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(54) **MAP DECLUTTER**

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ABSTRACT

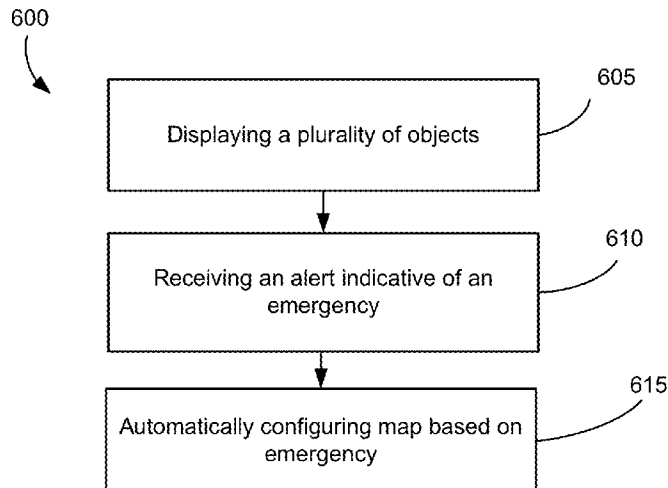
Methods, devices, and systems may be used to automatically declutter a map. In an example, operations may be effectuated that include displaying a map of a region with a plurality of objects and responsive to receiving an alert within the region, automatically providing instructions to display a subset of the plurality of objects. The subset of the plurality of objects may be selected based on an unmanned aerial vehicle associated with the region.

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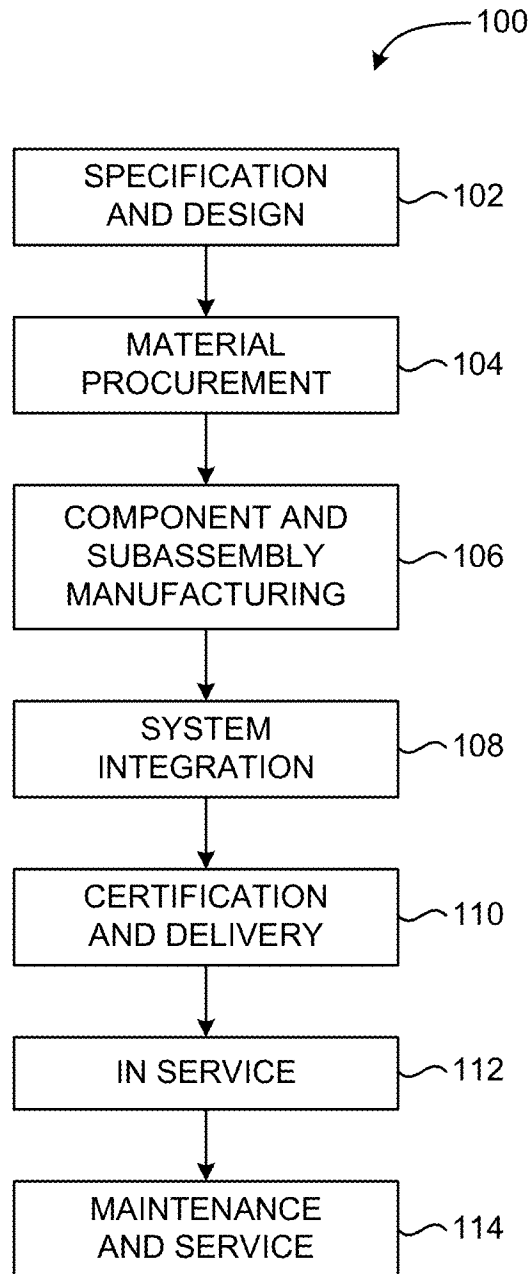
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**FIG. 1**

