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# Fractured Backbones – Incidents Detection and Forensics in Telco Networks

**POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

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## Joint research of Incident Response and Telco Security Teams







# Introduction

What we use today and  
what technology lies  
at the heart of it

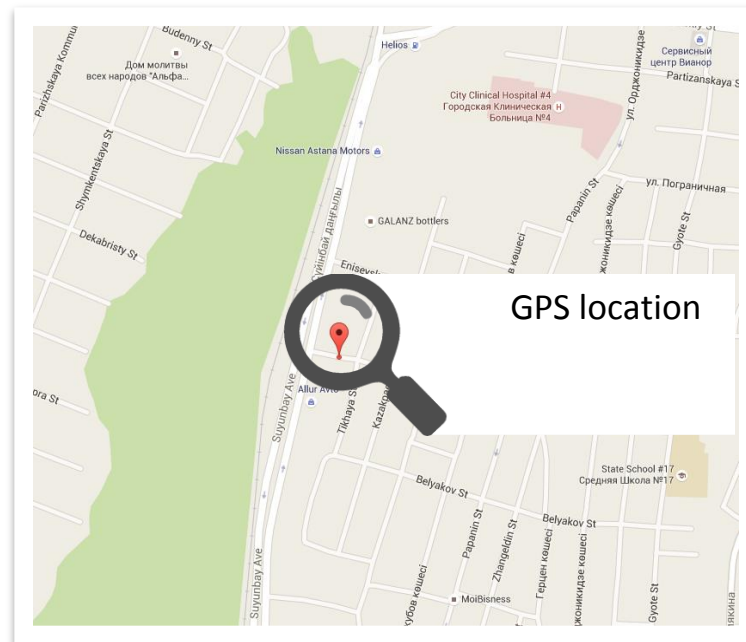


Mobile internet  
Social networks  
Messengers  
Online banking  
Internet of Things

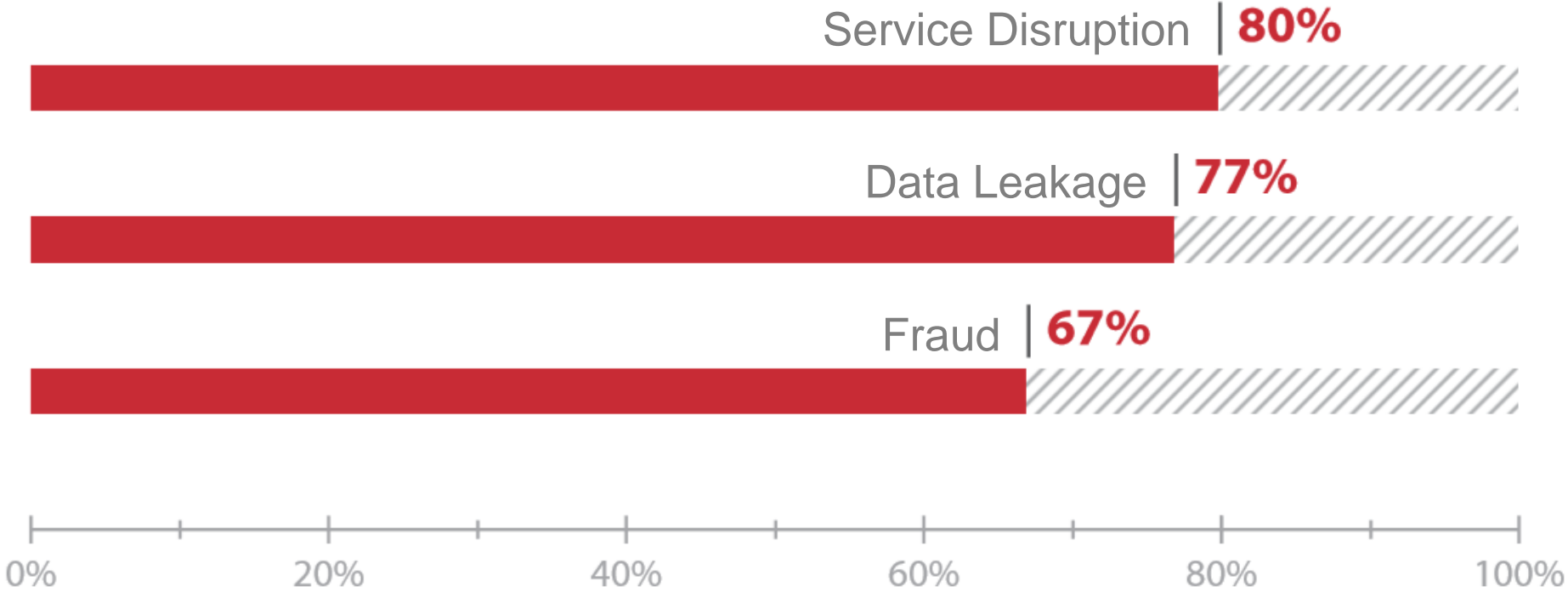
Mobile communication  
developed in the 2000s

SS7 network  
developed in the 1970s – 1990s

- Subscriber location tracking
- Call interception (wiretapping)
- SMS interception and spoofing
- DoS, including balance DoS
- Other Fraudulent activities

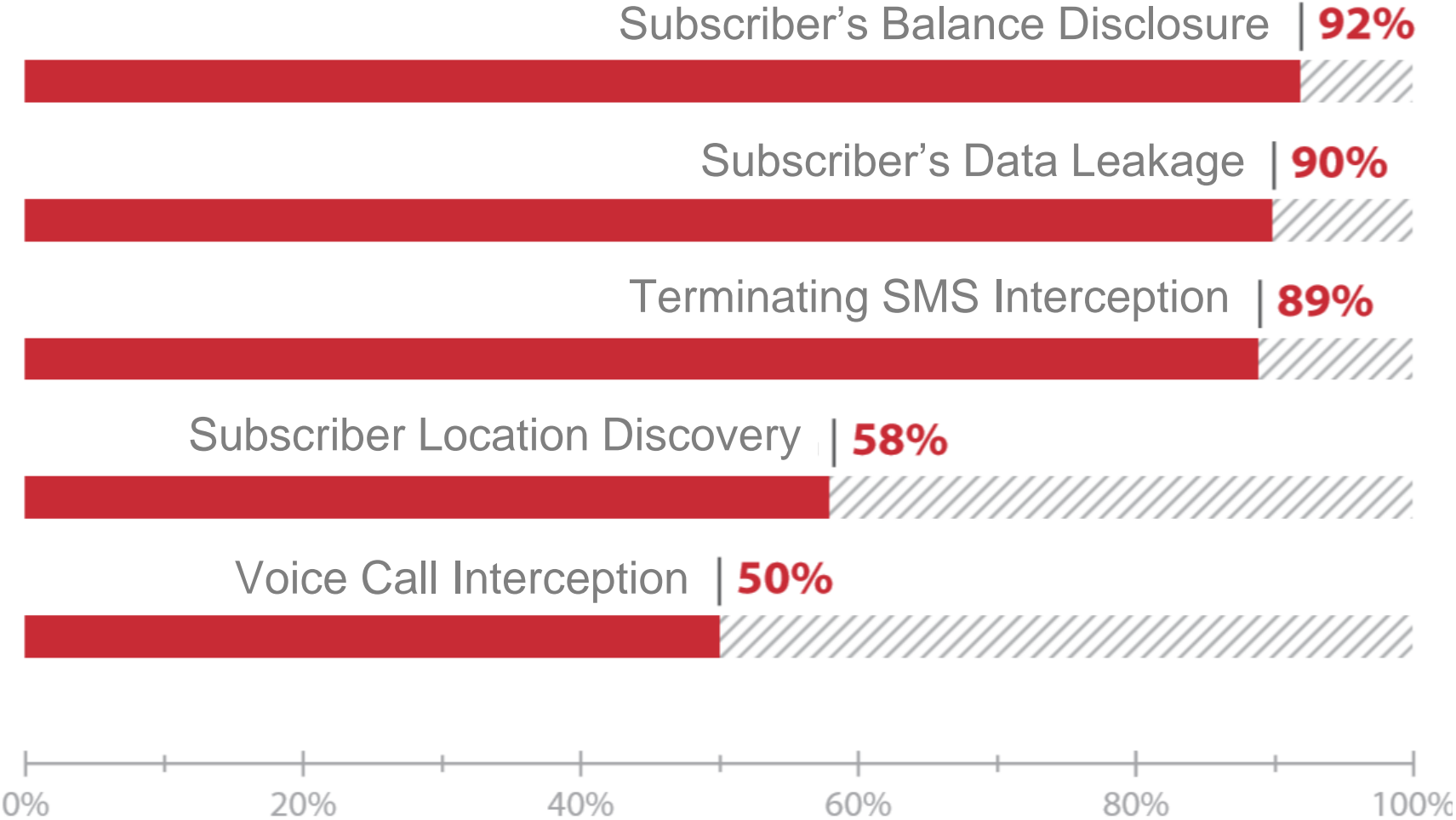


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▷ IMSI: [REDACTED]
▷ sm-RP-OA: servicecentreaddress0A (4)
sm-RP-UI: 040b919750351841f20000611051311253420cd4f29c0
▶ GSM SMS TPDU (GSM 03.40) SMS-DELIVER
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..0. .... = TP-SRI: A status report shall not be returned to
.... 0... = TP-LP: The message has not been forwarded and is
.... .1.. = TP-MMS: No more messages are waiting for the MS i
.... ..00 = TP-MTI: SMS-DELIVER (0)
▷ TP-Originating-Address - (
▷ TP-PID: 0
▷ TP-DCS: 0
▷ TP-Service-Centre-Time-Stamp
TP-User-Data-Length: (12) depends on Data-Coding-Scheme
▶ TP-User-Data
SMS text: Test sms 1.2
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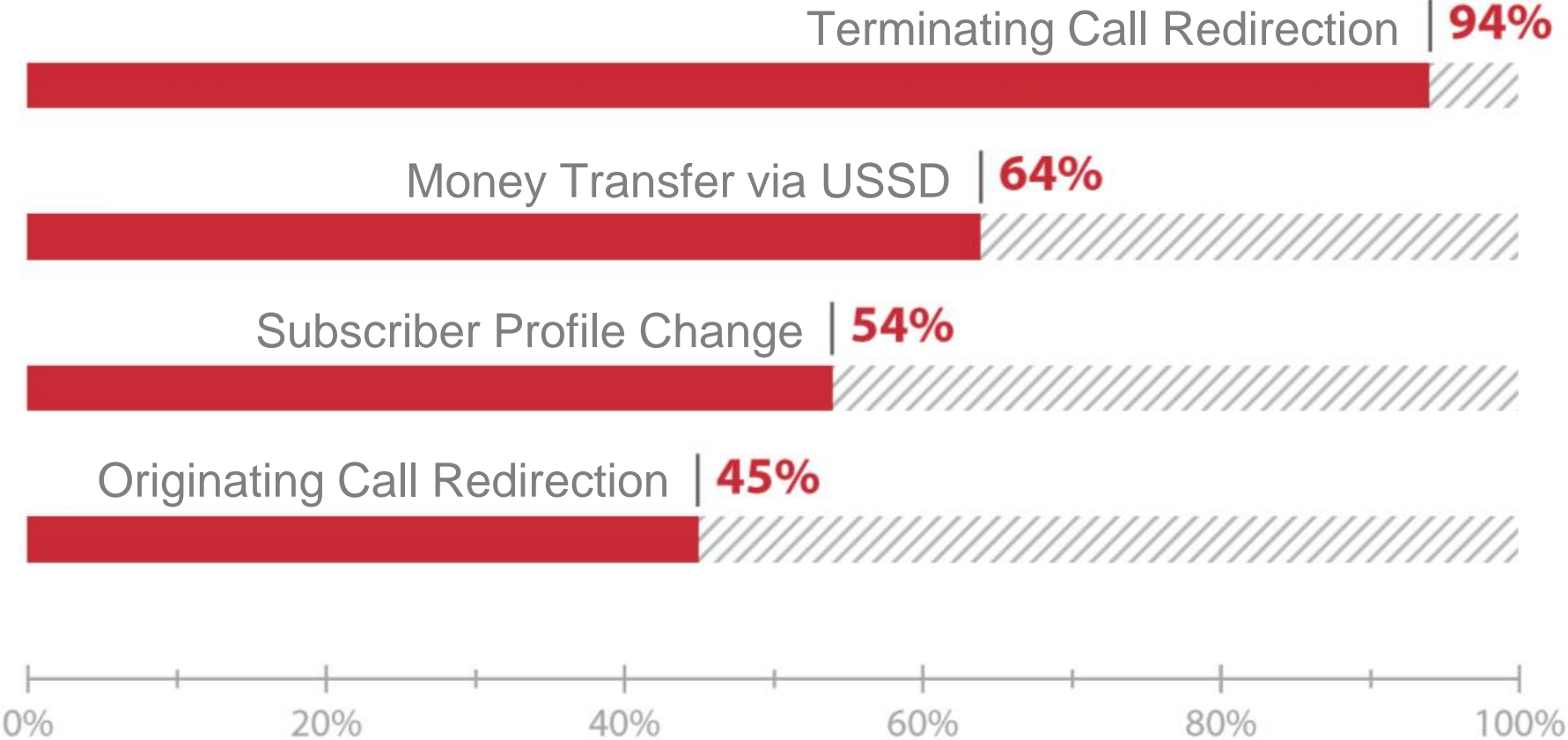


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- Mobile operator subscribers
- Mobile operator
- Other Mobile operators and their subscribers
- Third parties (often Banks and Their clients)

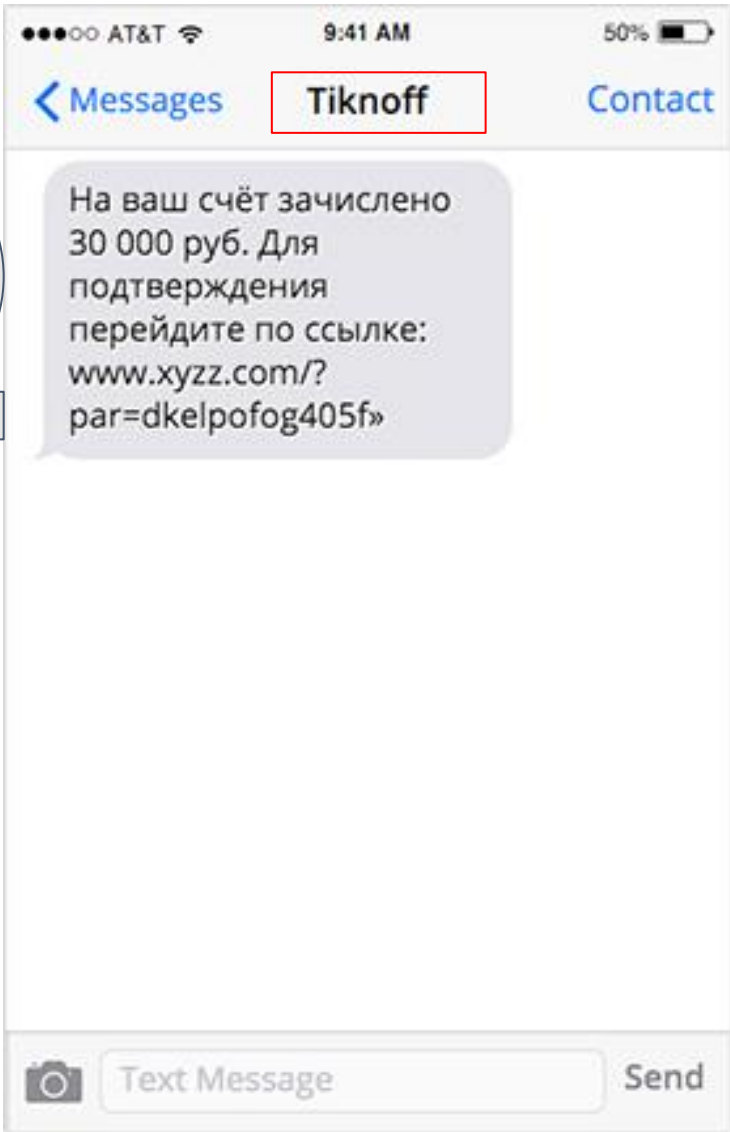


- Internal intruder or Staff initiated attacks
- Level0 (almost) Kiddies - attacks that not require deep technical knowledge
  - SMS fraud as preliminary stage of malware based attacks
  - Fraud with social engineering (direct target is victim)
  - Proxified fraud with social engineering
- Level1 (Locally initiated) - attacks that require technical knowledge about Radio Access Network protocols
  - IMSI Catcher
  - Bluetooth
  - Calls and SMS from the subscriber located nearby
- **Level2 (Global impact) - attacks that require technical knowledge about telco infrastructure and protocols**

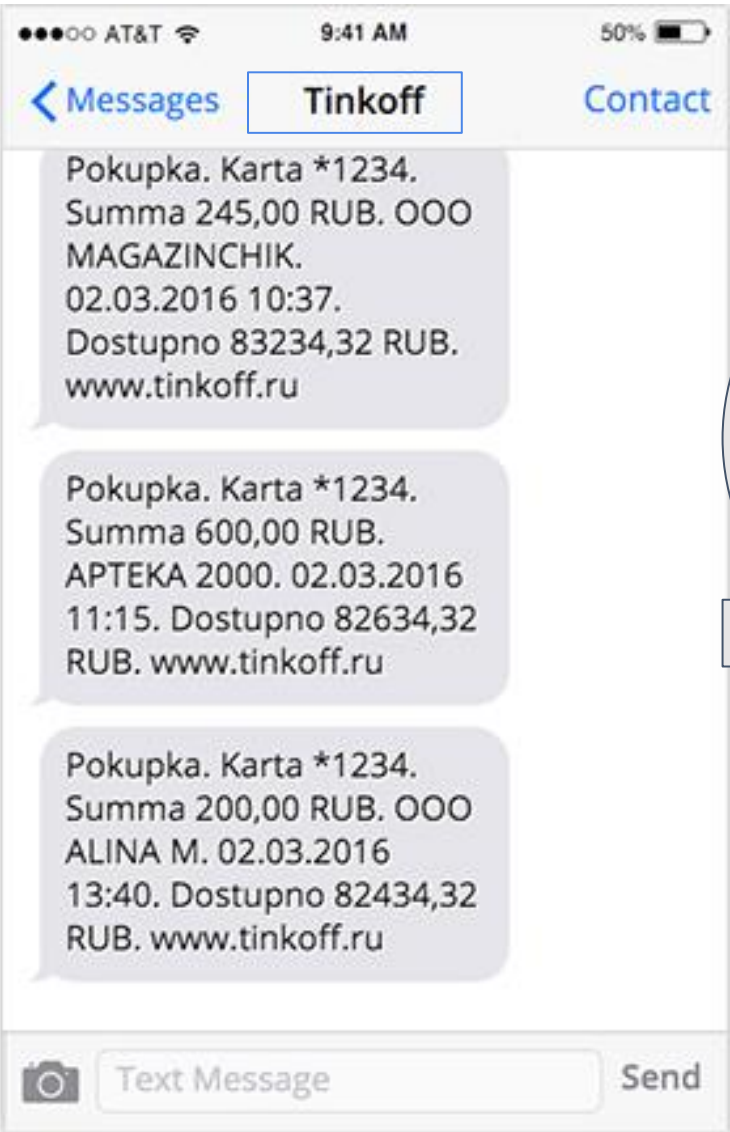
Lightweight scenarios (Level0)

