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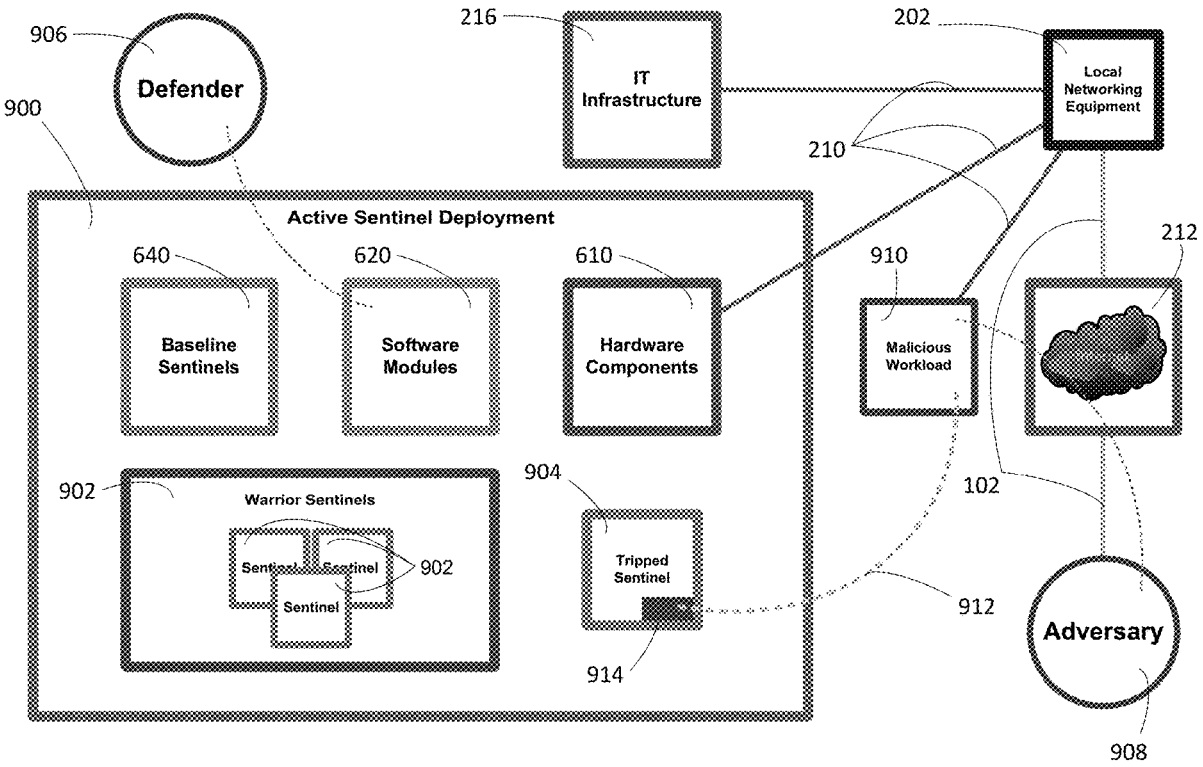
(57) **ABSTRACT**

Method and apparatus for protecting computer resources from malicious attack including baseline sentinels and warrior sentinels. Baseline sentinels are deployed on a network serving only as decoys and containing no company data. When any attempt to communicate with a baseline sentinel is detected, a host of warrior sentinels (also containing no company data) are deployed to act as additional decoys, diminishing the chance that a malicious attack will reach a valuable computer resource and collecting information on the malicious attacker. Once the malicious attack stops or is defeated, the warrior sentinels are retired and the system resets to baseline sentinels.