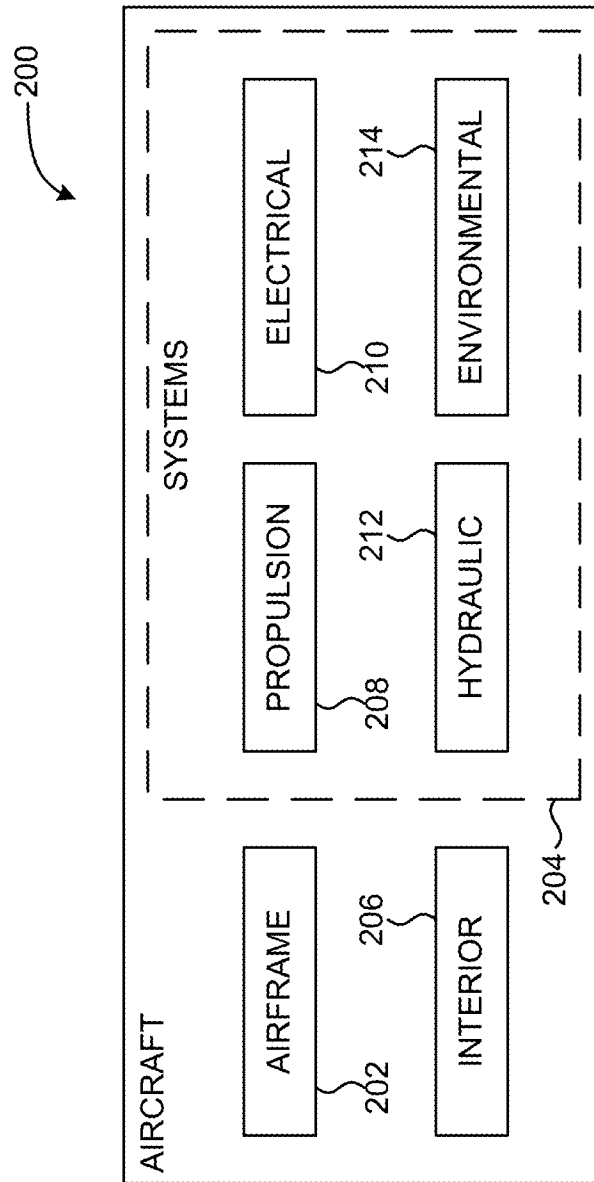


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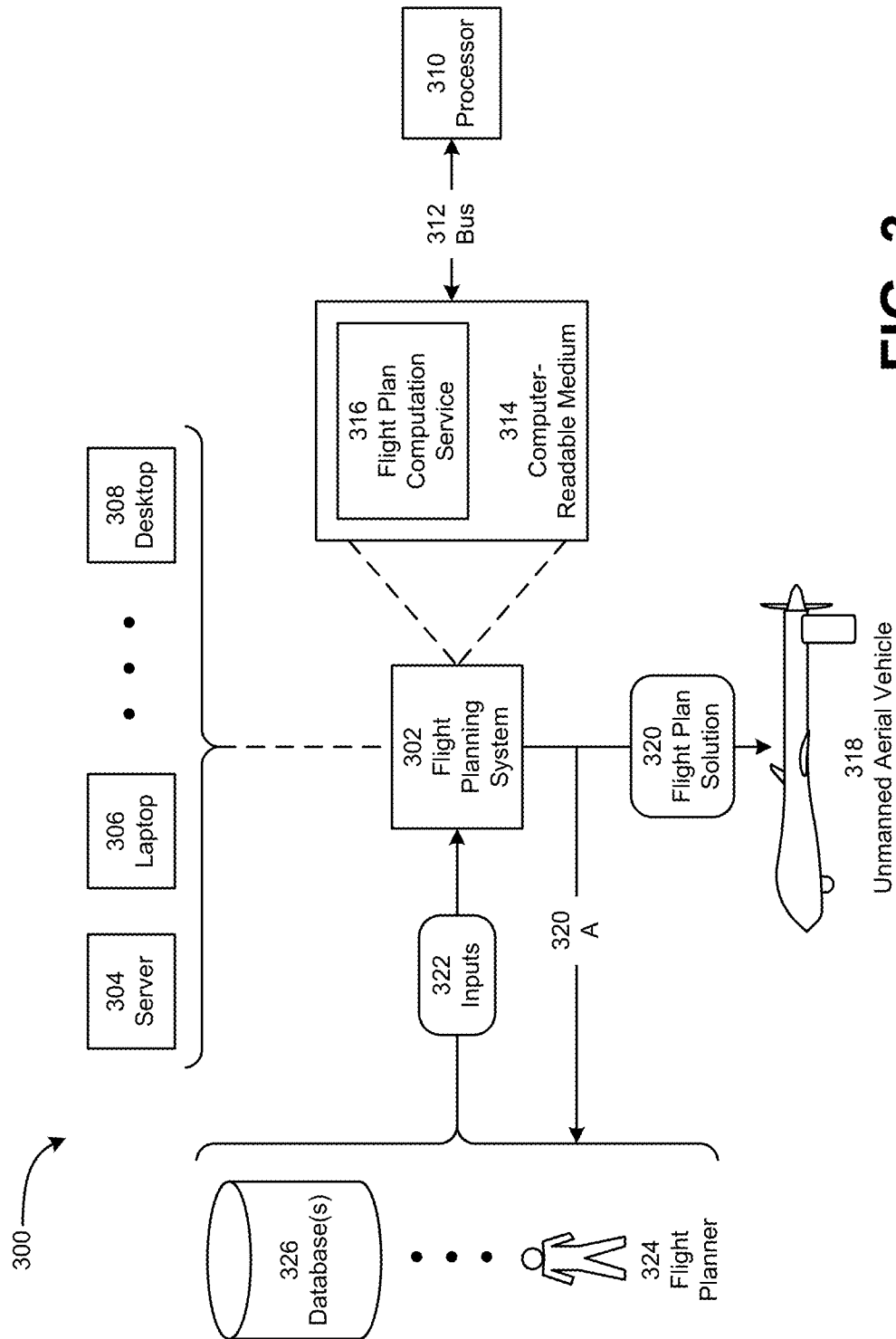