# Kiddies fraud examples Typosquatting works well even here

You received 30000 RUB, please follow the link for confirmation



Not legit



Legit

Purchase. Card \*1234. Ammount 600 RUB. Drugstore 2000... Available balance 82634.32 RUB



## Mature player and kiddies used the same brand name

March 17, 10:35 Julia Titova

### Hackers have stolen from the banks of almost 2 billion rubles. with "letters from the Central Bank"



Forensics found a new virus, with which hackers attacked banks and stole from them for half a year to 1.8 billion rubles. Attackers allegedly sent out letters to banks from the Bank of Russia



Photo: Yekaterina Kuzmina / RBC

Over the past six months, from August 2015 to February 2016, with the help of virus Buhtrap hackers have made 13 successful attacks on Russian banks, as a result of which the kidnapped 1.8 billion rubles., According to a report the

<http://www.rbc.ru/finances/17/03/2016/56e97c089a794797e5b8e6b3>

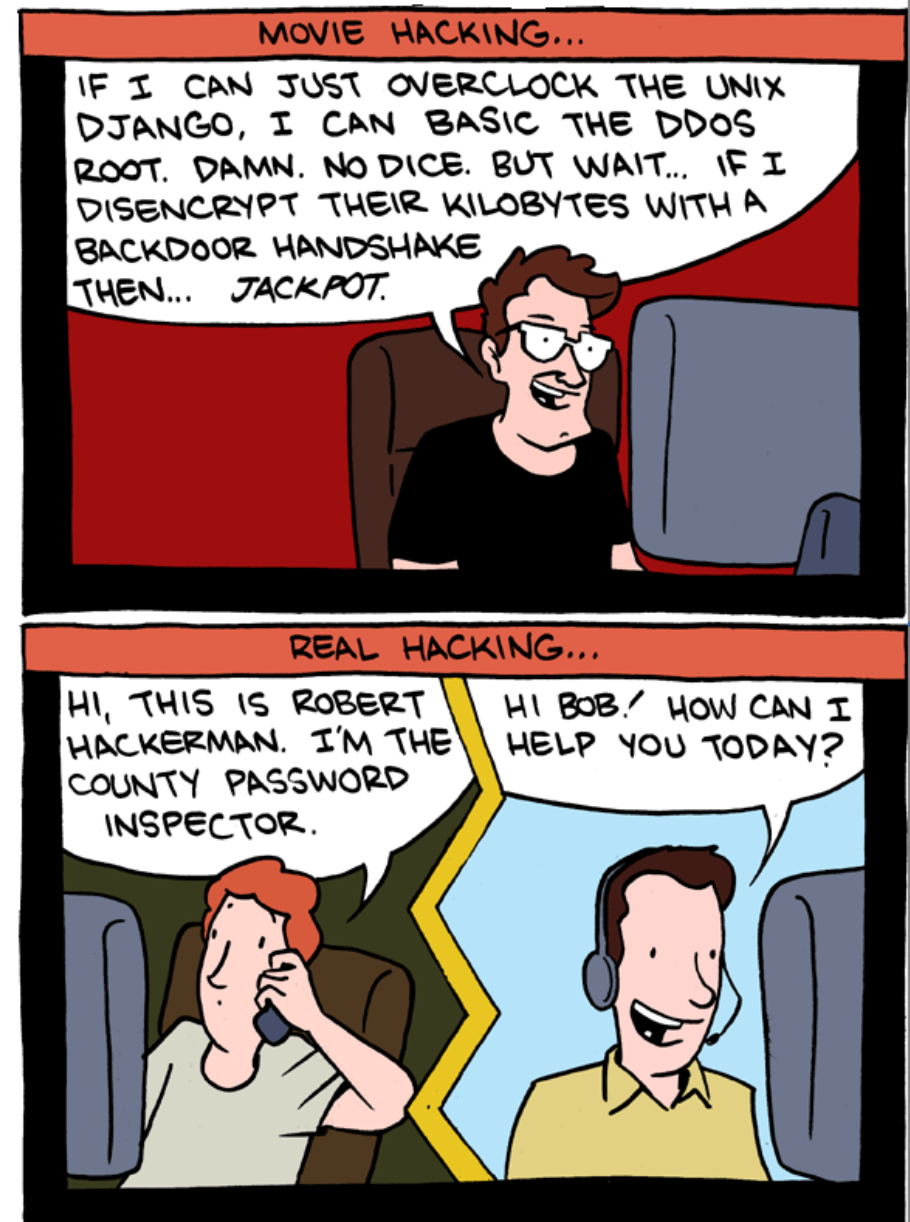
SMS/MMS  
Сб, 28 мая, 14:36

/Cental Bank of Russian Federation/  
Your banking cards accounts was suspended!  
Info: +79649910054

/ЦБ РФ/ СЧЕТ ВАШИХ  
БАНКОВСКИХ КАРТ  
ПРИОСТАНОВЛЕН!  
ИНФО: [+79649910054](tel:+79649910054)

\*<http://www.msk.kp.ru/daily/26576.4/3591331/>

- Temporary redirect calls and SMS to another number
- Own victim email, social networks accounts, messengers and in some cases Money (Banking OTP TBD)
- Fast WIN



# Cases (Level1)

# SMS interception

```
BAT-ADC: 552 7 0 0 1023 383 354 205
Charger at 60 mV.
Battery at 3773 mV.
Charging at 0 mA.
Battery capacity is 72%
Battery range is 3199.
Battery full at 468 LSB
Charging at 239 LSB (20
BCICTL2=0x3ff
battery-info.flags=0x00
bat_compal_e88_chg_stat
L1CTL_DM_EST_REQ (arfcn=774, ch
LOST 2110!
L1CTL_DATA_REQ (link_id=0x00)
ul=008318e0, ul->payload=008318e4
L1CTL_DATA_REQ (link_id=0x00)
ul=008318e0, ul->payload=008318e4
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ul=008318e0, ul->payload=008318e4
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<0001> app_ccch_scan.c:441 PCH pdisc != RR
<0001> app_ccch_scan.c:464 unknown PCH/AGCH type 0x01
<0001> app_ccch_scan.c:441 PCH pdisc != RR
...
AGCH type 0x01
= RR
AGCH type 0x01
= RR
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= RR
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= RR
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= RR
AGCH type 0x01
99 I frame ignored in this state
99 I frame ignored in this state
99 I frame ignored in this state
21 S frame response with F=1 error
8 sending MDL-ERROR-IND cause 6
ending MDL-ERROR-IND 6
discr 0x00
84 S frame ignored in this state
84 S frame ignored in this state
```

Filter: **gsm\_sms** Expression... Clear Apply Save

Protocol	Info
<u>GSM SMS</u>	I, N(R)=4, N(S)=4(OTAP) (SMS) CP-DATA (RP) RP-DATA (Network to MS)

Frame 8799: 81 bytes on wire (648 bits), 81 bytes captured (648 bits) on interface 0

- Ethernet II, Src: 00:0c:29:8d:e7:25 (00:0c:29:8d:e7:25), Dst: 00:50:56:c0:00:08 (00:50:56:c0:00:08)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.183.133 (192.168.183.133), Dst: 192.168.183.1 (192.168.183.1)
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59208 (59208), Dst Port: 4729 (4729)
- GSM TAP Header, ARFCN: 774 (Downlink), TS: 1, Channel: SDCCH/8 (0)
- Link Access Procedure, Channel Dm (LAPDm)
- GSM A-I/F DTAP - CP-DATA
- GSM A-I/F RP - RP-DATA (Network to MS)
- GSM SMS TPDU (GSM 03.40) SMS-DELIVER
  - 0... .. = TP-RP: TP Reply Path parameter is not set in this SMS SUBMIT/DELIVER
  - .0.. .... = TP-UDHI: The TP UD field contains only the short message
  - ..0. .... = TP-SRI: A status report shall not be returned to the SME
  - .... .0.. = TP-MMS: More messages are waiting for the MS in this SC
  - .... ..00 = TP-MTI: SMS-DELIVER (0)
- TP-Originating-Address - (41860)
- TP-PID: 0
- TP-DCS: 0
- TP-Service-Centre-Time-Stamp
- TP-User-Data-Length: (23) depends on Data-Coding-Scheme
- TP-User-Data

- SMS text: See you at the PHDays v

0000	09 01 31 01 00 07 91 44 77 58 10 06 50 00 25 00	..1...D wX..P.%
0010	05 80 14 68 f0 00 00 51 50 91 61 22 71 00 17 d3	...h...Q P.a"q..
0020	72 19 94 7f d7 41 61 3a 88 8e 2e 83 a0 48 62 38	r...Aa: .....Hb8
0030	3f 07 59 01	?..Y.



- Originating call

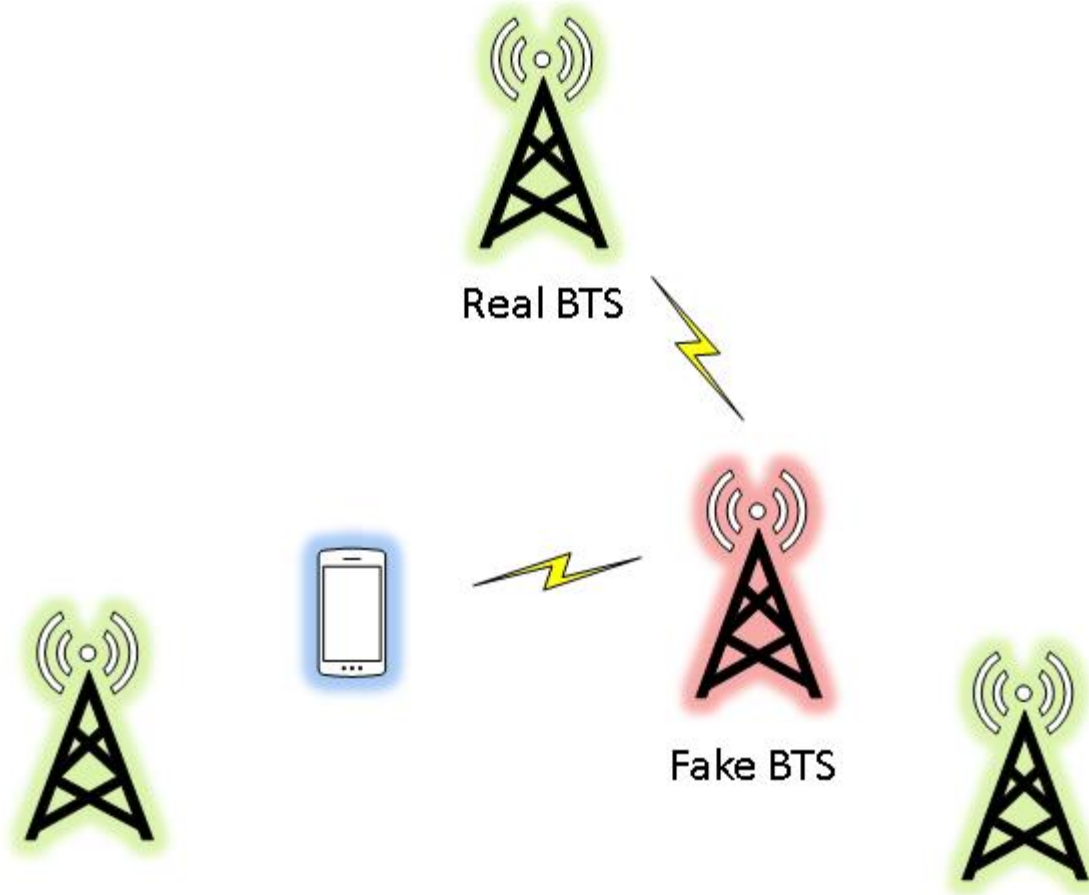
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Info
I, N(R)=1, N(S)=4(DTAP) (CC) Setup
I, N(R)=5, N(S)=1(DTAP) (CC) Call Proceeding
S, func=RR, N(R)=2
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) System Information Type 6
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) Measurement Report
I, N(R)=5, N(S)=2 (Fragment)
S, func=RR, N(R)=3
I, N(R)=5, N(S)=3(DTAP) (RR) Assignment Command
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) System Information Type 5
I P, N(R)=5, N(S)=3(DTAP) (RR) Notification/NCH
U, func=UI

.... 0011 = Protocol discriminator: Call Control; call
0... .... = TI flag: allocated by sender
.000 .... = TIO: 0
01.. .... = Sequence number: 1
..00 0101 = DTAP Call Control Message Type: Setup (0x05)
▶ Bearer Capability 1 - (MS supports at least full rate s
▶ Called Party BCD Number - (8...55365)
▶ Call Control Capabilities
▶ Supported Codec List
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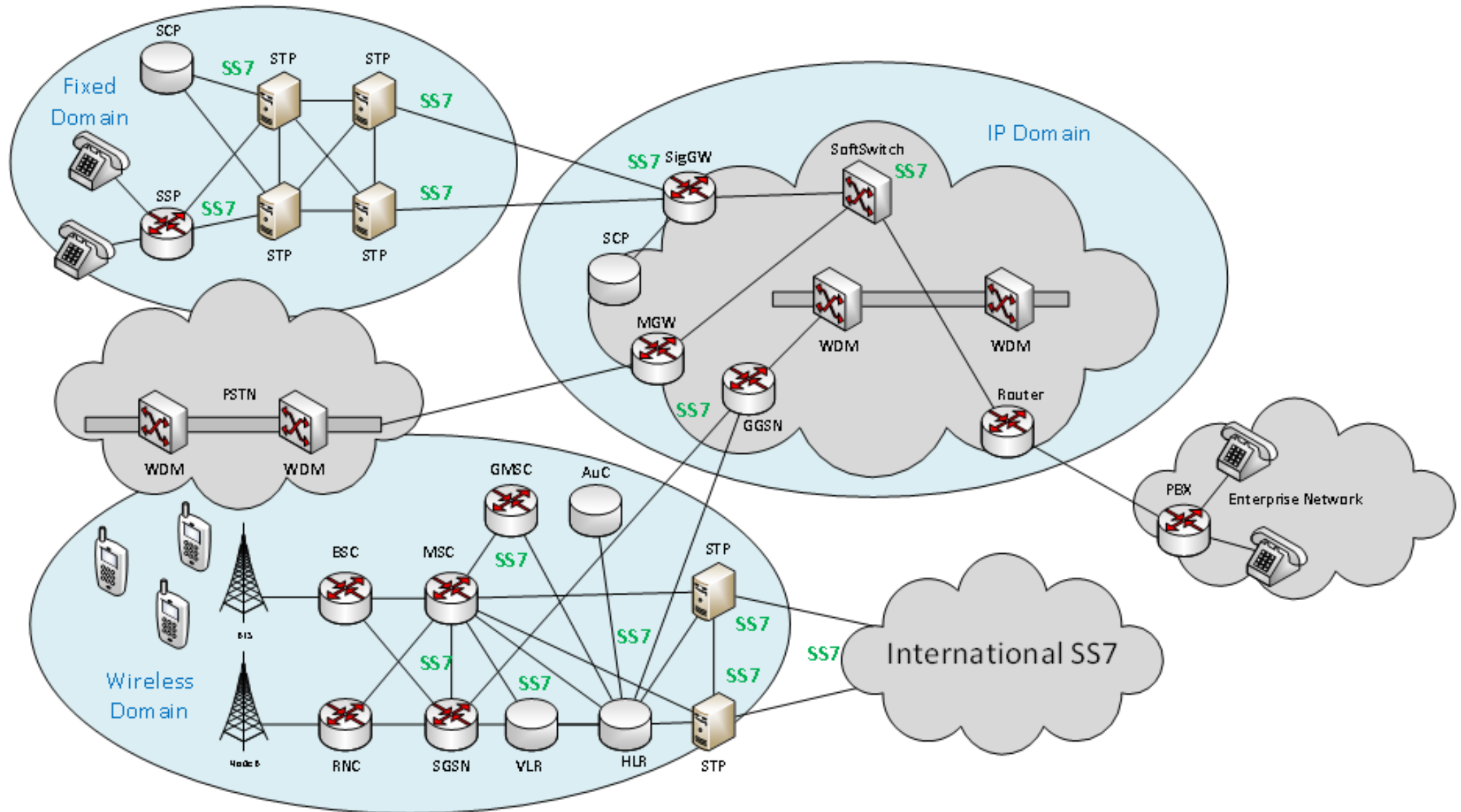
- Terminating call

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Info
S, func=RR, N(R)=2
I, N(R)=1, N(S)=2(DTAP) (RR) Ciphering Mode Complete
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) System Information Type 6
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) Measurement Report
I, N(R)=3, N(S)=1(DTAP) (CC) Setup
I, N(R)=2, N(S)=3 (Fragment)
S, func=RR, N(R)=4
I, N(R)=2, N(S)=4(DTAP) (CC) Call Confirmed
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) System Information Type 5
U, func=UI(DTAP) (RR) Measurement Report
S, func=RR, N(R)=5

