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(54) **Method and apparatus for collecting information from multiple vehicles**

(57) The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for collecting remote data in a mobile vehicle. The method comprises the steps of a first vehicle (10) receiving selected information from a resource data system (ISP). A second vehicle (12) identifies needed information which it lacks and which may potentially be

available from the first vehicle (10). The second vehicle (12) transmits an information request via a wireless communication system to the first vehicle (10) requesting the needed information and the first vehicle (10) transmits the needed information to the second vehicle (12) if the needed information is available within the selected information.

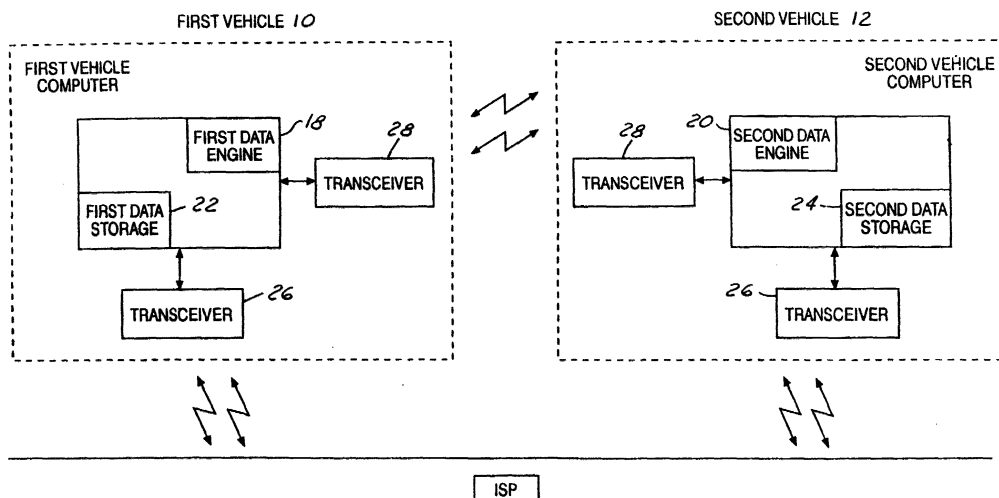


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