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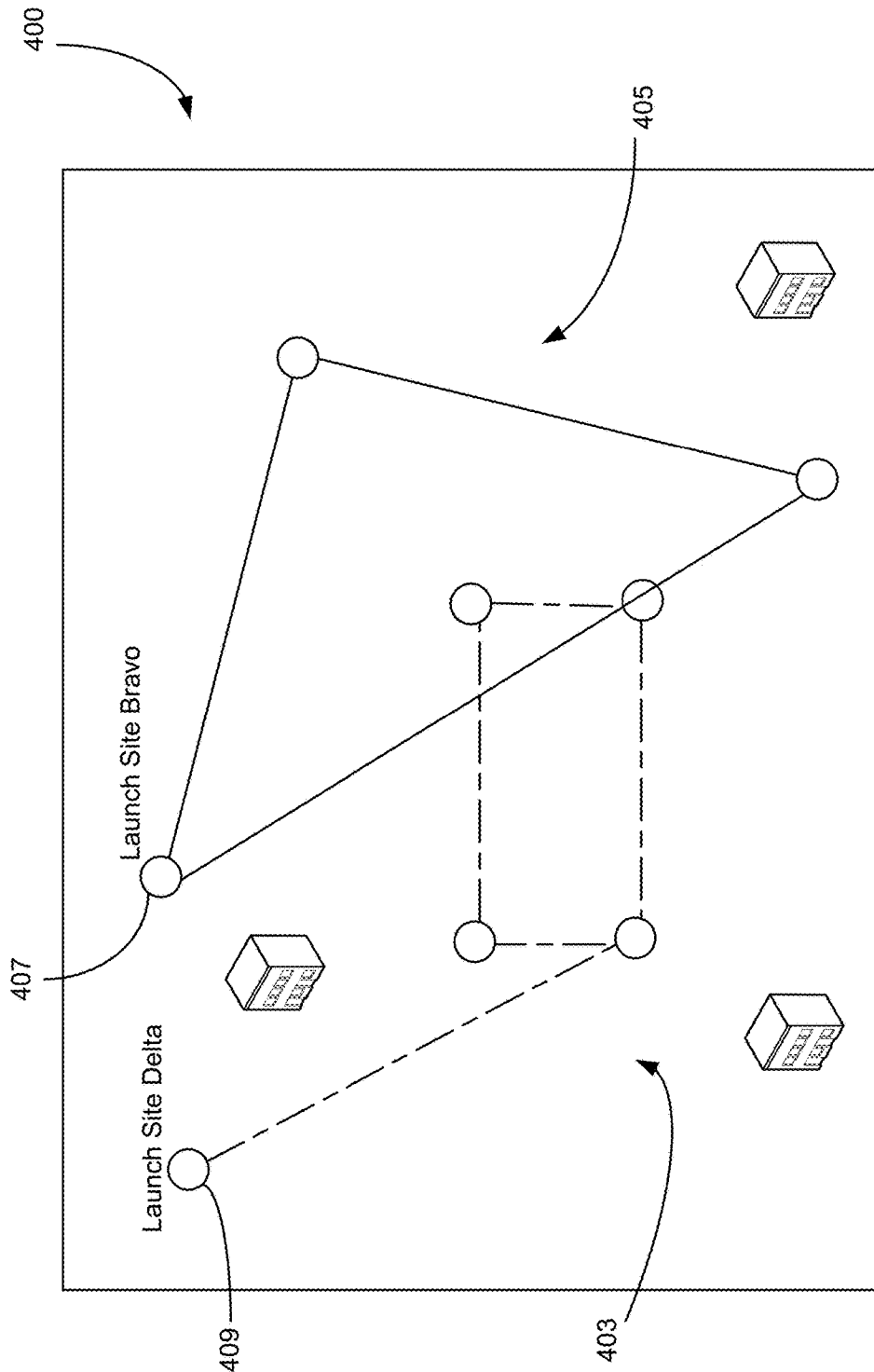
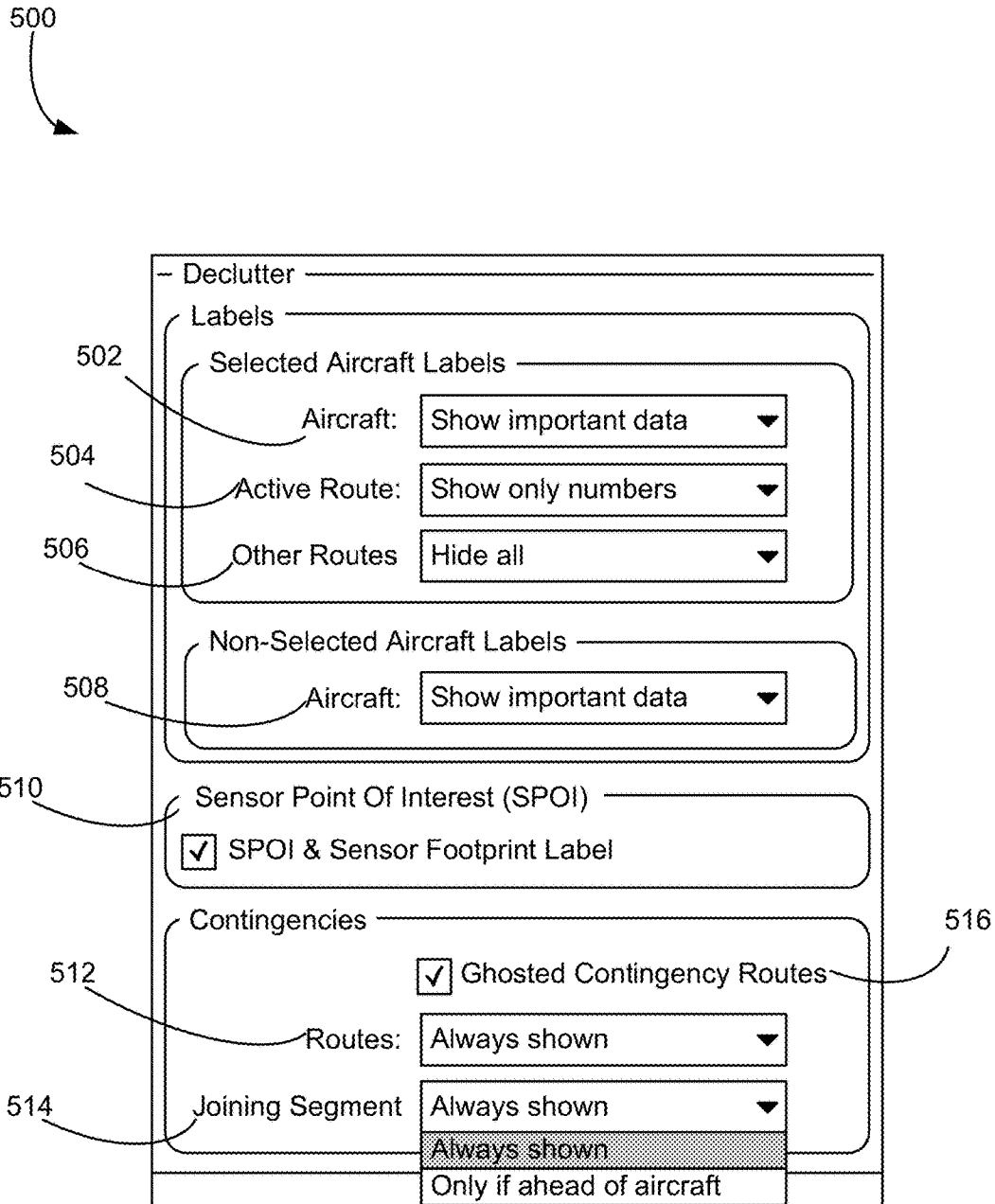
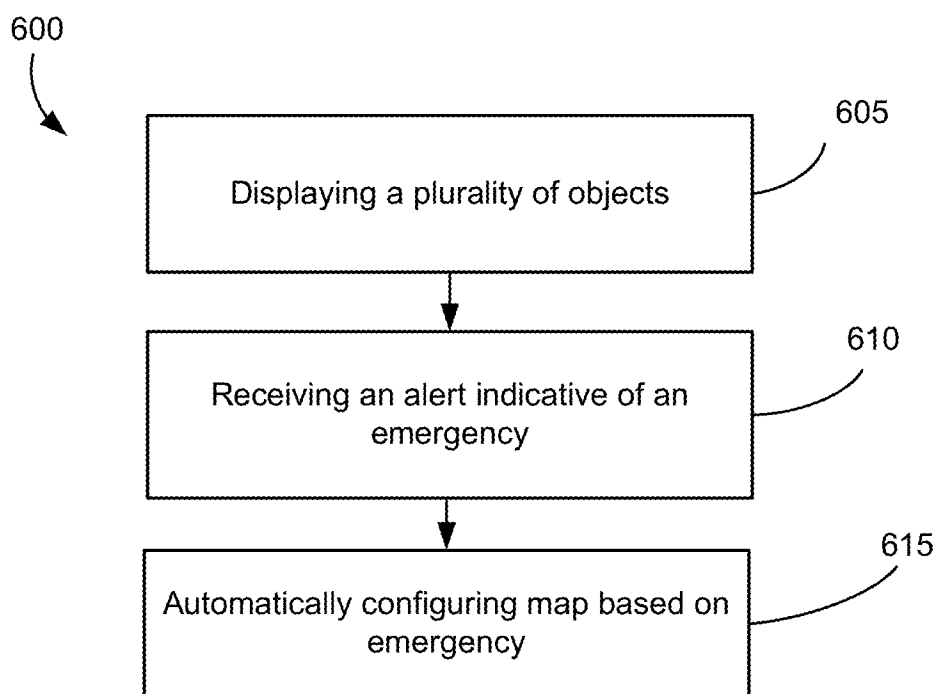