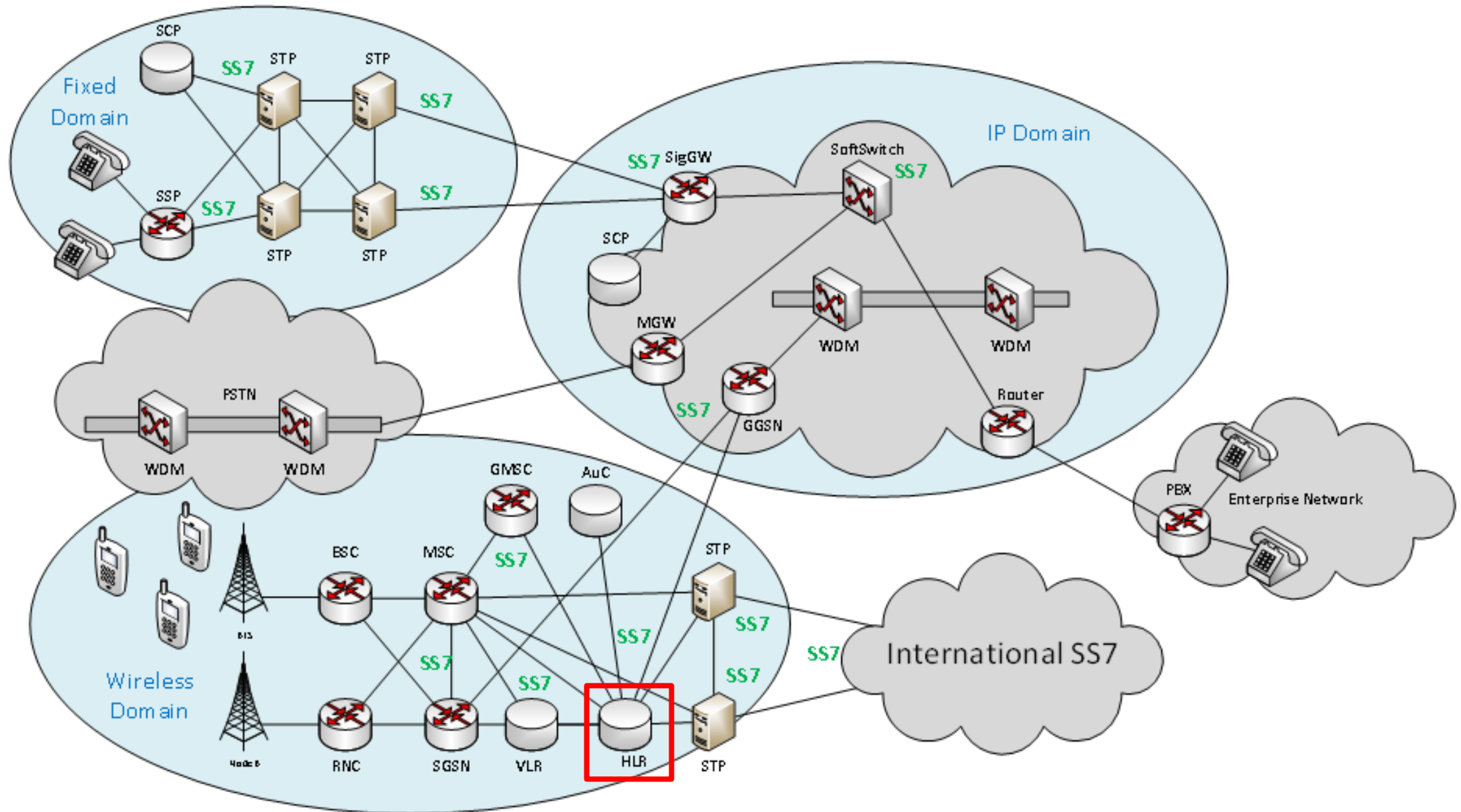
▶ Control field: I, N(R)=3, N(S)=1 (0x62)
▶ Length Field: 0x4d
▼ GSM A-I/F DTAP - Setup
▶ Protocol Discriminator: Call Control; call related SS messa
00.. .... = Sequence number: 0
..00 0101 = DTAP Call Control Message Type: Setup (0x05)
▶ Bearer Capability 1 - (Full rate support only MS/fullrate s
▶ Calling Party BCD Number - (7...55365)
▶ High Layer Compatibility 1
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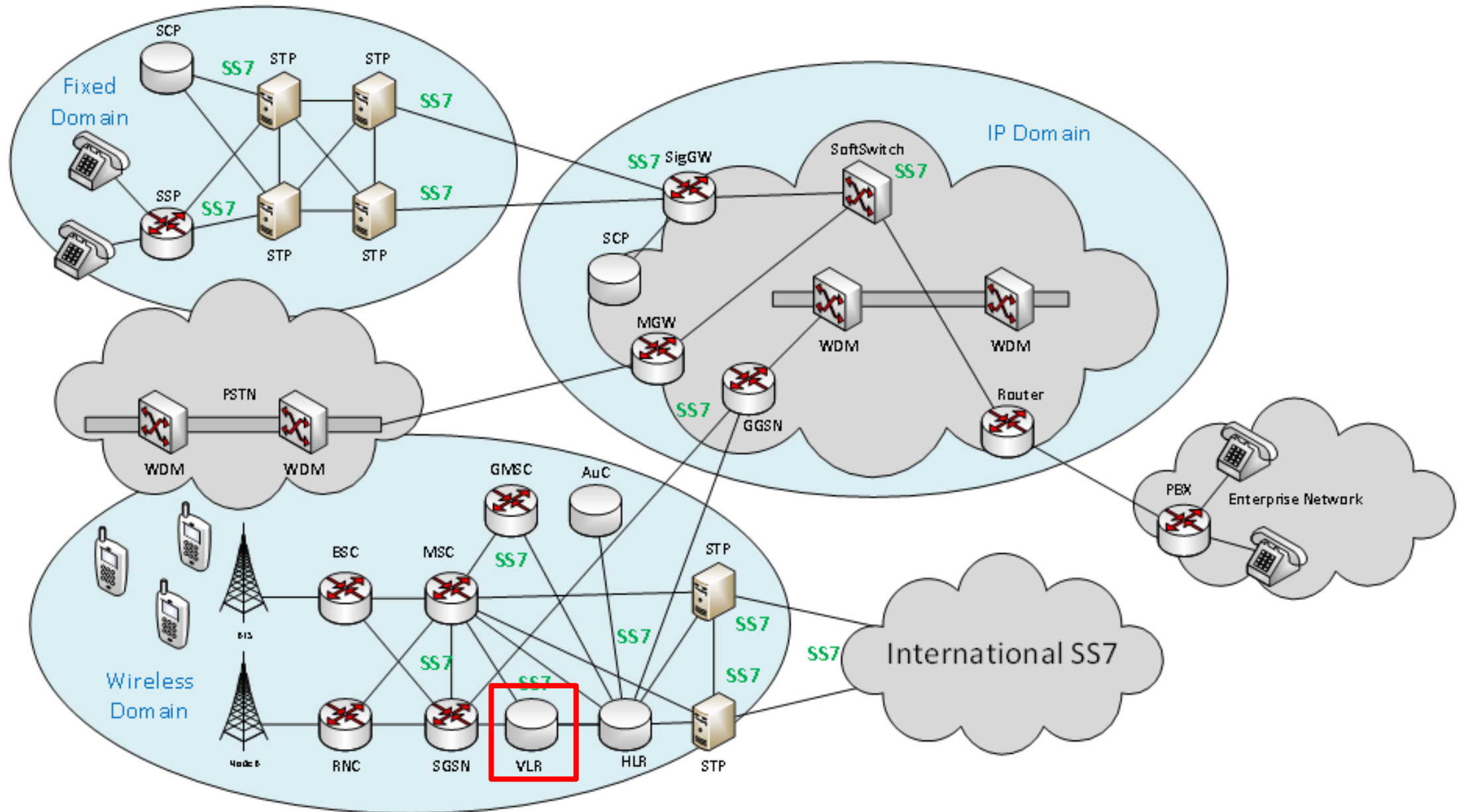


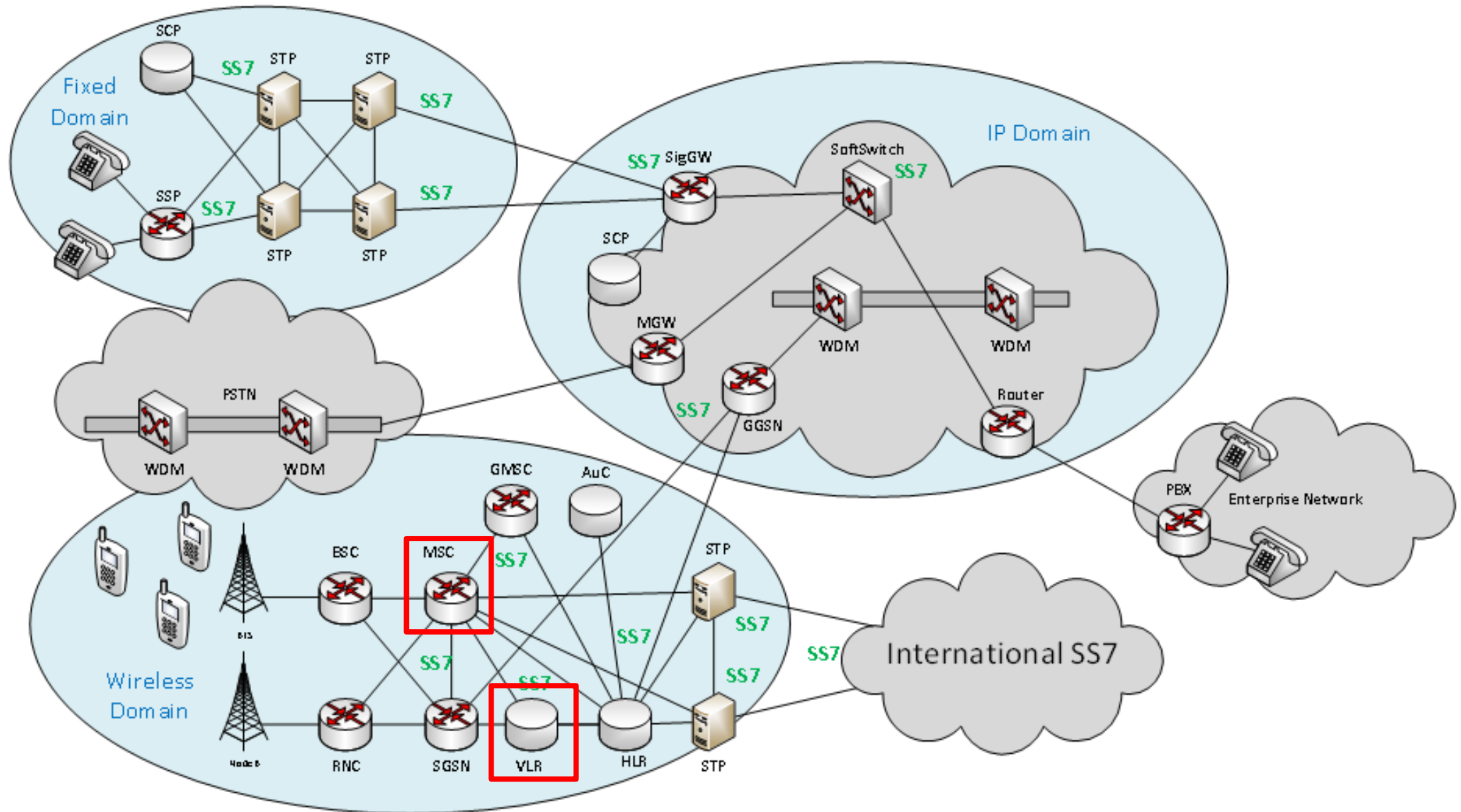
# Level2 Cases (global impact)







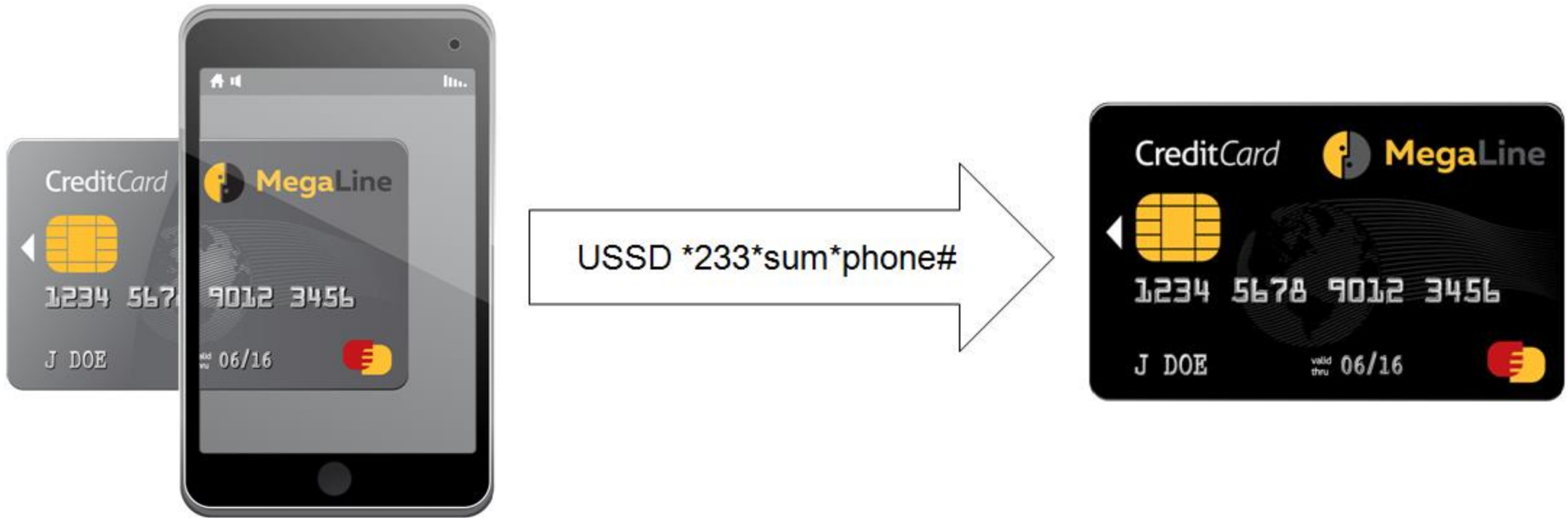




No.	Protocol	Info
1	GSM MAP	invoke sendIMSI
2	GSM MAP	returnResultLast sendIMSI

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- ▷ MTP 3 User Adaptation Layer
- ▷ Signalling Connection Control Part
- ▷ Transaction Capabilities Application Part
- ▲ GSM Mobile Application
  - ▲ Component: returnResultLast (2)
    - ▲ returnResultLast
      - invokeID: 1
        - ▲ resultretres
          - ▷ opCode: localValue (0)
          - ▷ IMSI: ██████████402807215



- Infect smartphone with malware.
- Use fake base station (IMSI catcher) and to make software clone of SIM card.
- Conduct an attack via SS7 network forging USSD request.



## Request the balance \*100#. Balance is 128.55 Roubles

Protocol	Info
GSM MAP	invoke processUnstructuredSS-Request
GSM MAP	returnResultLast processUnstructuredSS-Request
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▲ Component: returnResultLast (2)
▲ returnResultLast
invokeID: 1
▲ resultretres
▷ opCode: localValue (0)
▷ ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
▲ ussd-String: 04110430043b0430043d0441002000310032
USSD String: <b>Баланс 128.55 р.</b> 'Мистер Бин' рас



Cool security mechanism. Just send \*145\*851# to confirm the transaction

Protocol	Info
GSM MAP	invoke processUnstructuredSS-Request
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MTP 3 User Adaptation Layer
Signalling Connection Control Part
Transaction Capabilities Application Part
GSM Mobile Application
  Component: returnResultLast (2)
    returnResultLast
      invokeID: 1
      resultretres
        opCode: localValue (0)
        ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
        ussd-String: 04110430043b0430043d0441002000310032
          USSD String: Баланс 128.55 р.
        ussd-String: aa18ada6cac16ab5192e16a3c95431d808
          USSD String: *145*81142*10#
        ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
        ussd-String: 041f043e0434044204320435044004340438044204350020...
          USSD String: Подтвердите перевод 10 с Вашего счета на 81142, набрав *145*851#

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New balance is 118.55 Roubles. (10 Roubles ~ 0.15 €)

Protocol	Info
GSM MAP	invoke processUnstructuredSS-Request
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GSM Mobile Application
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    returnResultLast
      invokeID: 1
      resultretres
        opCode: localValue (0)
        ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
        ussd-String: 04110430043b0430043d0441002000310032
          USSD String: Баланс 128.55 р. 'Мистер Бин' рас
            opCode: localValue (0)
            ussd-DataCodingScheme: 0F
            ussd-String: aa18ada6cac16ab5192e16a3c95431d808
              USSD String: *145*81142*10#
                ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
                ussd-String: 041f043e0434044204320435044004340438044204350020...
                  USSD String: Подтвердите перевод 10 с Вашего счета на 81142, набрав *145*851#
                    ussd-DataCodingScheme: 48
                    ussd-String: 04110430043b0430043d0441002000310031
                      USSD String: Баланс 118.55 р. Сонник и гороско
  
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- SMS spoofing

Protocol	Info
GSM SMS	invoke mt-forwardSM
GSM MAP	returnResultLast

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  > Transaction Capabilities Application Part
  > GSM Mobile Application
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    .... 0... = TP-LP: The message has not been forwarded and is not a spawned message
    .... .0.. = TP-MMS: More messages are waiting for the MS in this SC
    .... ..00 = TP-MTI: SMS-DELIVER (0)
  ▲ TP-Originating-Address - (sbank)
    Length: 13 address digits
    1... .... = Extension: No extension
    .101 .... = Type of number: Alphanumeric (coded according to 3GPP TS 23.038 GSM 7-b:
    .... 0000 = Numbering plan: Unknown (0)
    TP-OA Digits: sbank
  > TP-PID: 0
  > TP-DCS: 0
  > TP-Service-Centre-Time-Stamp
  TP-User-Data-Length: (77) depends on Data-Coding-Scheme
  ▲ TP-User-Data
    > User-Data Header
    SMS text: Snyatie nalichnih. 3000 USD. Ostatok: 967.65 RUR. Hahahahaha!!!! )))))
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### Hackers can impersonate victims and reply to WhatsApp and Telegram chats



Rene Millman

May 13, 2016

### SS7 vulnerability defeats WhatsApp encryption, researchers claim

theguardian

SS7 hack explained: what can you do about it?

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# Hackers Can Steal Your Facebook Account With Just A Phone Number



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Facebook - Log In or Sign Up | SendRoutingInfoForSM | UpdateLocation ::MPX SS | MPX SS7 Scanner | Person 1

https://www.facebook.com

# facebook

Email or Phone  Password  [Log In](#)  
[Forgotten account?](#)

## Create an account

It's free and always will be.

First name  Surname

Mobile number or email address

Re-enter mobile number or email address

New password

**Birthday**

Day  Month  Year  Why do I need to provide my date of birth?

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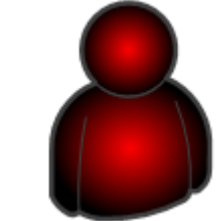
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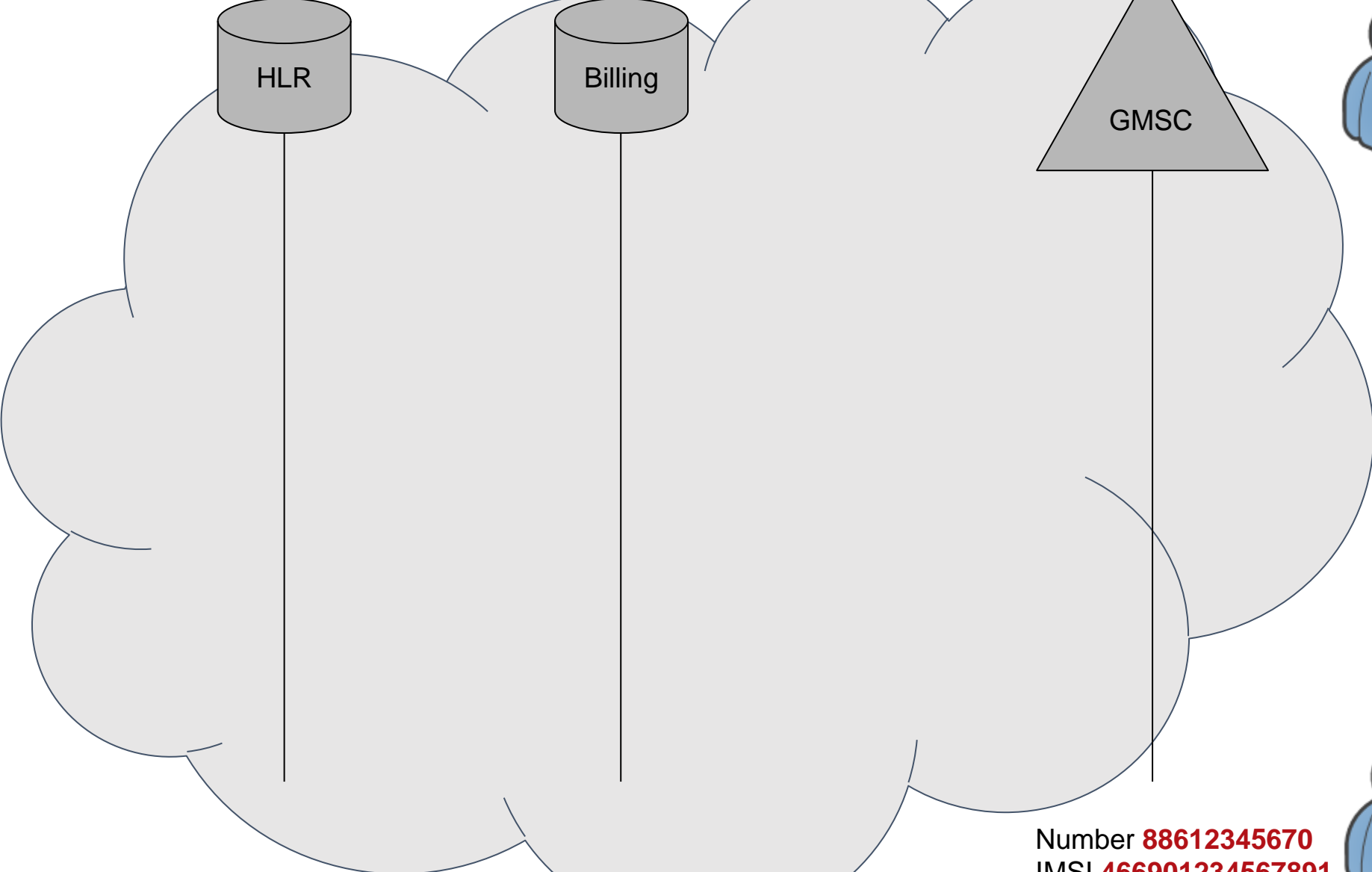
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# Fraud case 1

