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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Apparatus and processes to allow a user of a voice messaging system such as a telephone answering device to delete only selected portions of a recorded voice message and/or to save only selected portions of a recorded voice message. A recorded voice message is marked and delineated into separate portions, e.g., at predetermined time intervals, at intermittent time intervals, at random time intervals, at content-silent or quiet points based on content of the underlying voice message, etc. The marked portions of the voice message can be selectively deleted or saved from the voice message leaving a reduced length and thus efficient voice message remaining in voice message memory. The portions of the recorded voice message may be deleted or saved either before, during, or after playback of the relevant portions of the recorded voice message.

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