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In the Specification:

- Please amend the paragraph starting on page 9, line 20, as follows:

It is known that the echo path includes nonlinear components that cannot be removed by foreground adaptive filter 220 and, thus, after subtraction of echo model signal 222 from echo signal 217, there remains residual echo, which must be eliminated by nonlinear processor (NLP) 230. As shown NLP 230 receives residual echo signal or error signal 219 from error estimator 218 and generates Sout ~~220~~ 232 for transmission to far end. If error signal 219 is below a certain level, NLP 230 replaces the residual echo with either comfort noise if the comfort noise option is enabled, or with silence if the comfort noise option is disabled.