# Voice call redirection with a fraudulent activity



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Zimbabwe

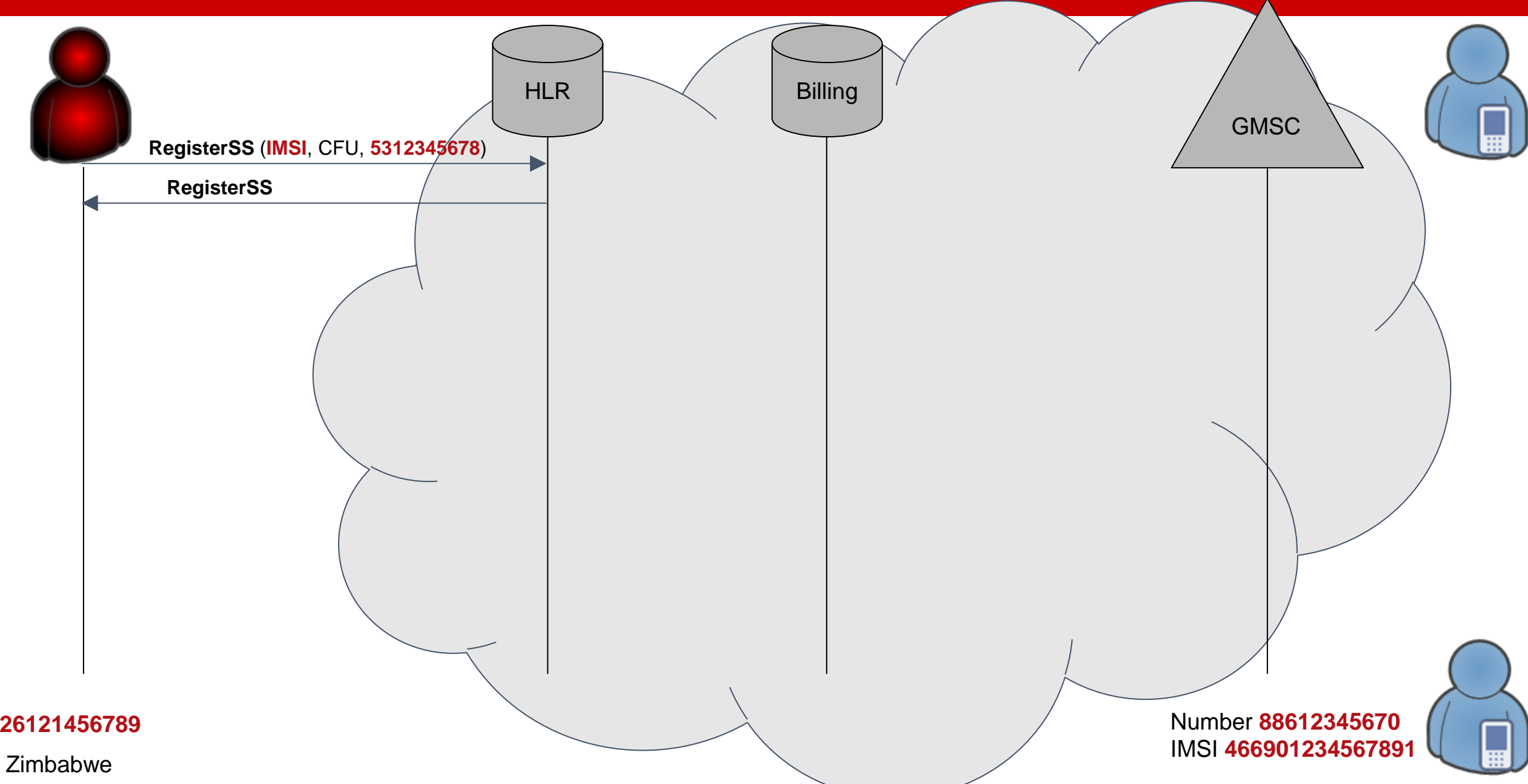


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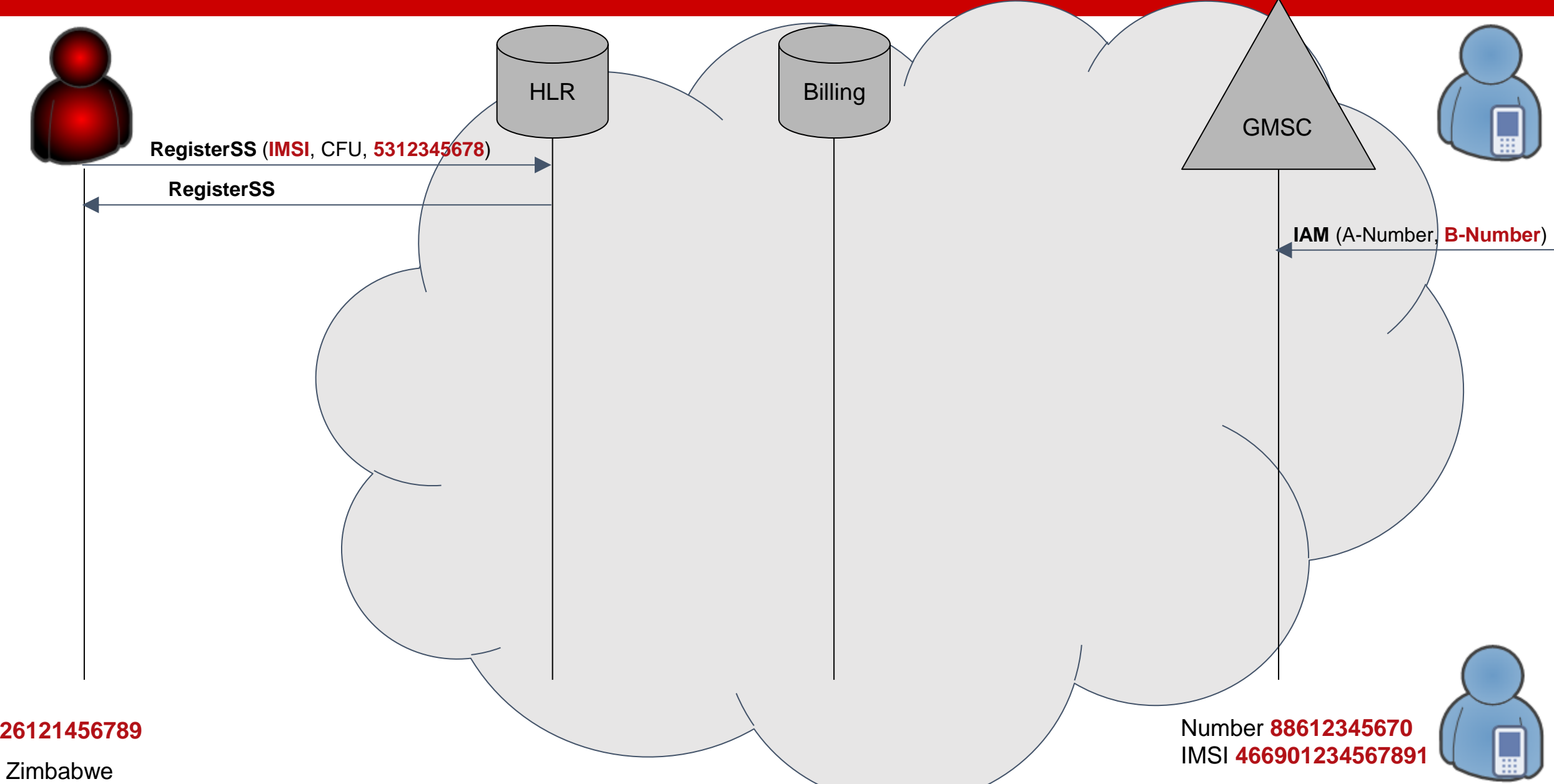


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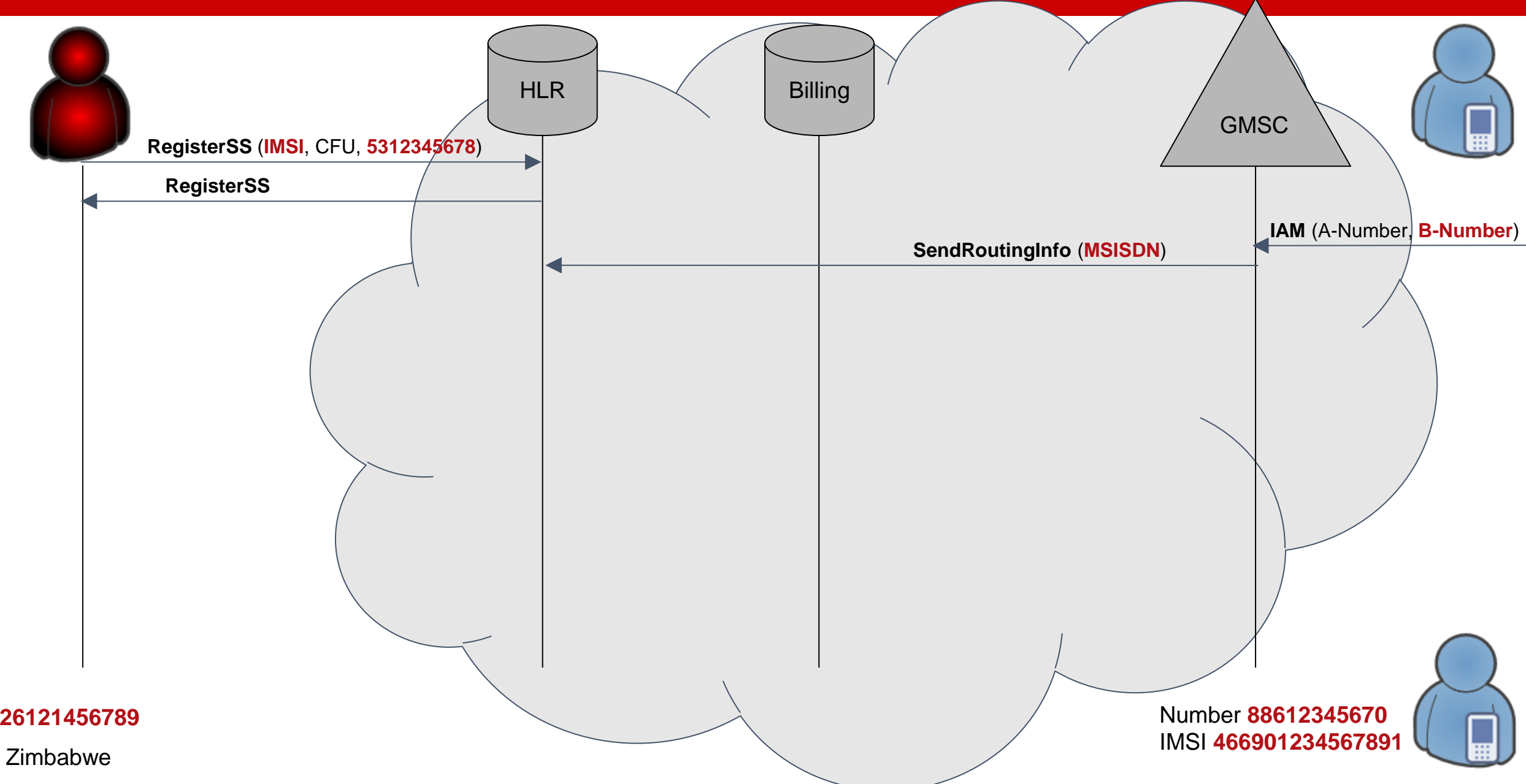
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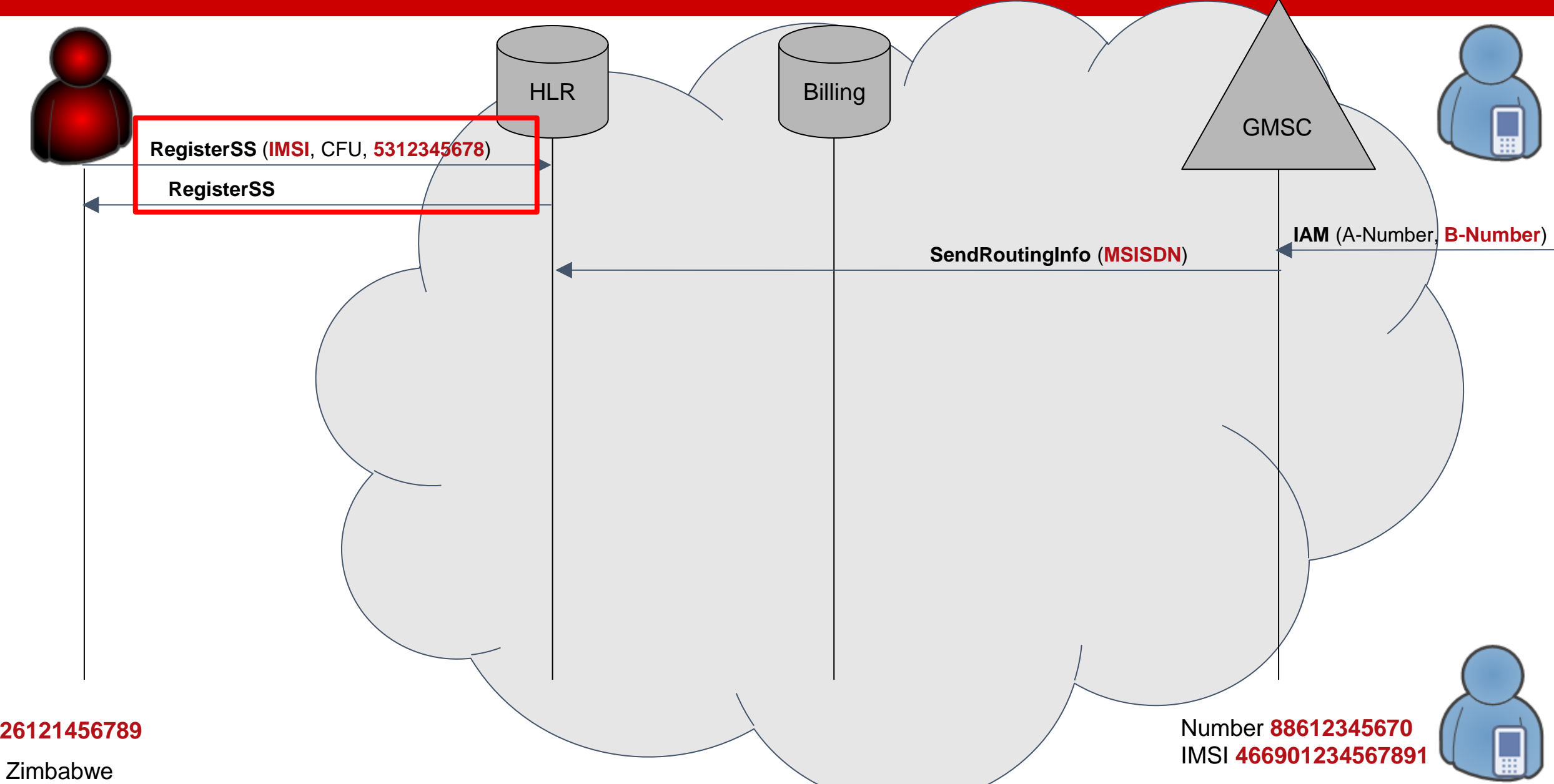
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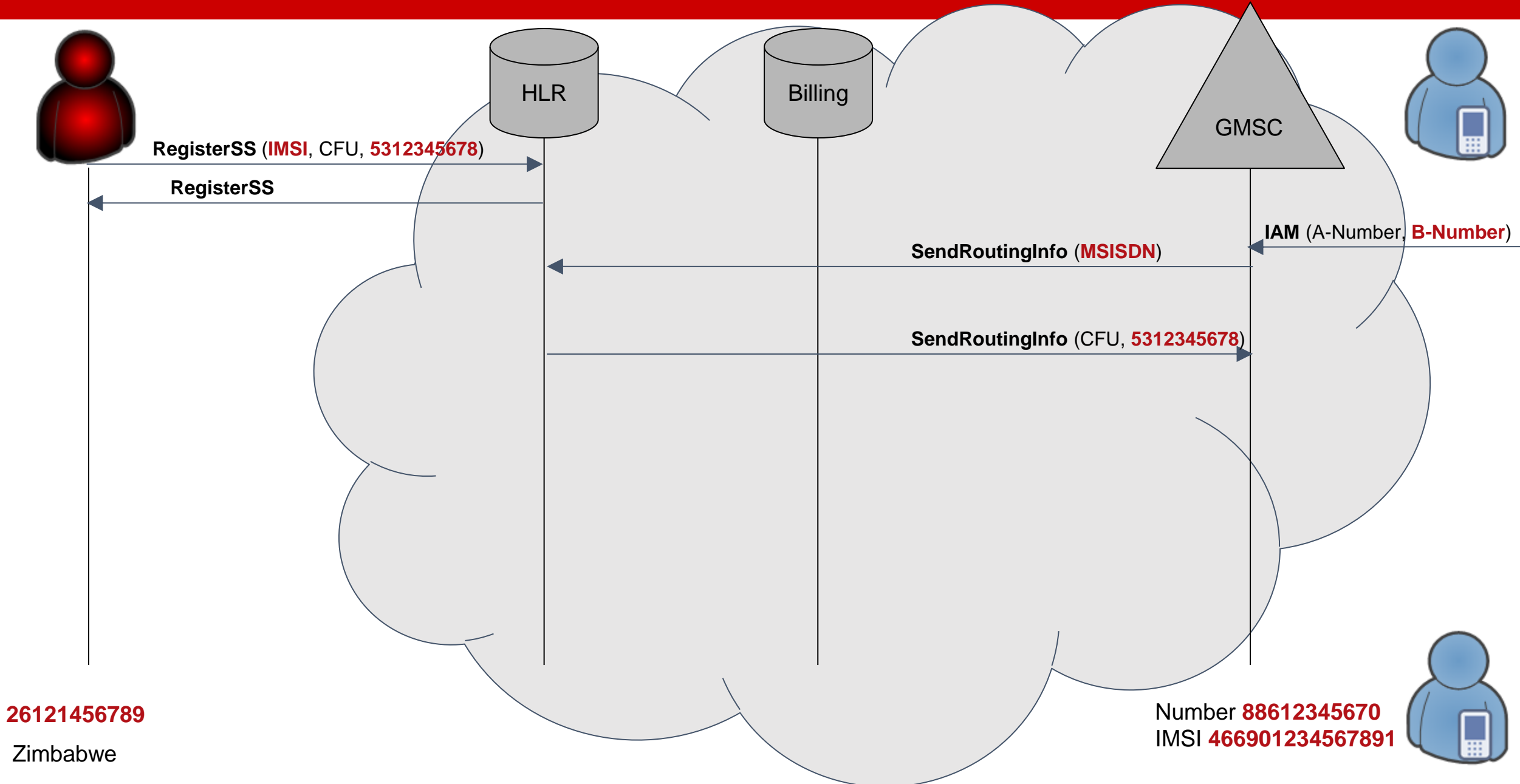
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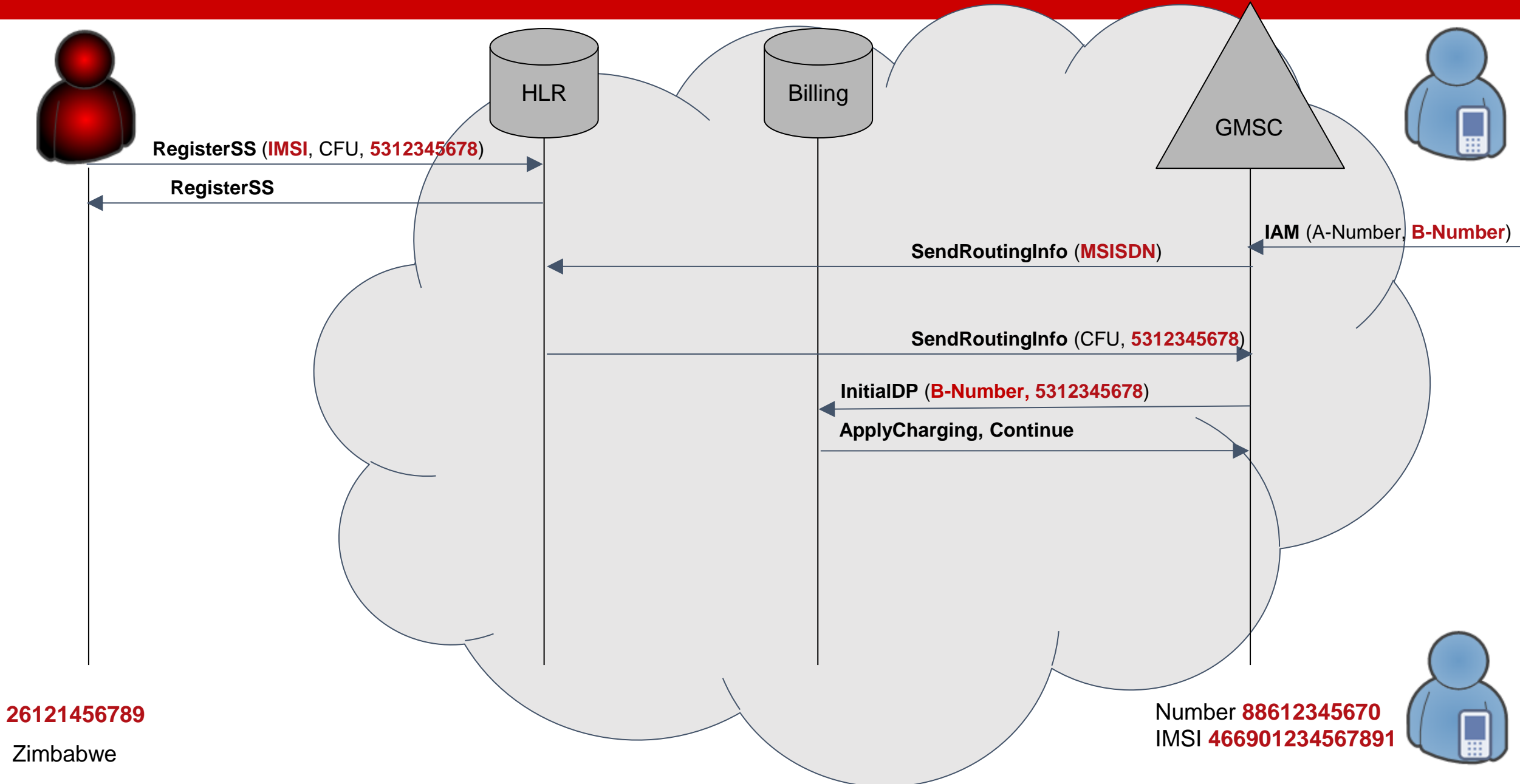
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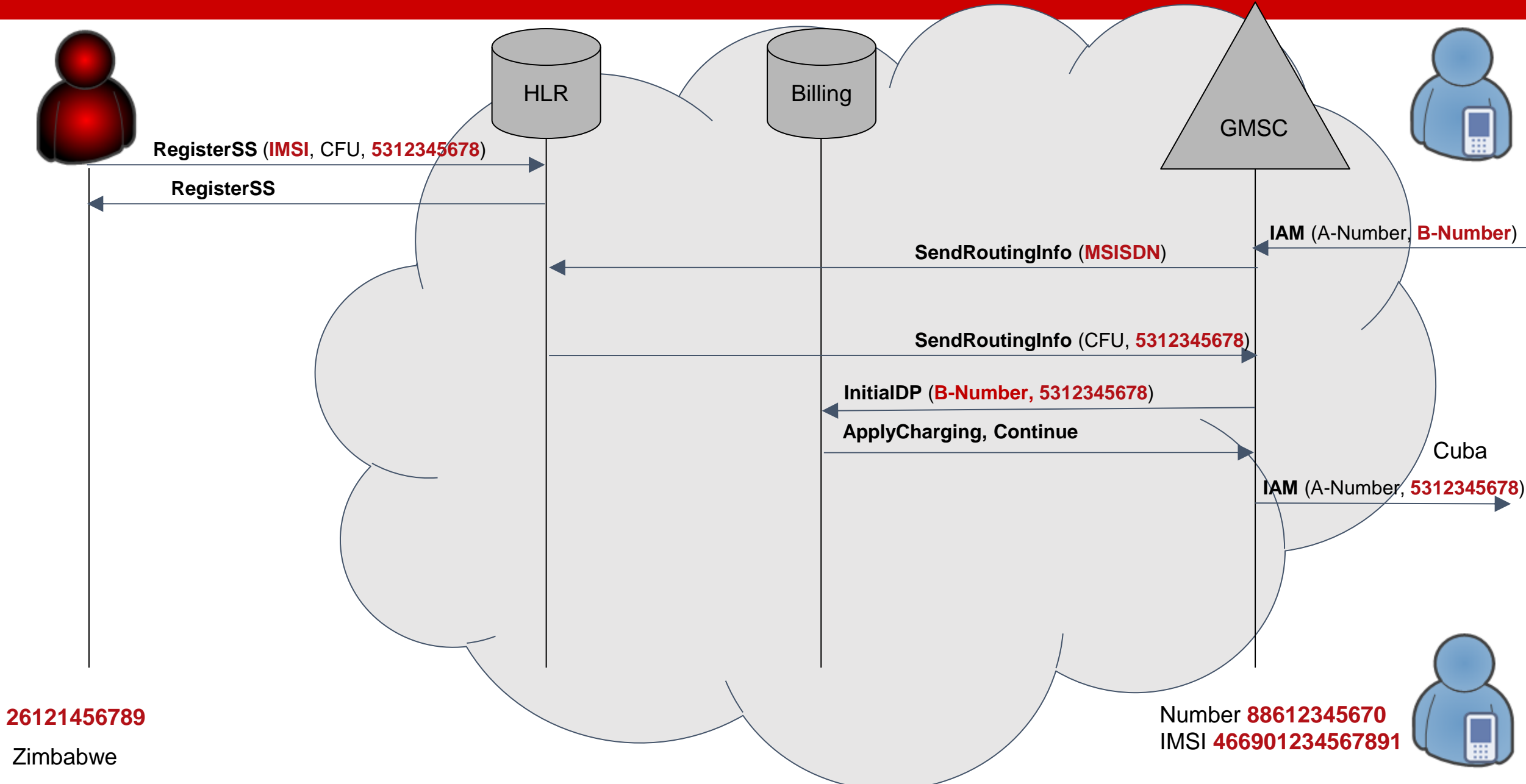
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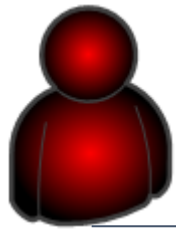
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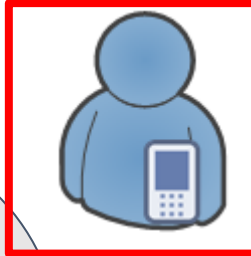
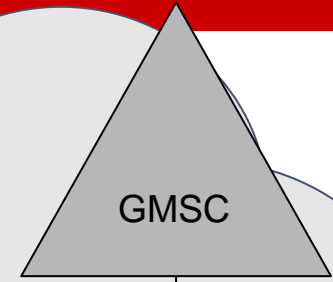
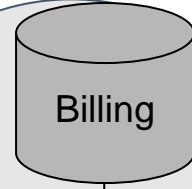
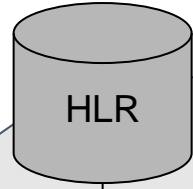
# Who pays?

