit through said second inner hardware-based access barrier or firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first protected private unit.

8. The method of claim **7**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely controlling said computer.

9. The method of claim **7**, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely providing administrative functions for said computer.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein at least one said controlling step includes remotely maintaining the computer, remotely testing the computer, or remotely updating an operating or application system of said computer.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein at least one said controlling step includes performing at least one operation in the public unit of said computer.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein said computer further comprises:

at least a separate, third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, third private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, third private network of computers, said at least a third private network connection being located in at least a third protected private unit of said computer;

said third protected private unit of the computer includes at least a fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said third private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said third private network of computers to said third private network connection in said third protected private unit of said computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said third protected private unit of said computer from said third private network of computers, said part of said third protected private unit including at least said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit through said third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first or second protected private unit.

13. A method for an operator using at least one private network to securely control at least two computers of at least one cloud or other array or cluster of two or more computers, said computers being configured to operate as general purpose computers and configured for connection to the Internet, each of said at least two computers comprising:

at least one network connection configured for connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet, said at least one network connection being located in at least one public unit of said computer,

at least one additional and separate private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, private network of computers, said at least one additional and separate private network connection being located in at least one protected private unit of said computer, and

at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that is located between and communicatively connects said at least one protected private unit of said computer and said at least one public unit of said computer;

wherein said private and public units and said two separate network connections are separated by said at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall;

said at least one protected private unit of the computer includes at least a first microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said at least one public unit of the computer includes at least a second microprocessor or core or processing unit, configured to operate as a general purpose microprocessor or core or processing unit, and

said second microprocessor or core or processing unit is separate from said inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall; and

said method comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of each of said at least two computers from said private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said operator through said private network of computers to said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of each of said at least two computers;

receiving said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit of each of said at least two computers; and

transmitting data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit to at least a part of said public unit of each of said at least two computers.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said controlling step includes remotely controlling said computer.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein said controlling step includes remotely providing administrative functions for said computer.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said controlling step includes remotely maintaining the computer, remotely testing the computer, or remotely updating an operating or application system of said computer.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said computer further comprises:

at least a separate, second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, second private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, second private network of computers, said at least a second private network connection being located in at least a second protected private unit of said computer;

said second protected private unit of the computer includes at least a third microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said second private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said second private network of computers to said second private network connection in said second protected private unit of said computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said second protected private unit of said computer from said second private network of computers, said part of said second protected private unit including at least said third microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said third microprocessor or core or processing unit through said second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first protected private unit.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said computer further comprises:

at least a separate, third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, third private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, third private network of computers, said at least a third private network connection being located in at least

a third protected private unit of said computer;

said third protected private unit of the computer includes at least a fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of said computer from said third private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said third private network of computers to said third private network connection in said third protected private unit of said computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said third protected private unit of said computer from said third private network of computers, said part of said third protected private unit including at least said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit through said third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first or second protected private unit.

19. The method of claim **15**, wherein said controlling step includes performing at least one operation in the public unit of said computer.

20. A method of at least a first computer securely controlling through a private network at least a second computer, said computers including personal computers, tablets, smartphones, or other general purpose computers and said computers being configured for connection to the Internet, each of said computers comprising:

at least one network connection configured for connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet, said at least one network connection being located in at least one public unit of said computer,

at least one additional and separate private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, private network of computers, said at least one additional and separate private network connection being located in at least one protected private unit of said computer, and

at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that is located between and communicatively connects said at least one protected private unit of said computer and said at least one public unit of said computer;

wherein said private and public units and said two separate network connections are separated by said at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall;

said at least one protected private unit of the computer includes at least a first microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said at least one public unit of the computer includes at least a second microprocessor or core or processing unit, configured to operate as a general purpose microprocessor or core or processing unit, and

said second microprocessor or core or processing unit is separate from said inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall; and

said method comprising the steps of:

controlling by at least said first computer at least one operation of said second computer through said private network of computers, said control including at least transmitting data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit of at least said first computer to said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said first computer;

transmitting data and/or code from said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said first computer through said private network of computers to said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said second computer; and

receiving said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit of at least said second computer from said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said second computer; and

transmitting said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit to at least a part of said public unit in said second computer.

21. The method of claim **20**, wherein said controlling step includes remotely controlling said computer.

22. The method of claim **20**, wherein said controlling step includes remotely providing administrative functions for said computer.

23. The method of claim **22**, wherein said controlling step includes remotely maintaining the computer, remotely testing the computer, or remotely updating an operating or application system of said computer.

24. The method of claim **23**, wherein each of said computers further comprises:

at least a separate, second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, second private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, second private network of computers, said at least a second private network connection being located in at least a second protected private unit of each said computer;

said second protected private unit of each said computer includes at least a third microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of at least one of said computers from said second private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said second private network of computers to said second private network connection in said second protected private unit of said at least one computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said second protected private unit of said at least one computer from said second private network of computers, said part of said second protected private unit including at least said third microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said third microprocessor or core or processing unit through said second inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first protected private unit of said at least one computer.

25. The method of claim **24**, wherein each said computer further comprises:

at least a separate, third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that protects at least a separate, third private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, third private network of computers, said at least a third private network connection being located in at least a third protected private unit of each said computer;

said third protected private unit of each said computer includes at least a fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said method further comprising the steps of:

controlling at least one operation of at least one said computer from said third private network of computers, said operation including at least transmitting data and/or code from said third private network of computers to said third private network connection in said third protected private unit of said at least one computer; and

receiving said data and/or code in at least a part of said third protected private unit of said at least one computer from said third private network of computers, said part of said third protected private unit including at least said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit; and

transmitting data and/or code by said fourth microprocessor or core or processing unit through said third inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall to at least a part of said public unit or said first or second protected private unit of said at least one computer.

26. The method of claim **22**, wherein said controlling step includes performing at least one operation in the public unit of said computer.

27. A method of at least a first computer securely controlling through a private network at least a second computer, said computers being configured for connection to the Internet, each of said computers comprising:

at least one network connection configured for connection to at least a public network of computers including the Internet, said at least one network connection being located in at least one public unit of said computer,

at least one additional and separate private network connection configured for connection to at least a separate, private network of computers, said at least one additional and separate private network connection being located in at least one protected private unit of said computer, and

at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall that is located between and communicatively connects said at least one protected private unit of said computer and said at least one public unit of said computer;

wherein said private and public units and said two separate network connections are separated by said at least one inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall;

said at least one protected private unit of the computer includes at least a first microprocessor or core or processing unit,

said at least one public unit of the computer includes at least a second microprocessor or core or processing unit, configured to operate as a general purpose microprocessor or core or processing unit, and

said second microprocessor or core or processing unit is separate from said inner hardware-based access barrier or inner hardware-based firewall; and

said method comprising the steps of:

controlling by at least said first computer at least one operation of said second computer through said private network of computers, said control including at least transmitting data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit of at least said first computer to said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said first computer;

transmitting data and/or code from said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said first computer through said private network of computers to said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said second computer; and

receiving said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit of at least said second computer from said separate private network connection in said protected private unit of at least said second computer; and

transmitting said data and/or code by said first microprocessor or core or processing unit in said protected private unit to at least a part of said public unit in said second computer.

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