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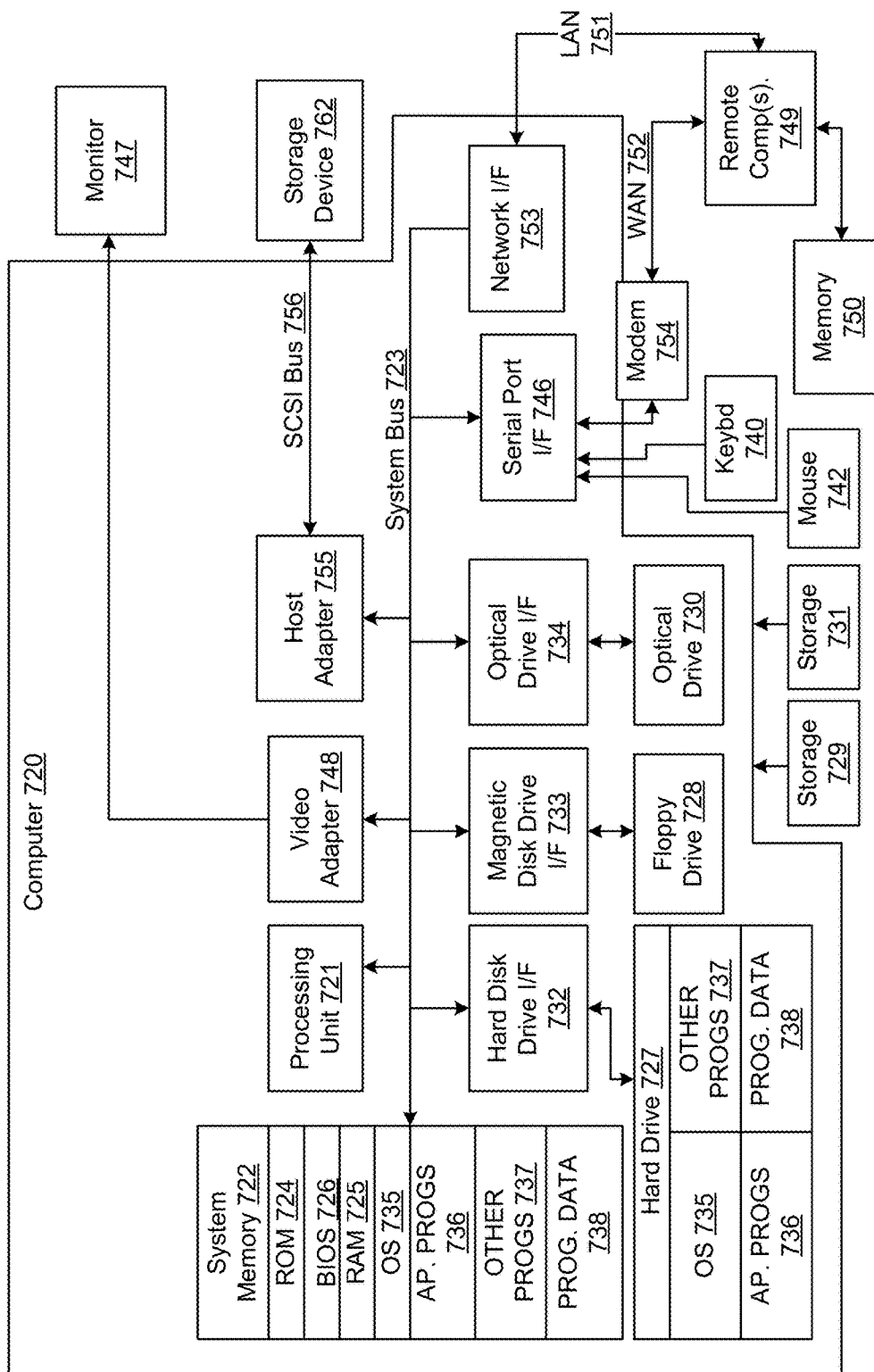