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RegisterSS (IMSI, CFU, 5312345678)

RegisterSS



IAM (A-Number, B-Number)

SendRoutingInfo (MSISDN)

SendRoutingInfo (CFU, 5312345678)

InitialDP (B-Number, 5312345678)

ApplyCharging, Continue

IAM (A-Number, 5312345678)

Cuba

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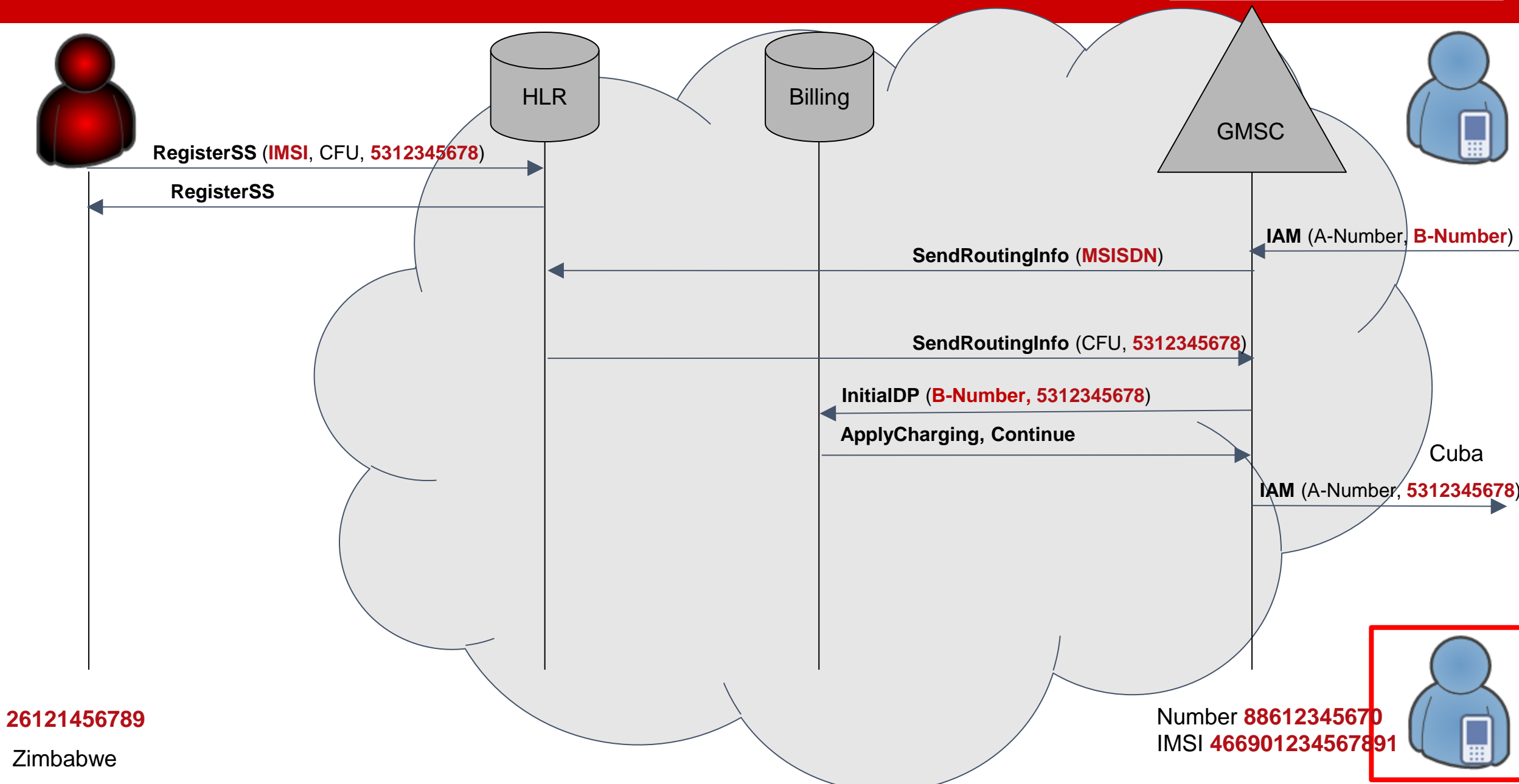
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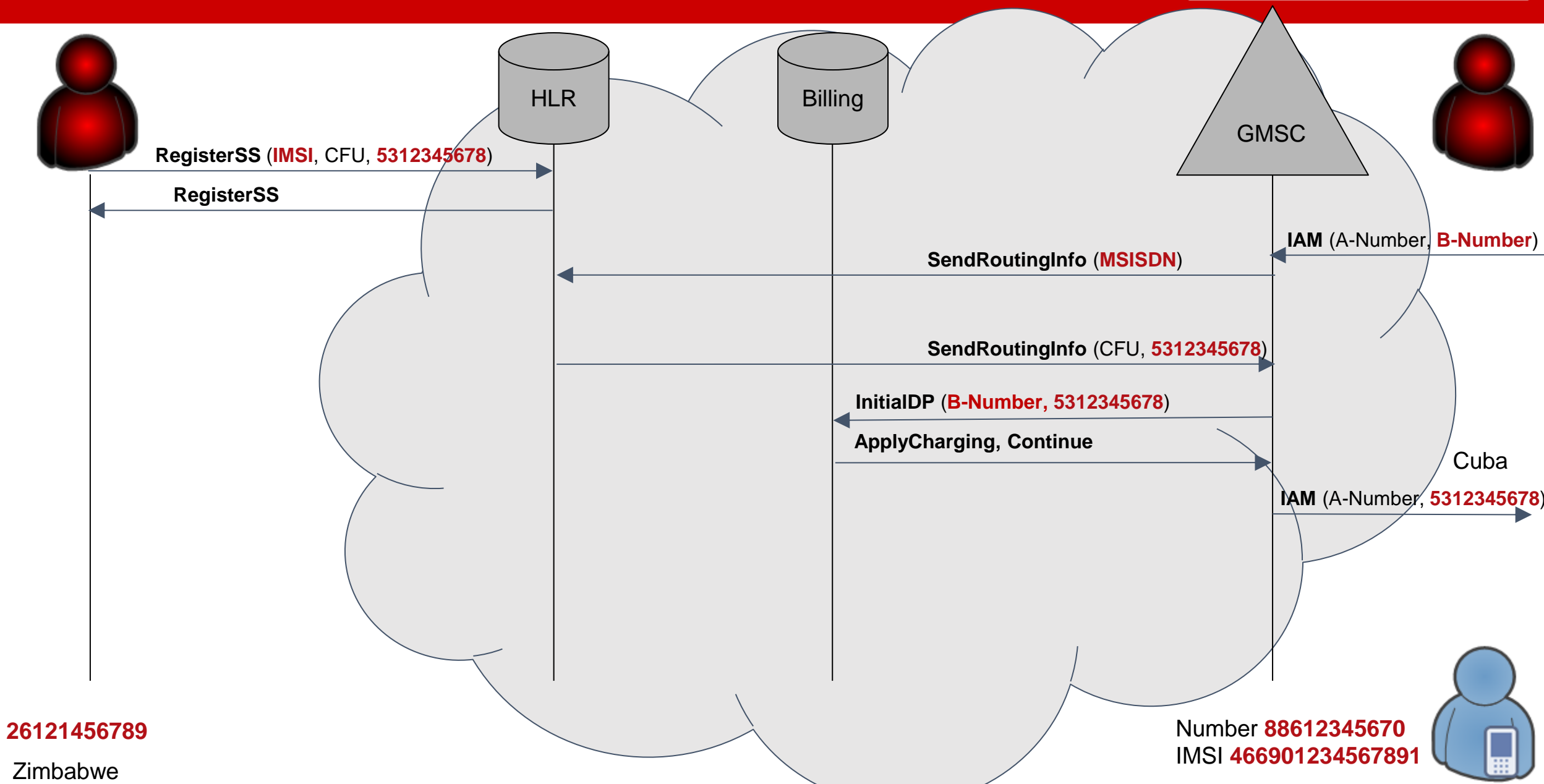
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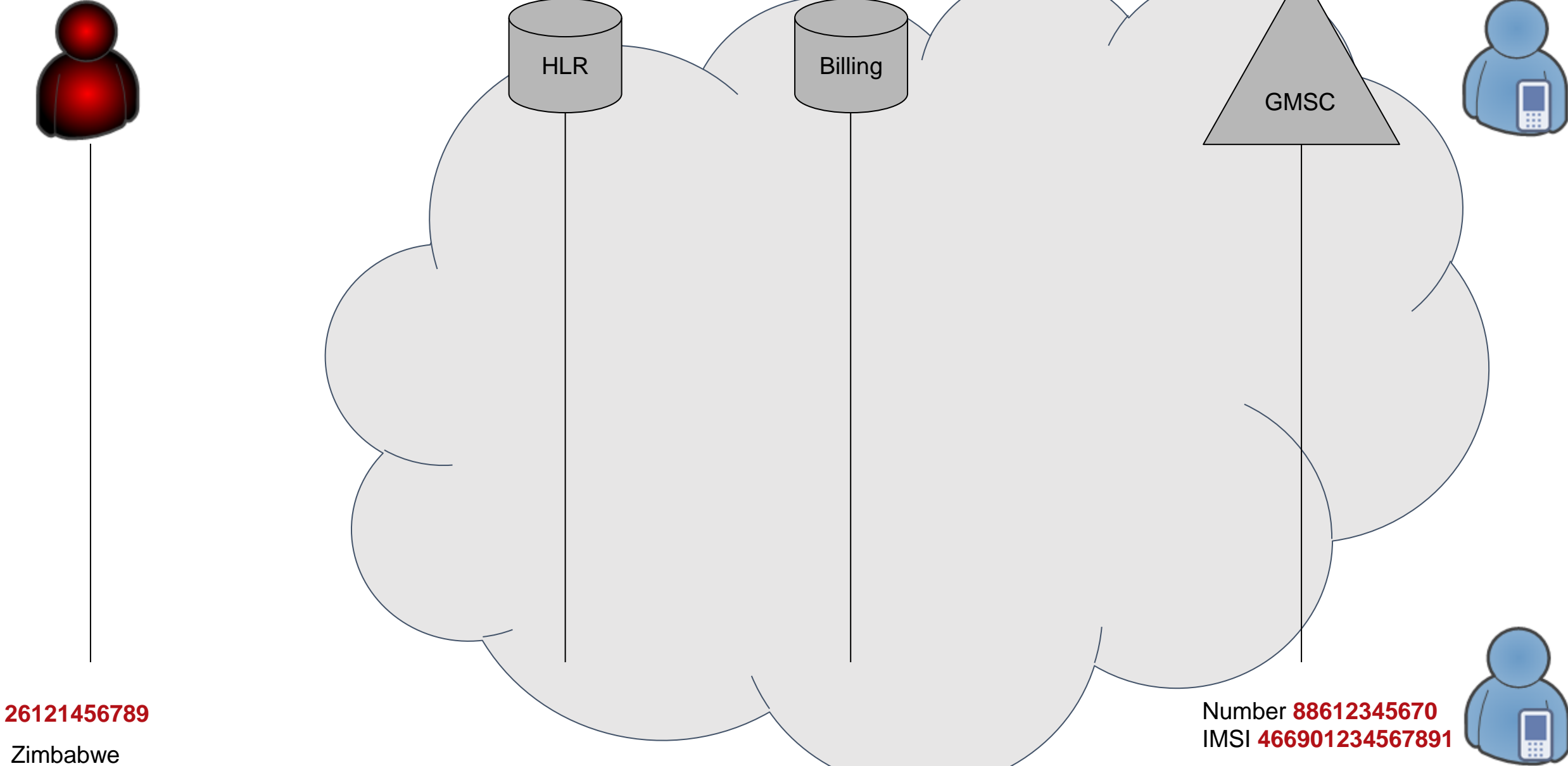
