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(54) **SMART DOCK FOR ACTIVATING A VOICE RECOGNITION MODE OF A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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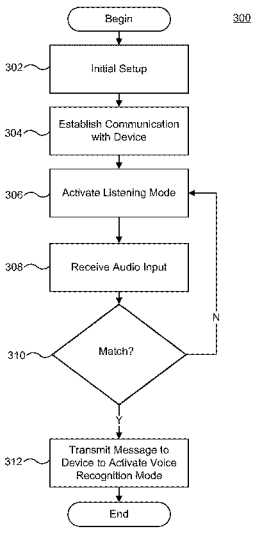
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A dock for a portable electronic device including a housing, a connector extending from the housing to connect the portable electronic device to the dock, a microphone integrated within the housing, and a processor. The processor is operatively coupled to receive audio input from the microphone, and in response to the audio input, transmit a message to the portable electronic device via the connector to activate a voice recognition mode of the portable electronic device.

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