FIG. 7

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MAP DECLUTTER

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/872,380, filed Aug. 30, 2013, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) may have a range of uses such as reconnaissance and operating as combat-ready sensor and weapons platforms. A UAV may launch and execute a mission by flying to one or more points of interest along a predefined route. An operator may load the points of interest such as launch and landing locations into the UAV as a mission flight plan that the operator develops using a flight planner or ground control station with a graphical user interface. The flight path of the UAV may be tracked on a map.

SUMMARY

Disclosed are methods, devices, and systems for decluttering a map. In an example, there may be a method that includes displaying a map of a region, the map of the region including a plurality of objects. The method further includes receiving an alert from an unmanned aerial vehicle in the region and displaying a subset of the plurality of objects on the map of the regions wherein the subset of the plurality of objects is based on the alert.

In an example, there may be a system comprising a display, a processor communicatively connected with the display, and a memory coupled to the processor. The memory may have stored thereon executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to effectuate operations that include providing instructions to display a map of a region, the map of the region including a plurality of objects, receiving an alert indicative of an emergency located within the region, and responsive to receiving the alert, automatically providing instructions to display a subset of the plurality of objects wherein the subset of the plurality of objects is based on an unmanned aerial vehicle being involved with the emergency.

In an example, there may be a processor and a memory communicatively connected with the processor. The memory may have stored thereon executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to effectuate operations that include receiving an alert indicative of an emergency located within a region and responsive to receiving the alert, automatically providing instructions to display a subset of a plurality of objects on a map, the subset of the plurality of objects based on an unmanned aerial vehicle being involved with the emergency.

This Summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described below in the Detailed Description. This Summary is not intended to identify key features or essential features of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended to be used to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter. Furthermore, the claimed subject matter is not limited to limitations that solve any or all disadvantages noted in any part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 depicts a flow diagram of an aircraft production and service methodology;

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FIG. 2 depicts a block diagram of an aircraft;

FIG. 3 depicts a block diagram illustrating systems or operating environments for controlling unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs);

FIG. 4 is an illustration of a map associated with a UAV;

FIG. 5 illustrates a declutter interface;

FIG. 6 illustrates an example method for decluttering a map associated with a UAV; and

FIG. 7 is a block diagram representing a general purpose computer system in which aspects of the methods and systems disclosed herein or portions thereof may be incorporated.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

Disclosed are methods, devices, and systems for decluttering a map. In an example, there may be a method that includes receiving an alert from an unmanned aerial vehicle in a region and displaying a subset of a plurality of objects on a map of the regions wherein the subset of the plurality of objects is based on the alert.

Examples in this disclosure may be described in the context of aircraft manufacturing and service method **100** as shown in FIG. 1 and an aircraft **200** as shown in FIG. 2. During pre-production, aircraft manufacturing and service method **100** may include specification and design **102** of aircraft **200** and material procurement **104**.

During production, component and subassembly manufacturing **106** and system integration **108** of aircraft **200** takes place. Thereafter, aircraft **200** may go through certification and delivery **110** in order to be placed in service **112**. While in service by a customer, aircraft **200** is scheduled for routine maintenance and service **114**, which may also include modification, reconfiguration, refurbishment, and so on.

Each of the processes of aircraft manufacturing and service method **100** may be performed or carried out by a system integrator, a third party, and/or an operator (e.g., a customer). For the purposes of this description, a system integrator may include, without limitation, any number of aircraft manufacturers and major-system subcontractors; a third party may include, for example, without limitation, any number of vendors, subcontractors, and suppliers. An operator may be an airline, leasing company, military entity, service organization, and so on.

As shown in FIG. 2, aircraft **200** produced by aircraft manufacturing and service method **100** may include airframe **202** with a plurality of systems **204** and interior **206**. Examples of systems **204** include one or more of propulsion system **208**, electrical system **210**, hydraulic system **212**, and environmental system **214**. Any number of other systems may be included in this example. Although an aerospace example is shown, the principles of the disclosure may be applied to other industries, such as the automotive industry.

Apparatus and methods embodied herein may be employed during any one or more of the stages of aircraft manufacturing and service method **100**. For example, without limitation, components or subassemblies corresponding to component and subassembly manufacturing **106** may be fabricated or manufactured in a manner similar to components or subassemblies produced while aircraft **200** is in service.

FIG. 3 illustrates systems or operating environments, denoted generally at **300**, that provide flight plans for UAVs while routing around obstacles having spatial and temporal

dimensions. These systems **300** may include one or more flight planning systems **302**. FIG. **3** illustrates several examples of platforms that may host the flight planning system **302**. These examples may include one or more server-based systems **304**, one or more portable computing systems **306** (whether characterized as a laptop, notebook, tablet, or other type of mobile computing system), and/or one or more desktop computing systems **308**. As detailed elsewhere herein, the flight planning system **302** may be a ground-based system that performs pre-flight planning and route analysis for the UAVs, or may be a vehicle-based system that is housed within the UAVs themselves.

Implementations of this description may include other types of platforms as well, with FIG. **3** providing non-limiting examples. For example, the description herein contemplates other platforms for implementing the flight planning systems, including but not limited to wireless personal digital assistants, smartphones, or the like. The graphical elements used in FIG. **3** to depict various components are chosen only to facilitate illustration, and not to limit possible implementations of the description herein.