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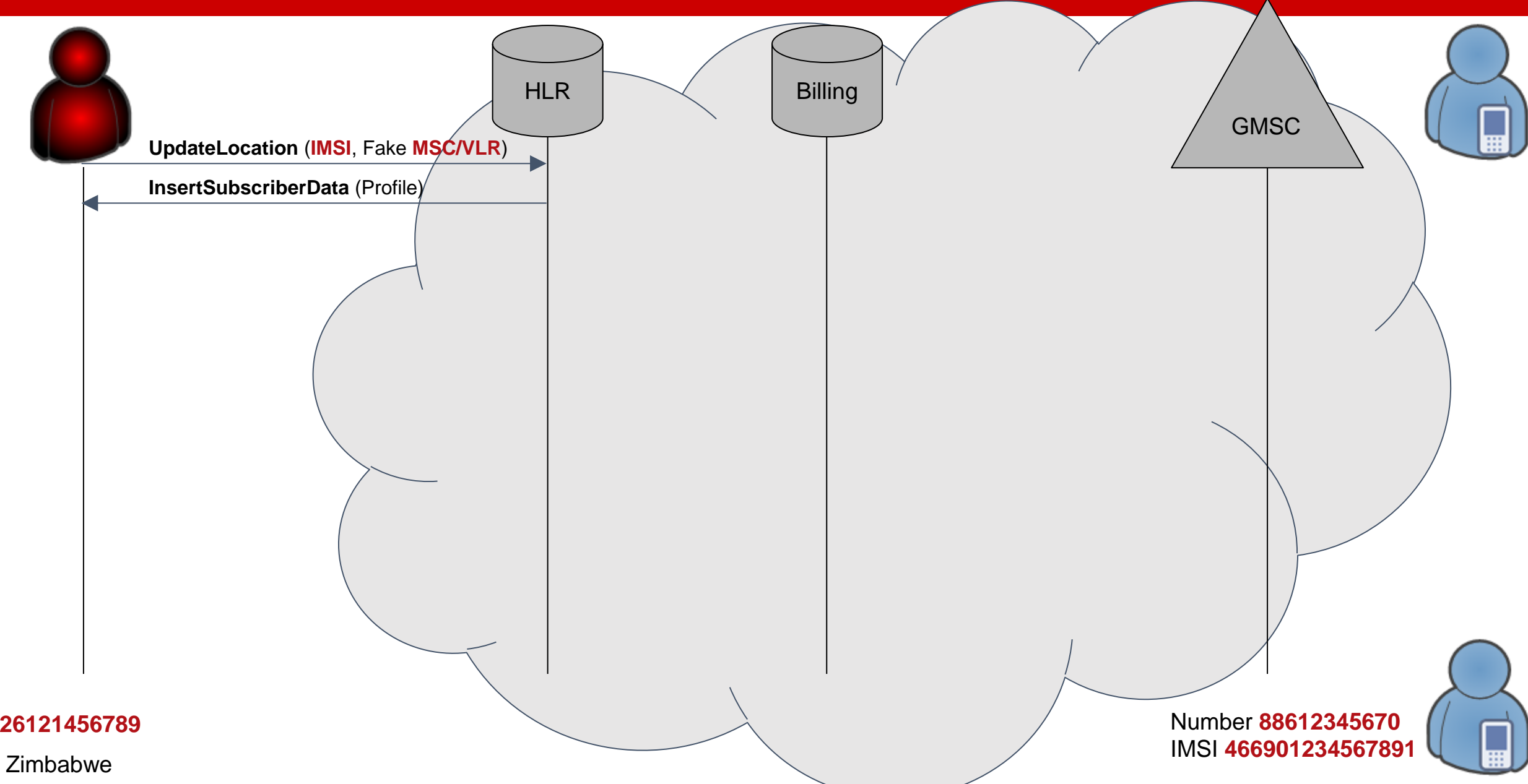
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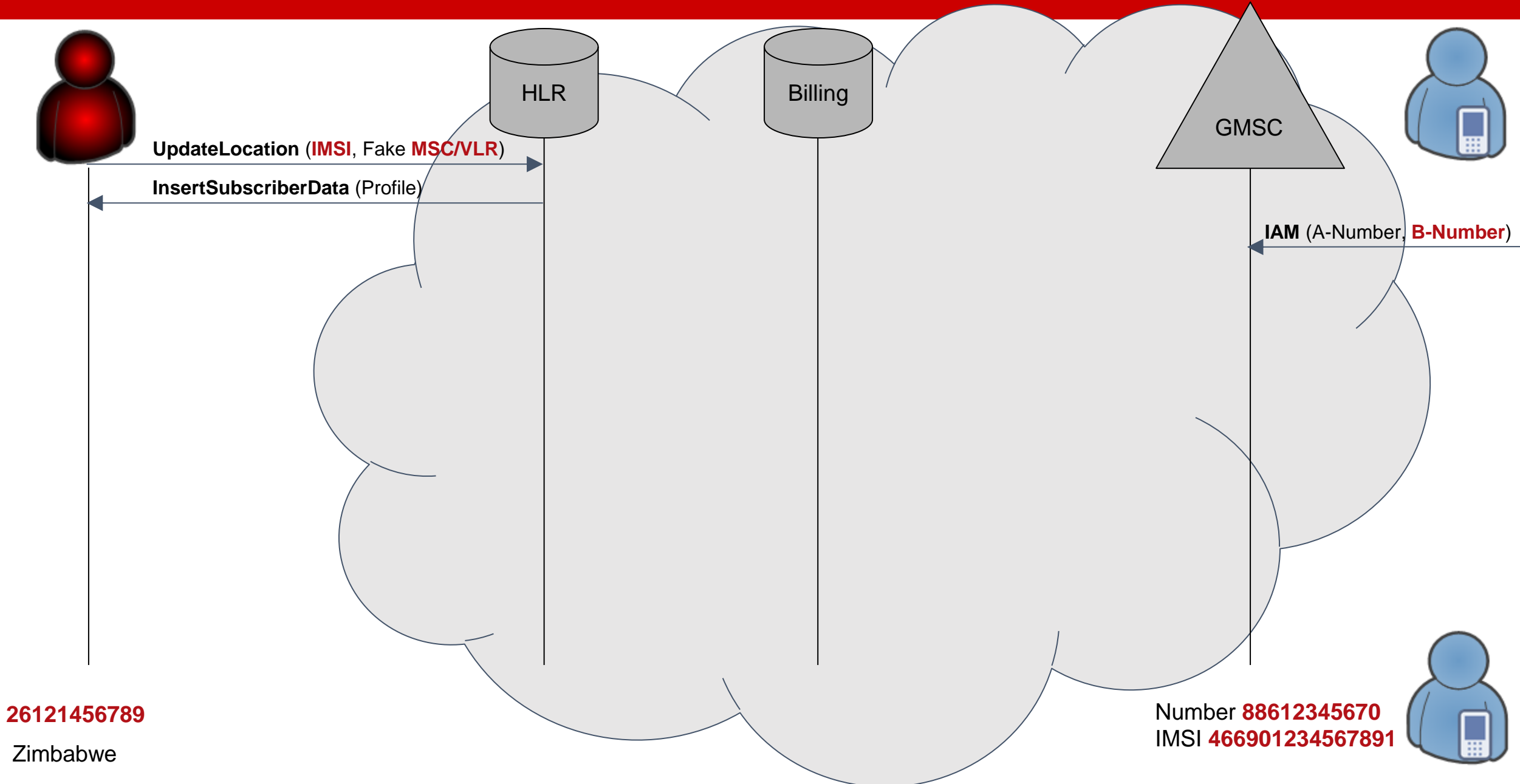
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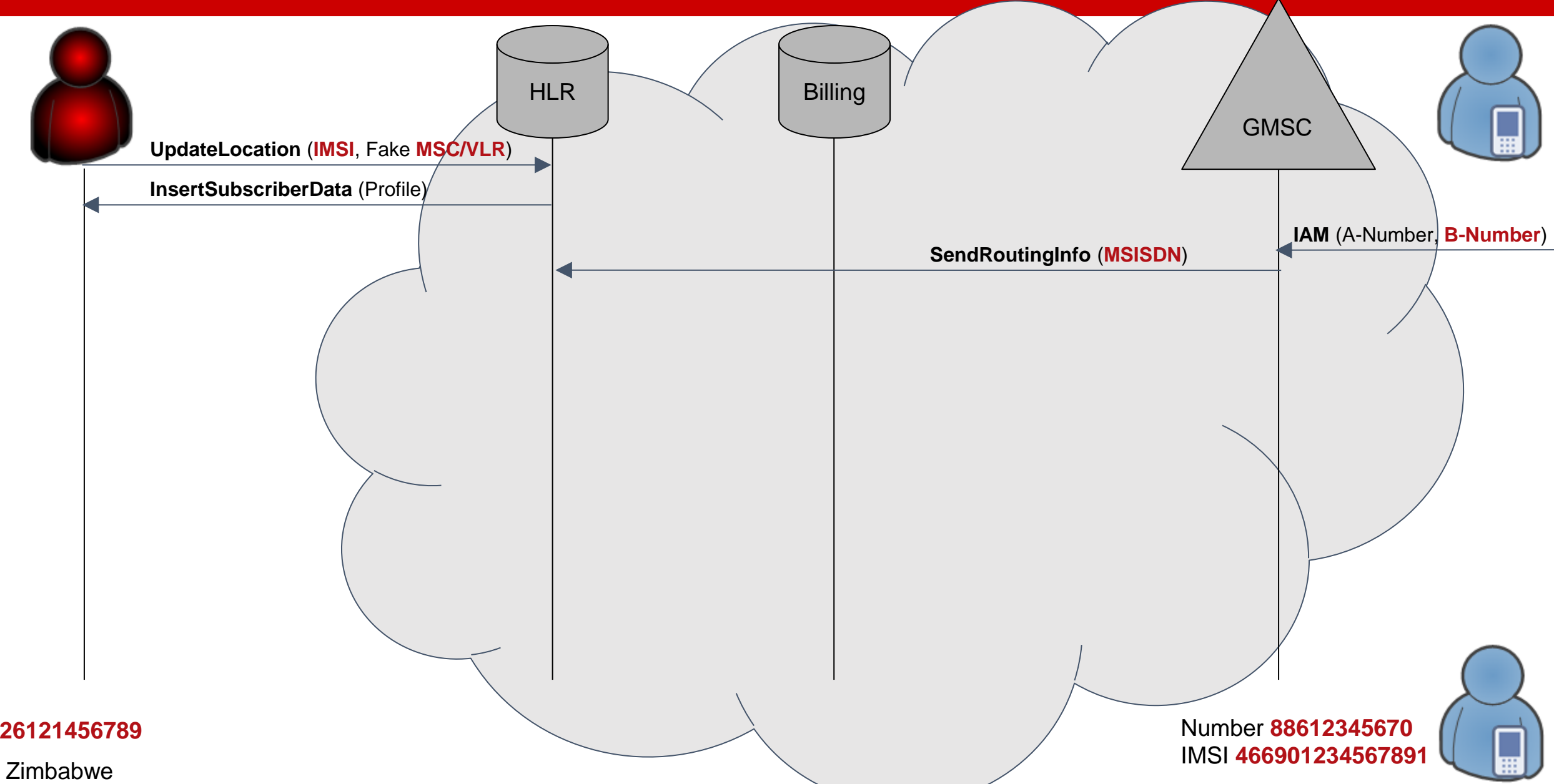
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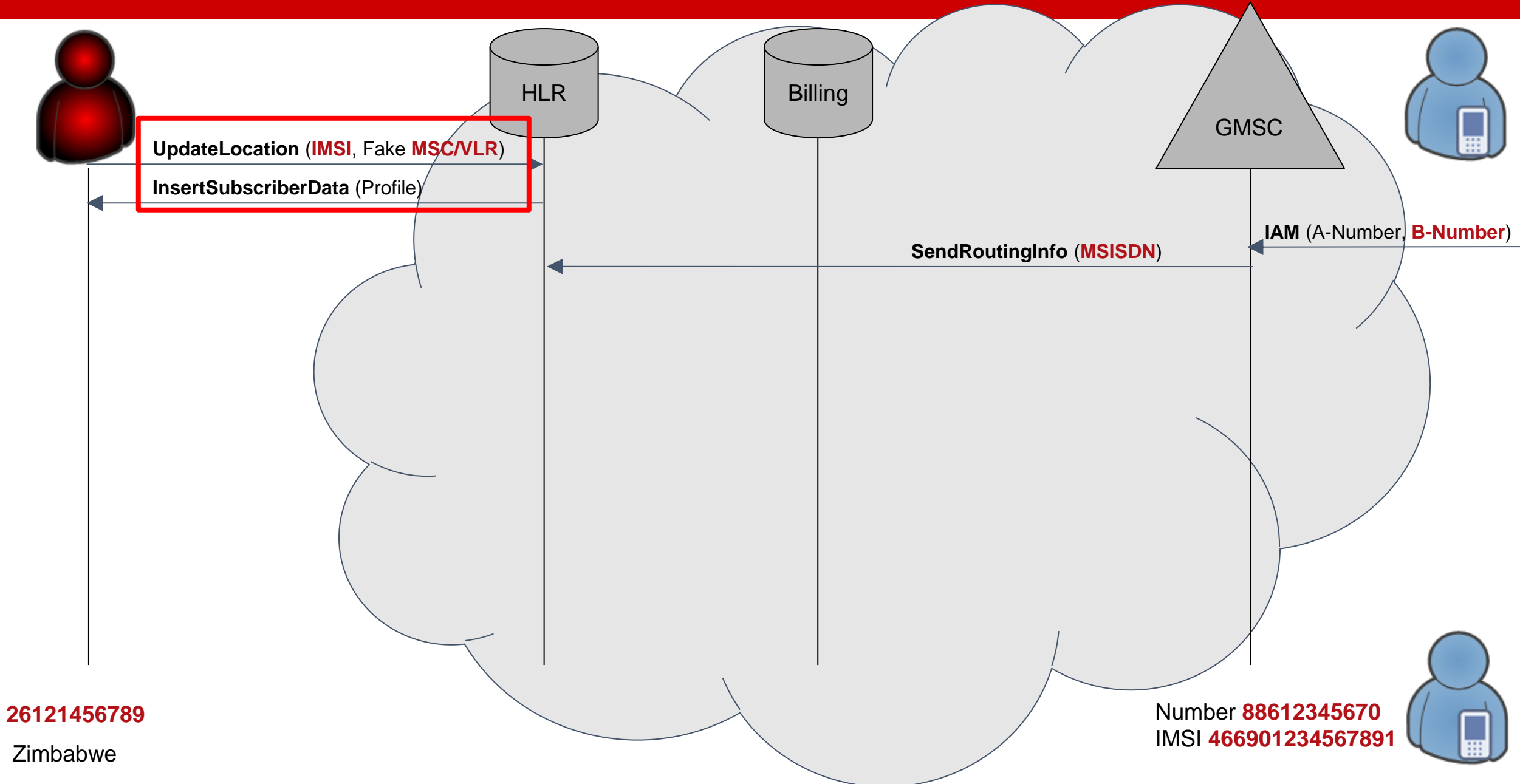
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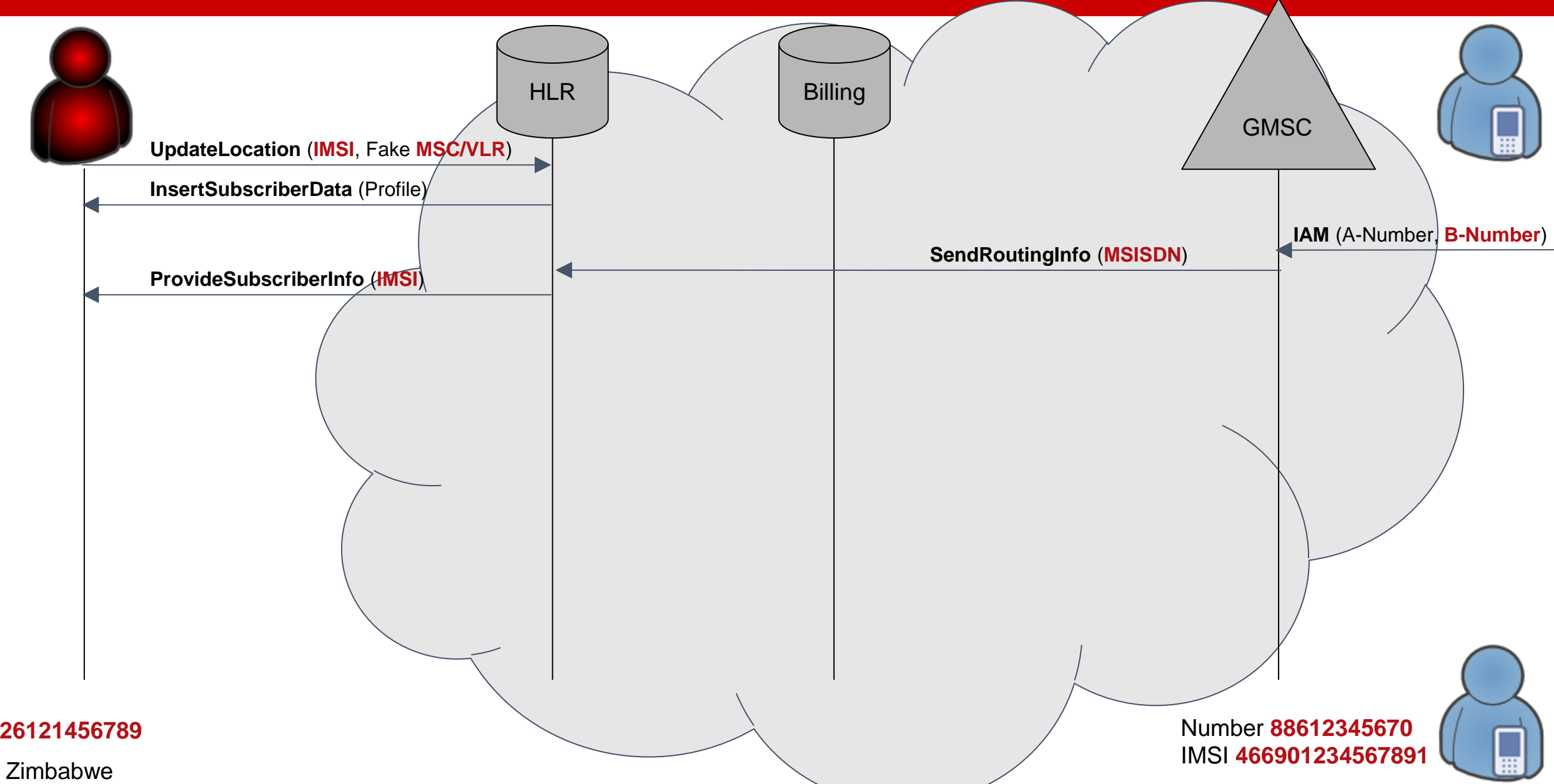
