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(54) **Device for remotely monitoring vending machines and the like**

(57) A device for remotely monitoring vending machines and the like, comprising cellular telephone communication means (1) which are associated with a vending machine in order to automatically transmit a call to notify of malfunctions and/or statistical and sales data of the vending machine.

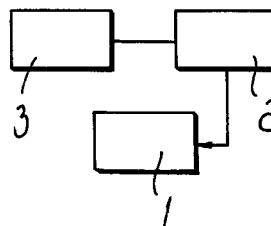


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