Turning to the flight planning system **302** in more detail, it may include one or more processors **310**, which may have a particular type or architecture, chosen as appropriate for particular implementations. The processors **310** may couple to one or more bus systems **312** that are chosen for compatibility with the processors **310**.

The flight planning systems **302** may include one or more instances of computer-readable storage media **314**, which couple to the bus systems **312**. The bus systems may enable the processors **310** to read code and/or data to/from the computer-readable storage media **314**. The media **314** may represent storage elements implemented using any suitable technology, including but not limited to semiconductors, magnetic materials, optics, or the like. The media **314** may include memory components, whether classified as RAM, ROM, flash, or other types, and may also represent hard disk drives.

The storage media **314** may include one or more modules **316** of instructions that, when loaded into the processor **310** and executed, cause the server **302** to provide flight plan computation services for a variety of UAVs **318**. These modules may implement the various algorithms and models described and illustrated herein.

The UAVs **318** may be of any convenient size and/or type as appropriate for different applications. In different scenarios, the UAVs may range from relatively small drones to relatively large transport aircraft. Accordingly, the graphical illustration of the UAV **318** as shown in FIG. **1** is representative only, and is not drawn to scale.

The flight plan services **316** may generate respective flight plan solutions **320** for the UAVs **318** based on inputs **322**, with flight planning personnel **324** and/or one or more databases **326** providing inputs **322**.

Assuming that the flight plan services **316** define one or more solutions **320**, the flight planning system **302** may load the solutions into the UAVs **318**, as represented by the arrow connecting blocks **302** and **318** in FIG. **3**. In addition, the flight planning system **302** may also provide the solutions **320** to the flight planner **324** and/or the databases **326**, as denoted by the arrow **320A**.

FIG. **4** is an illustration of a map **400** associated with a UAV. Map **400** includes a UAV flight path **403** (dotted lines) and a UAV flight path **405** (solid lines). As indicated on map **400**, there are launch sites Delta **409** and Bravo **407**. In an example, a graphical user interface (GUI) may display map **400** of a region including points of interest based on a UAV.

The map **400** may show a region including a current location of a UAV, the flight path of the UAV, historical (e.g., previous) flights of the UAV, launch location of the UAV (e.g., Delta **409** and Bravo **407**), landing location of the UAV, buildings of interest, and flight paths of other UAVs, among other things. Simple geometric shapes, bitmap pictures, a combination of the aforementioned, or the like may represent the points of interest. Next to each point of interest there may be text including information associated with the point of interest, such as height of the UAV, speed of the UAV, or a name of a launch site (e.g., "Launch Site Delta").

Points of interest and other objects may be removed manually or automatically from a UAV associated map. In an example, a user may select points of interest or other objects that may be shown on the map. FIG. **5** illustrates an example declutter interface **500**. Declutter interface **500** has several selectable options for the objects shown on a UAV associated map. An object may include a simple representative geometric shape (e.g., a closed polygon, line segment, joining segment, or circle) or a more complex image, such as a picture of a building, terrain, or an aircraft. Declutter interface **500** has options regarding displayed labels associated with one or more UAVs, such as aircraft labels **502**, active routes **504**, and other routes **506**, among other things. For selected aircraft labels **502** and non-selected aircraft labels **508** there may be several options to select including show important data, show all data, and show name. For example, the option "show name for selected aircraft labels" **502**, if selected, may only show the name of the UAV without other related UAV information such as altitude, speed, or heading. For active route **504** and other routes **506** there may be several options to select such as show all data, show only numbers, and hide all. For example, the option "show only numbers for active route" **504**, if selected, may only show the number instead of the route name or other information describing the route, such as altitude. The option "important data" may be defined as data that is useful to maintain the operator's situational awareness of a given object. The goal is to ensure operators can see that information displayed next to each instance of an object on the map. In the case of a UAV that may include vehicle speed, altitude, etc.

Declutter interface **500** also has a selectable option sensor point of interest (SPOI) **510** for showing SPOI data. Most sensors have an area of coverage on the ground. In the case of a camera (electrical-optical and/or infrared) that coverage looks like a box projected onto the ground and maps to the edges of the video screen. The SPOI, in the case of video, is defined as the center of that box. In simple terms it represents where the camera is looking. By dragging the SPOI icon on the map operators can relocate where a camera is pointing.

Declutter interface **500** may also have a selectable option for displaying contingencies. The contingency routes may be displayed as ghosted contingency routes. The ghosted contingency routes may be a light colored or semi-transparent line that displays the contingency route. The term route as associated with a UAV may be considered a collection of waypoints put together. Contingency routes may be considered a change in the primary route of a UAV based on a situation, such as an emergency. In an example, a Contingency A route and a Contingency B route may be defined. For example, Contingency A route may be a first route that a UAV should take if a wing or other portion of the UAV is damaged. Contingency B route may be a route that a UAV should take if there is a loss in communication to a flight planning system. As can be imagined, if all contingency

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routes are simultaneously shown for every waypoint of a UAV route, the display may become cluttered for an operator. The selectable options of ghost contingency routes **516** and the selectable options for routes **512** and joining segments **514** (e.g., only if ahead of aircraft) allow for a display to have less clutter. For example, an option “only if ahead of aircraft” may show a contingency route only for the next waypoint and not for waypoints that were already passed by the UAV or waypoints beyond the next waypoint.