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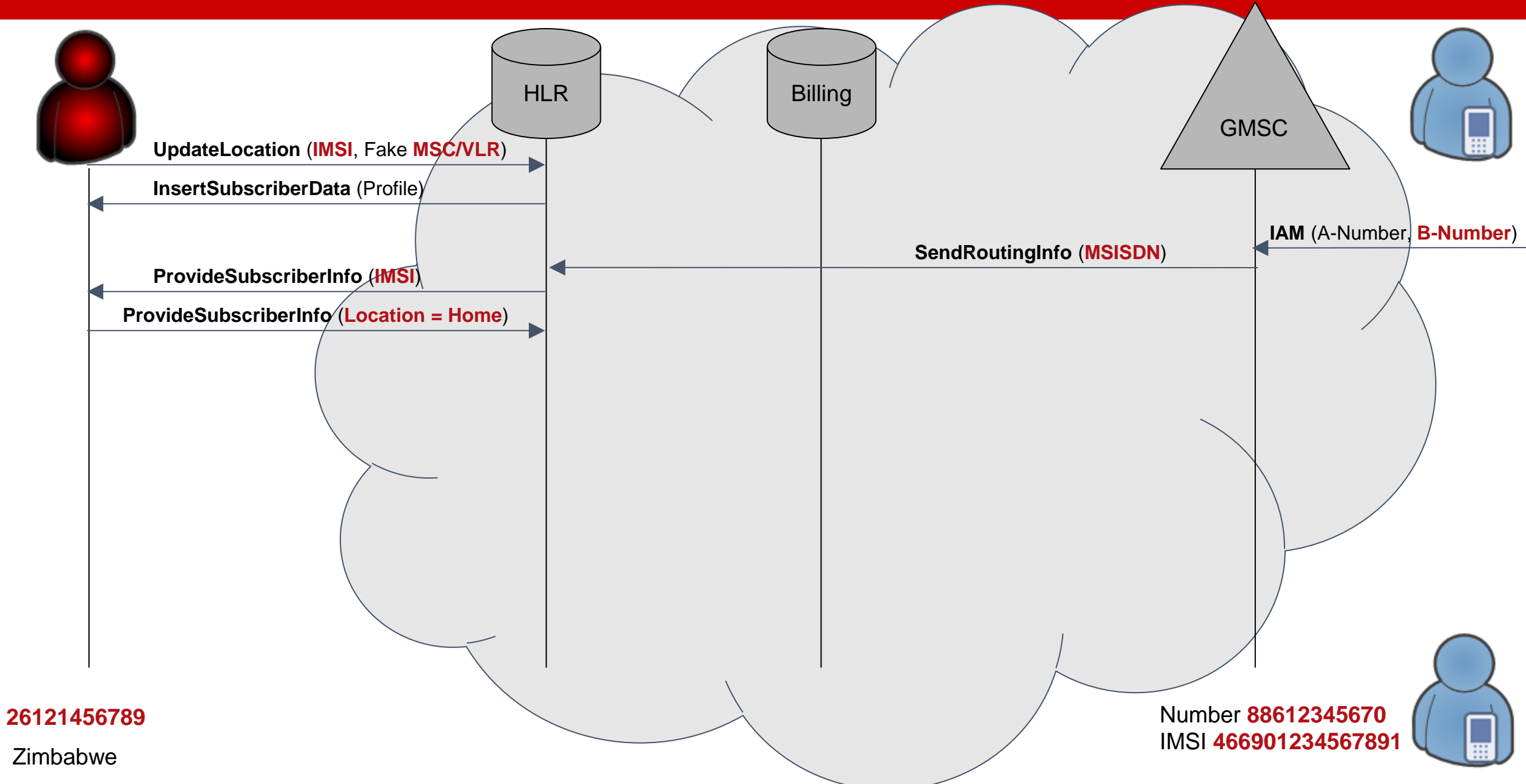
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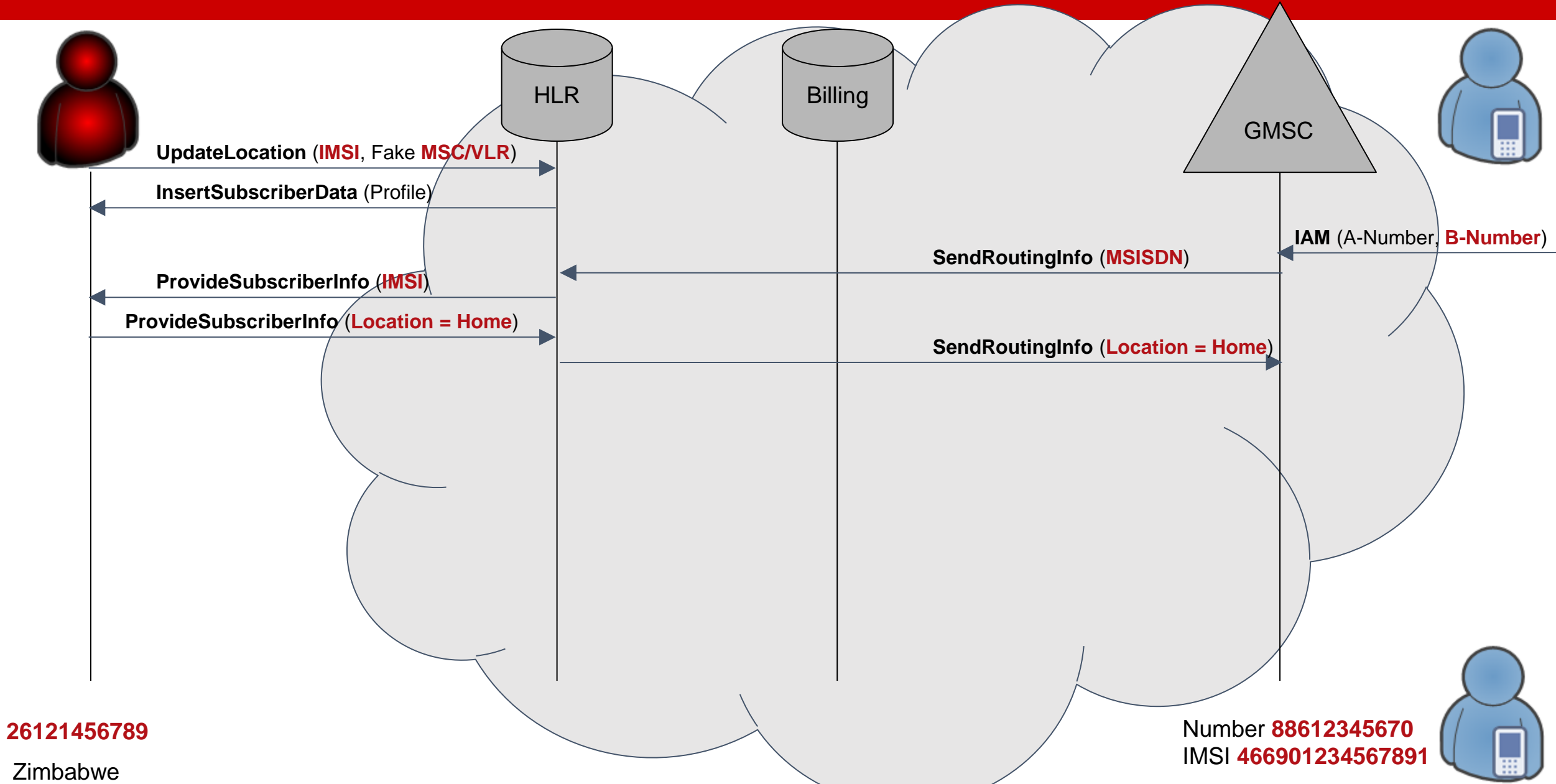
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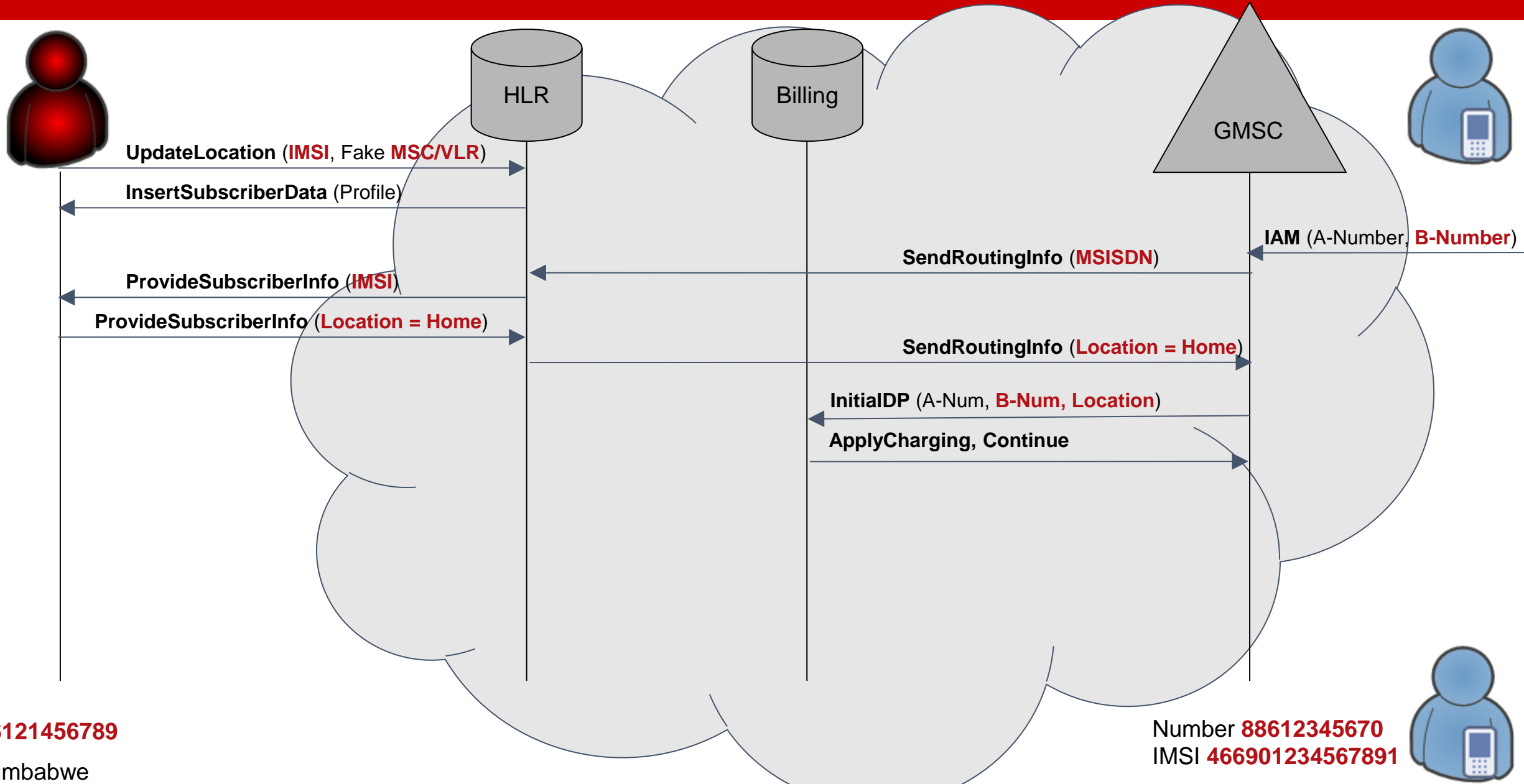
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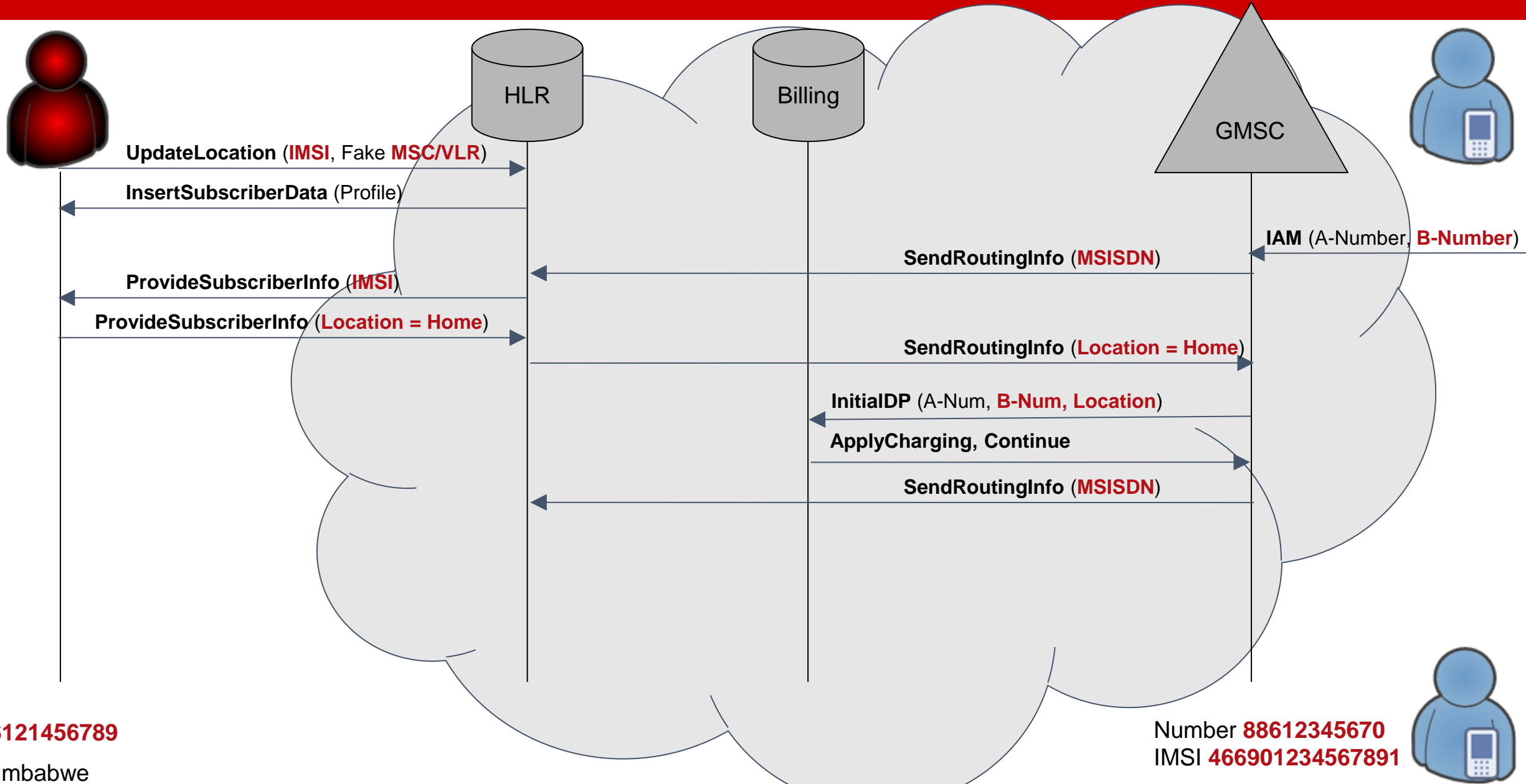
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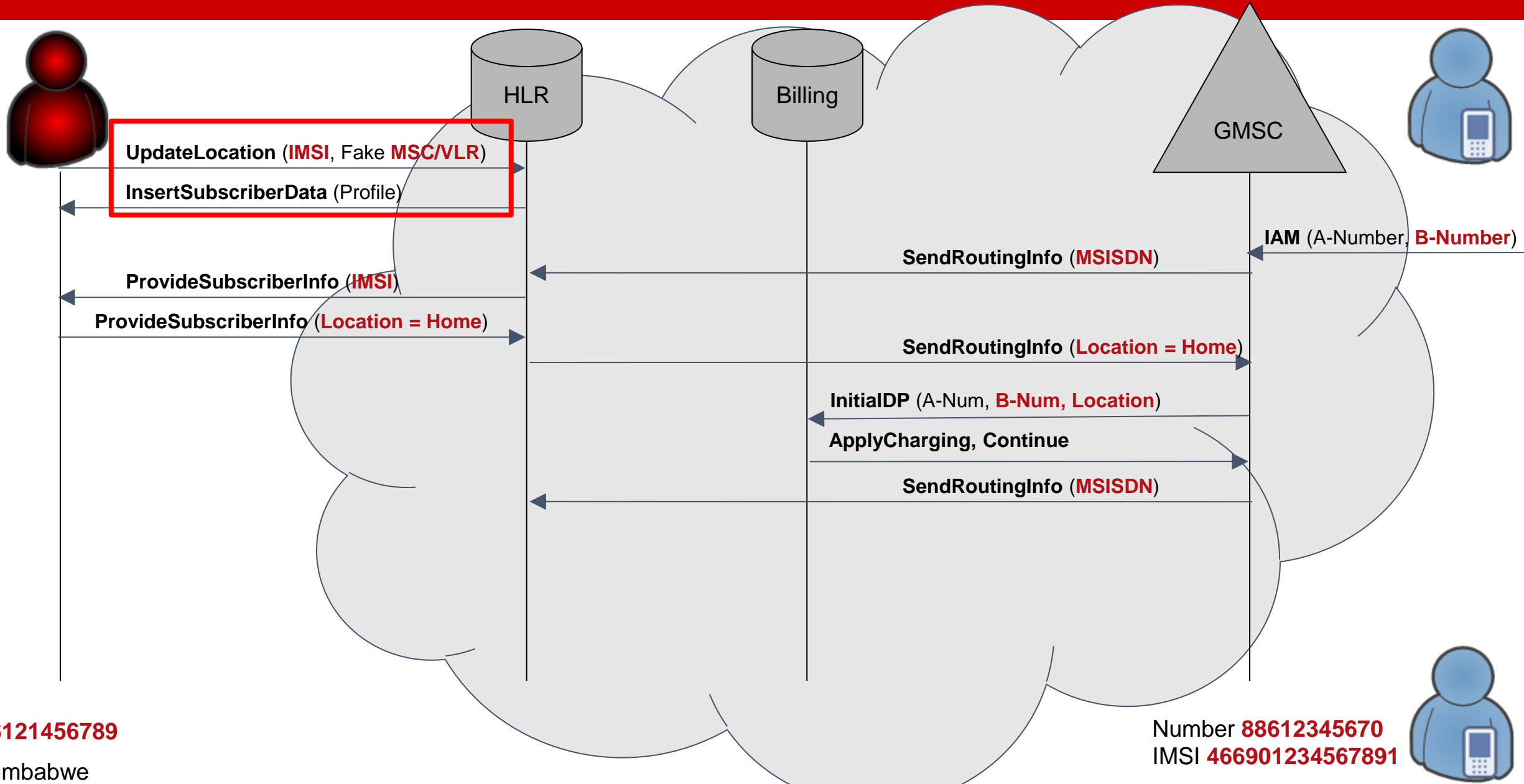
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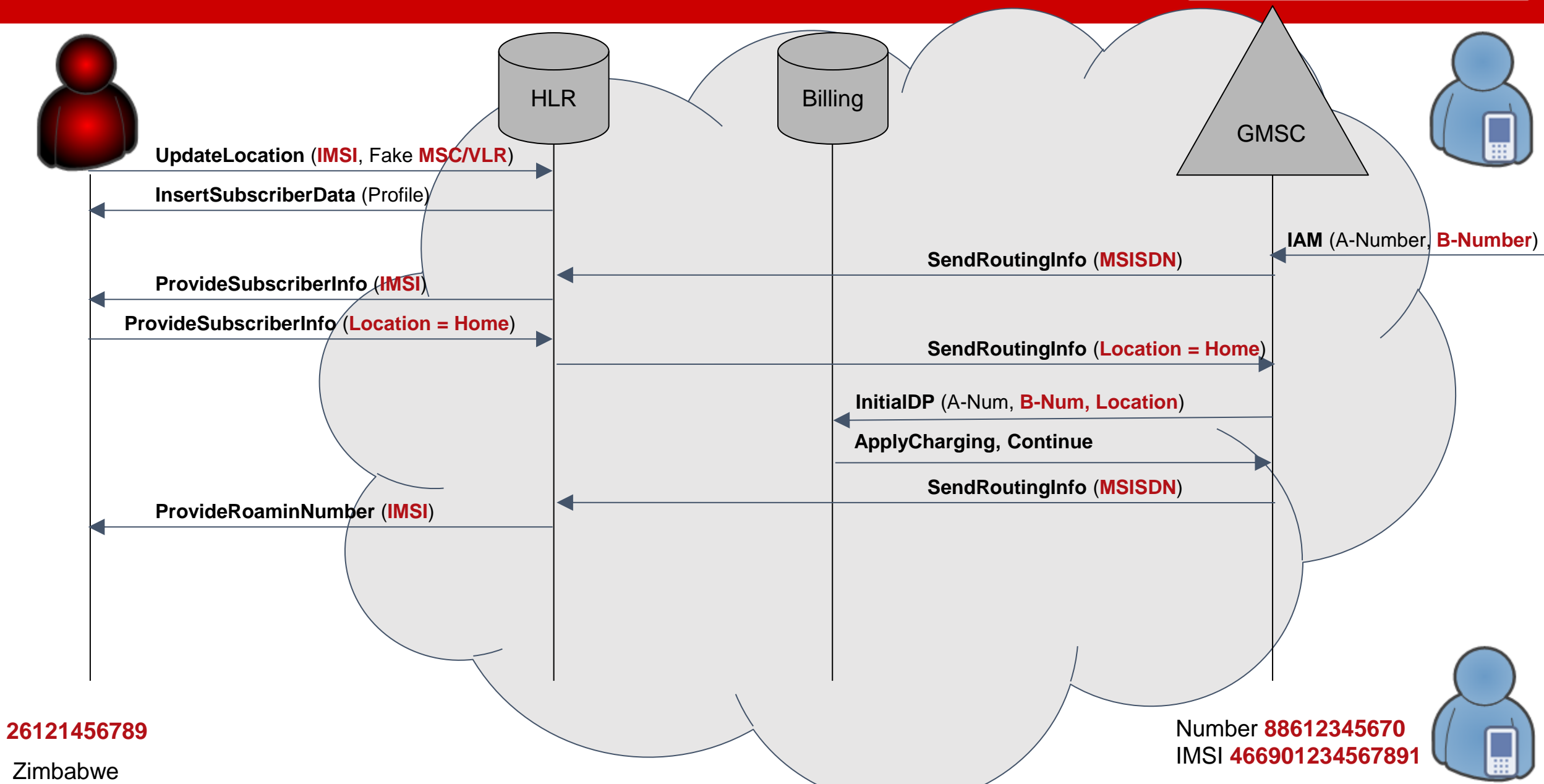