Points of interest and other objects may also be removed automatically from a UAV associated map. For example, an alert may be received from an unmanned aerial vehicle in a region and a subset of a plurality of objects on a map of the region may be displayed, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects is based on the alert. An alert may include the unmanned aerial vehicle arriving at a waypoint, the unmanned aerial vehicle being in a condition indicative of an emergency, or the unmanned aerial vehicle sensing one of the plurality of objects. In another example, automatic removal of objects from a UAV associated map may be based on time thresholds (e.g., most recent executed flight paths), an emergency, a UAV sensor detecting a particular structure (e.g., a building), and the like. In an example, a UAV may be deployed for an emergency. The UAV may already be in flight or may be launched as a result of the emergency. The emergency may be a search and rescue mission or engaging an enemy combatant, for example. The map displaying one or more UAV associated objects may be cluttered. Objects may be automatically removed when an emergency situation arises in order to remove or minimize the clutter on the display. When there are objects associated with a plurality of UAVs on a display, objects regarding the UAV(s) associated with the emergency may remain on the screen while the objects associated with the non-emergency UAV(s) are removed from the screen or substantially minimized (e.g., removing non-essential historical paths and descriptive text).

FIG. 6 illustrates an example method **600** for decluttering a map associated with a UAV. At block **605**, a plurality of objects associated with one or more UAVs are displayed on a map of a region. As stated herein, the objects may include points of interest such as a current location of a UAV, the flight path of the UAV, historical (e.g., previous) flight paths of the UAV, launch and landing location of the UAV, buildings of interest, and flight paths of other UAVs, among other things. At block **610**, an alert indicative of an emergency may be received. The emergency may be associated with one or more UAVs. For example, a first UAV may be in an emergency state (e.g., crash landing or on the verge of crash landing) and a second UAV may be selected to respond to the emergency. In another example, a UAV may be selected to respond to search and rescue of a person. At block **615**, responsive to a device receiving the emergency alert, a map may be automatically configured by the device to display on a GUI. The map may show just the objects related with the UAV(s) associated with the emergency alert. In another example, once a threshold number of UAVs are displayed on a map, the map may be automatically configured by the device to display particular information. The amount of objects associated with the UAV shown on the map for a particular UAV may be based on the priority level set for the UAV. So the higher the priority of the UAV the more (or different) objects associated with the UAV may be displayed. The display of different objects may include displaying simple geometric shapes instead of bitmap pictures, a combination of simple geometric shapes instead of bitmap pictures, or the like.

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FIG. 7 and the following discussion are intended to provide a brief general description of a suitable computing environment in which the methods and systems disclosed herein and/or portions thereof may be implemented. Although not required, the methods and systems disclosed herein is described in the general context of computer-executable instructions, such as program modules, being executed by a computer, such as a client workstation, server, personal computer, or mobile computing device such as a smartphone. Generally, program modules include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures and the like that perform particular tasks or implement particular abstract data types. Moreover, it should be appreciated the methods and systems disclosed herein and/or portions thereof may be practiced with other computer system configurations, including hand-held devices, multi-processor systems, microprocessor-based or programmable consumer electronics, network PCs, minicomputers, mainframe computers and the like. A processor may be implemented on a single-chip, multiple chips or multiple electrical components with different architectures. The methods and systems disclosed herein may also be practiced in distributed computing environments where tasks are performed by remote processing devices that are linked through a communications network. In a distributed computing environment, program modules may be located in both local and remote memory storage devices.

FIG. 7 is a block diagram representing a general purpose computer system in which aspects of the methods and systems disclosed herein and/or portions thereof may be incorporated. As shown, the general purpose computing system includes a computer **720** or the like, including a processing unit **721**, a system memory **722**, and a system bus **723** that couples various system components including the system memory to the processing unit **721**. The system bus **723** may be any of several types of bus structures including a memory bus or memory controller, a peripheral bus, and a local bus using any of a variety of bus architectures. The system memory includes read-only memory (ROM) **724** and random access memory (RAM) **725**. A basic input/output system **726** (BIOS), containing the basic routines that help to transfer information between elements within the computer **720**, such as during start-up, is stored in ROM **724**.

The computer **720** may further include a hard disk drive **727** for reading from and writing to a hard disk (not shown), a magnetic disk drive **728** for reading from or writing to a removable magnetic disk **729**, and an optical disk drive **730** for reading from or writing to a removable optical disk **731** such as a CD-ROM or other optical media. The hard disk drive **727**, magnetic disk drive **728**, and optical disk drive **730** are connected to the system bus **723** by a hard disk drive interface **732**, a magnetic disk drive interface **733**, and an optical drive interface **734**, respectively. The drives and their associated computer-readable media provide non-volatile storage of computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules and other data for the computer **720**. As described herein, computer-readable media is a tangible, physical, and concrete article of manufacture and thus not a signal per se.

Although the environment described herein employs a hard disk, a removable magnetic disk **729**, and a removable optical disk **731**, it should be appreciated that other types of computer readable media which can store data that is accessible by a computer may also be used in the operating environment. Such other types of media include, but are not limited to, a magnetic cassette, a flash memory card, a digital

video or versatile disk, a Bernoulli cartridge, a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), and the like.

A number of program modules may be stored on the hard disk, magnetic disk **729**, optical disk **731**, ROM **724** or RAM **725**, including an operating system **735**, one or more application programs **736**, other program modules **737** and program data **738**. A user may enter commands and information into the computer **720** through input devices such as a keyboard **740** and pointing device **742**. Other input devices (not shown) may include a microphone, joystick, game pad, satellite disk, scanner, or the like. These and other input devices are often connected to the processing unit **721** through a serial port interface **746** that is coupled to the system bus, but may be connected by other interfaces, such as a parallel port, game port, or universal serial bus (USB). A monitor **747** or other type of display device is also connected to the system bus **723** via an interface, such as a video adapter **748**. In addition to the monitor **747**, a computer may include other peripheral output devices (not shown), such as speakers and printers. The system of FIG. 7 also includes a host adapter **755**, a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) bus **756**, and an external storage device **762** connected to the SCSI bus **756**.

The computer **720** may operate in a networked environment using logical connections to one or more remote computers, such as a remote computer **749**. The remote computer **749** may be a personal computer, a server, a router, a network PC, a peer device or other common network node, and may include many or all of the elements described above relative to the computer **720**, although only a memory storage device **750** has been illustrated in FIG. 7. The logical connections depicted in FIG. 7 include a local area network (LAN) **751** and a wide area network (WAN) **752**. Such networking environments are commonplace in offices, enterprise-wide computer networks, intranets, and the Internet.

When used in a LAN networking environment, the computer **720** is connected to the LAN **751** through a network interface or adapter **753**. When used in a WAN networking environment, the computer **720** may include a modem **754** or other means for establishing communications over the wide area network **752**, such as the Internet. The modem **754**, which may be internal or external, is connected to the system bus **723** via the serial port interface **746**. In a networked environment, program modules depicted relative to the computer **720**, or portions thereof, may be stored in the remote memory storage device. It will be appreciated that the network connections shown are examples and other means of establishing a communications link between the computers may be used.

Computer **720** may include a variety of computer readable storage media. Computer readable storage media can be any available media that can be accessed by computer **720** and includes both volatile and nonvolatile media, removable and non-removable media. By way of example, and not limitation, computer readable media may comprise computer storage media and communication media. Computer storage media include both volatile and nonvolatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of information such as computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data. Computer storage media include, but are not limited to, RAM, ROM, EEPROM, flash memory or other memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile disks (DVD) or other optical disk storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium which can be used to store the desired

information and which can be accessed by computer **720**. Combinations of any of the above should also be included within the scope of computer readable media that may be used to store source code for implementing the methods and systems described herein. Any combination of the features or elements disclosed herein may be used in one or more examples.

In describing preferred examples of the subject matter of the present disclosure, as illustrated in the figures, specific terminology is employed for the sake of clarity. The claimed subject matter, however, is not intended to be limited to the specific terminology so selected, and it is to be understood that each specific element includes all technical equivalents that operate in a similar manner to accomplish a similar purpose.

This written description uses examples to disclose the invention, including the best mode, and also to enable any person skilled in the art to practice the invention, including making and using any devices or systems and performing any incorporated methods. The patentable scope of the invention is defined by the claims, and may include other examples that occur to those skilled in the art. Such other examples are intended to be within the scope of the claims if they have structural elements that do not differ from the literal language of the claims, or if they include equivalent structural elements with insubstantial differences from the literal languages of the claims.

What is claimed:

1. A method for decluttering a map, the method comprising:
 - displaying, by a display device, the map of a region, the map of the region including a plurality of objects and aircraft labels associated with a plurality of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), the objects including at least one geometric shape or image;
 - receiving a setting of a priority level for each of the UAVs;
 - receiving an alert from at least one of the UAVs in the region; and
 - in response to the received alert, automatically decluttering the map by removing at least one object or aircraft label such that a selected subset of the plurality of objects and aircraft labels is displayed, the decluttering comprising removing all objects but the objects associated with UAVs associated with the alert, wherein the decluttered map shows just the objects associated with the UAVs associated with the alert and the objects associated with each of the UAVs associated with the alert are displayed according to a priority level set for the associated UAV.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the alert comprises at least one of:
 - the at least one of the UAVs arriving at a waypoint,
 - the at least one of the UAVs being in a condition indicative of an emergency, or
 - the at least one of the UAVs sensing one of the plurality of objects.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying a subset of the plurality of objects comprises displaying a closed polygon.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying a subset of the plurality of objects comprises displaying a plurality of closed polygons and a joining segment.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises a route number.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises an active route for the at least one of the UAVs.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises contingency routes.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein more or different objects are displayed for UAVs having a priority level higher than at least one other of the plurality of UAVs.

9. A system comprising;

a display;

a processor communicatively connected with the display; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory having stored thereon executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to effectuate operations comprising:

providing instructions to display a map of a region, the map of the region including a plurality of objects and aircraft labels associated with a plurality of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), the objects including at least one geometric shape or image; receiving a setting of a priority level for each of the UAVs;

receiving an alert from at least one of the UAVs in the region, the alert indicative of an emergency located within the region regarding at least one of the plurality of UAVs in the region; and

responsive to receiving the alert, automatically providing instructions to declutter the map by removing at least one object or aircraft label such that a selected subset of the plurality of objects and aircraft labels is displayed, the subset of the plurality of objects includes only the objects involved with the emergency, wherein the decluttered map shows just the objects associated with the UAVs associated with the alert and the objects associated with each of the UAVs associated with the alert are displayed according to a priority level set for the associated UAV.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises a closed polygon.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises a plurality of closed polygons and a joining segment.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises an active route for the UAVs.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the subset of the plurality of objects comprises contingency routes.

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14. The system of claim 13, wherein the contingency routes are displayed as ghost routes.

15. A device comprising;

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory having stored thereon executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to effectuate operations comprising:

displaying a map of a region, the map of the region including a plurality of objects and aircraft labels associated with one or more unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), the objects including at least one geometric shape or image;

receiving a setting of a priority level for each of the UAVs;

receiving an alert from at least one of the UAVs in the region, the alert indicative of an emergency located within a region; and

responsive to receiving the alert, automatically decluttering the map by removing at least one object or aircraft label such that a selected subset of the plurality of objects and aircraft labels is displayed, the decluttering comprising removing all of the objects except the objects associated with UAVs associated with the alert, wherein the decluttered map shows just the objects associated with the UAVs associated with the alert and the objects associated with each of the UAVs associated with the alert are displayed according to a priority level set for the associated UAV.

16. The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of objects comprises a closed polygon.

17. The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of objects comprises a plurality of closed polygons and a joining segment.

18. The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of objects comprises a route number.

19. The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of objects comprises an active route for the unmanned aerial vehicle.

20. The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of objects comprises contingency routes.

21. The device of claim 20, wherein the contingency routes are displayed as ghost routes.

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