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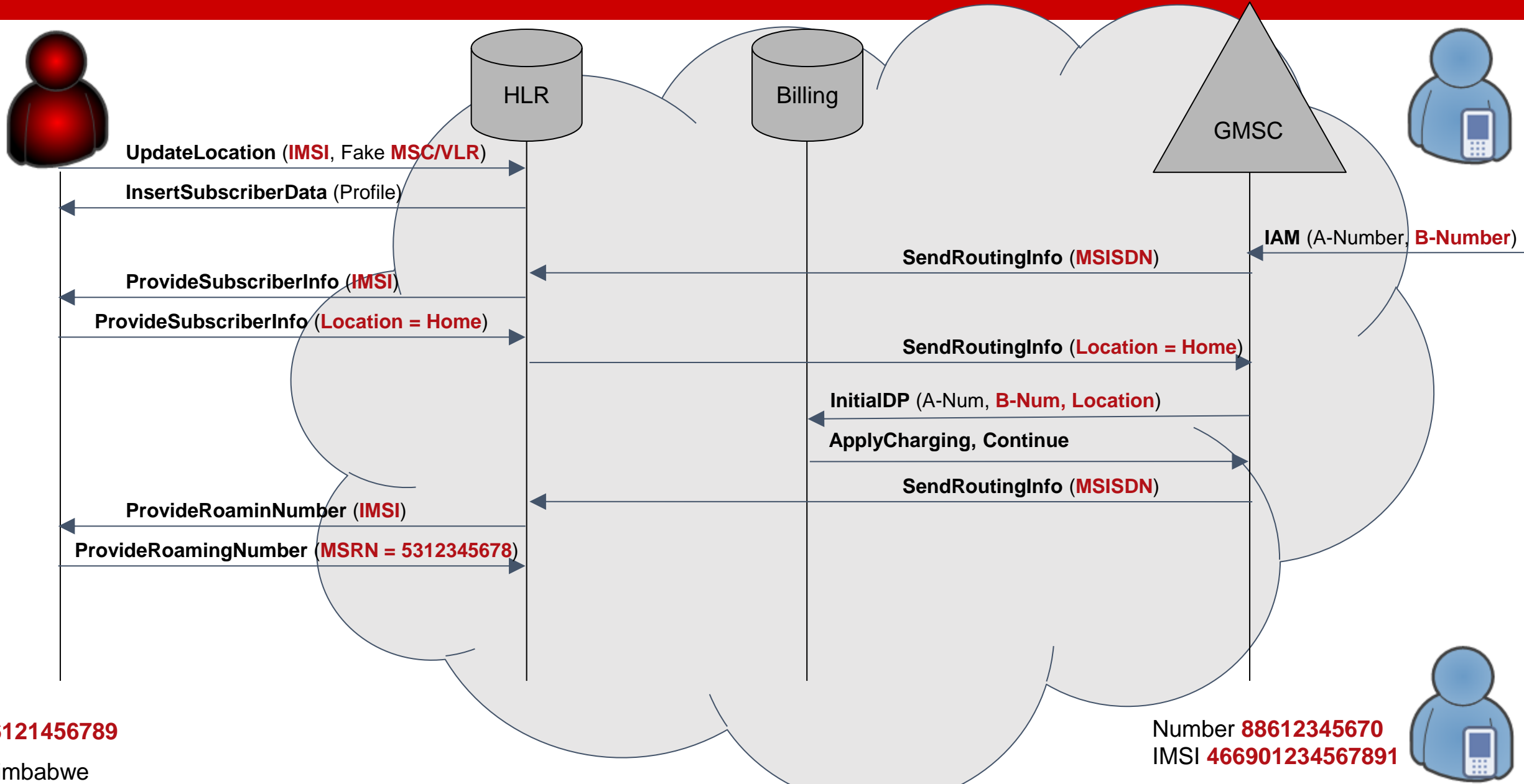
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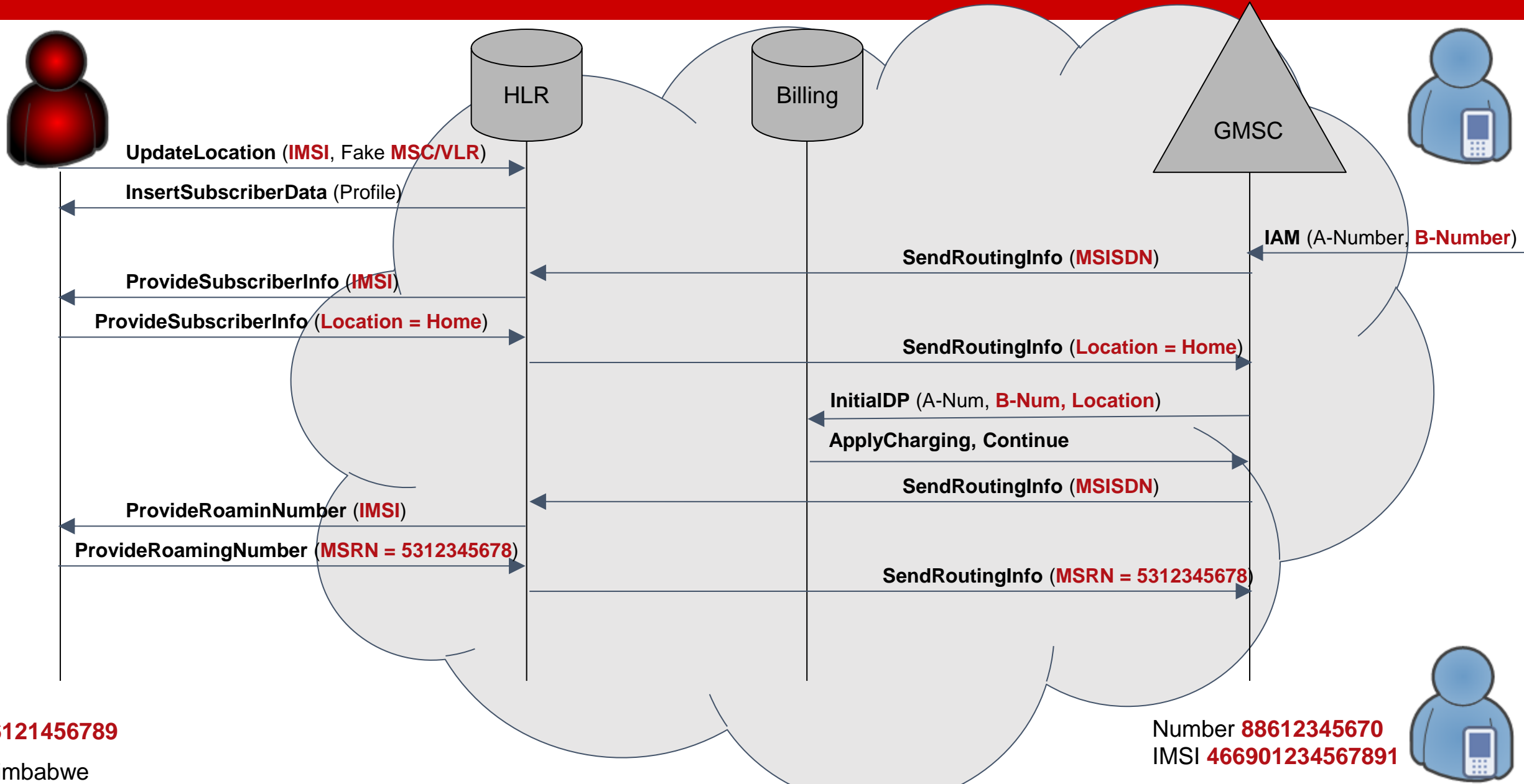
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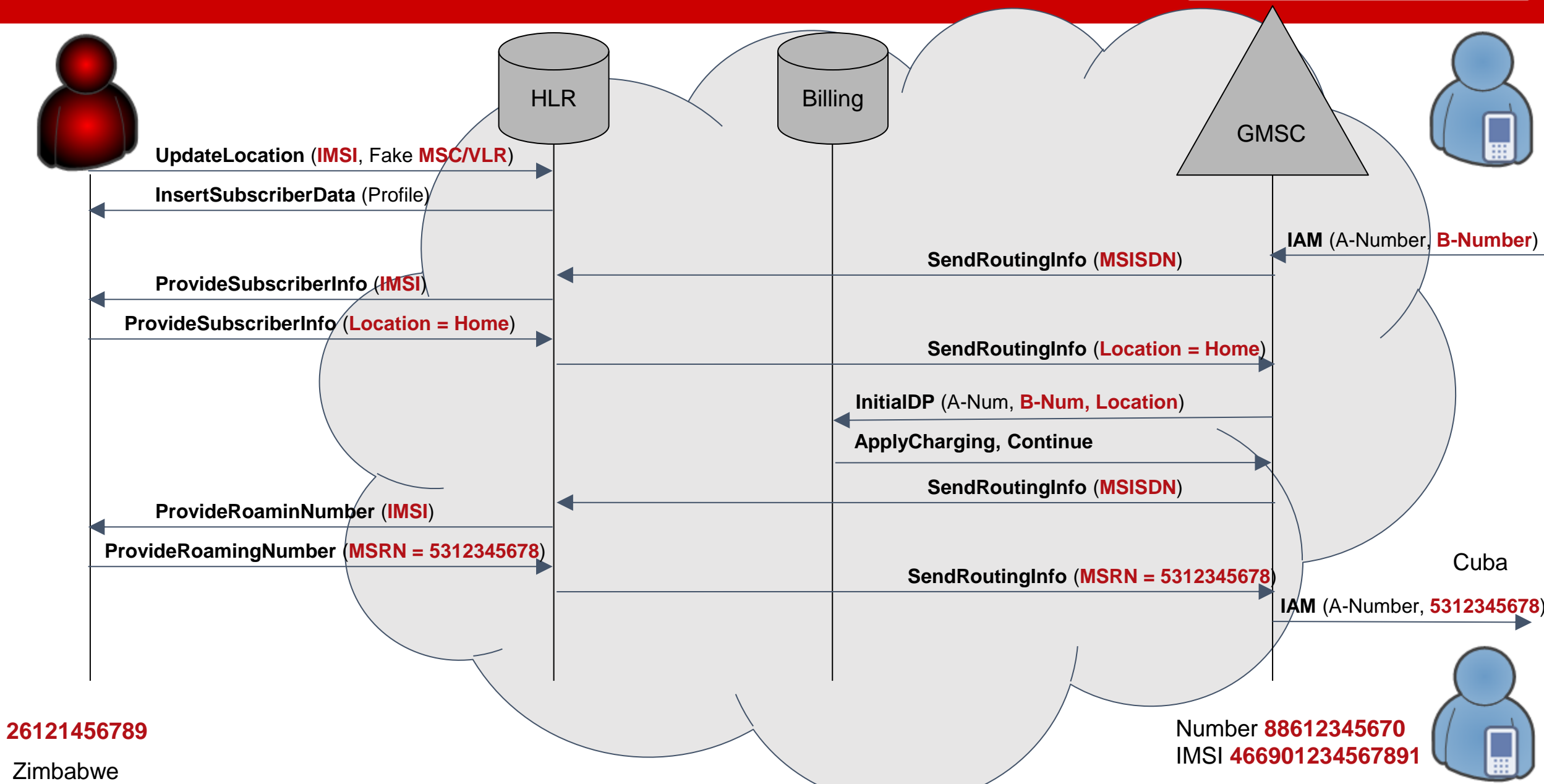
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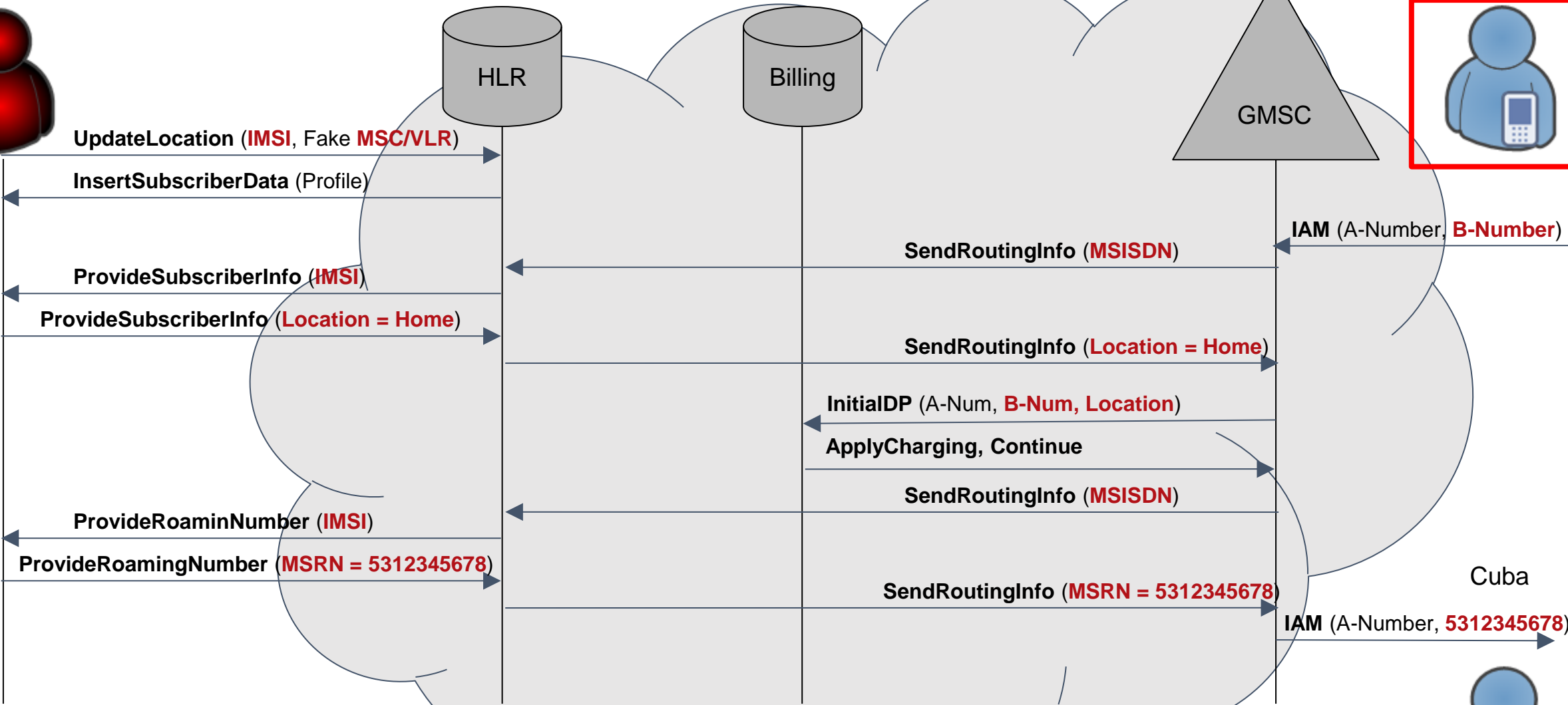
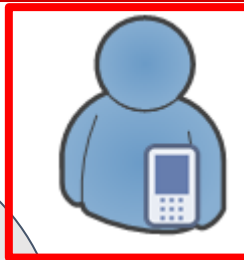
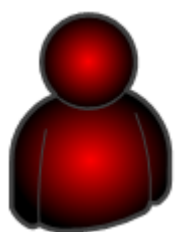
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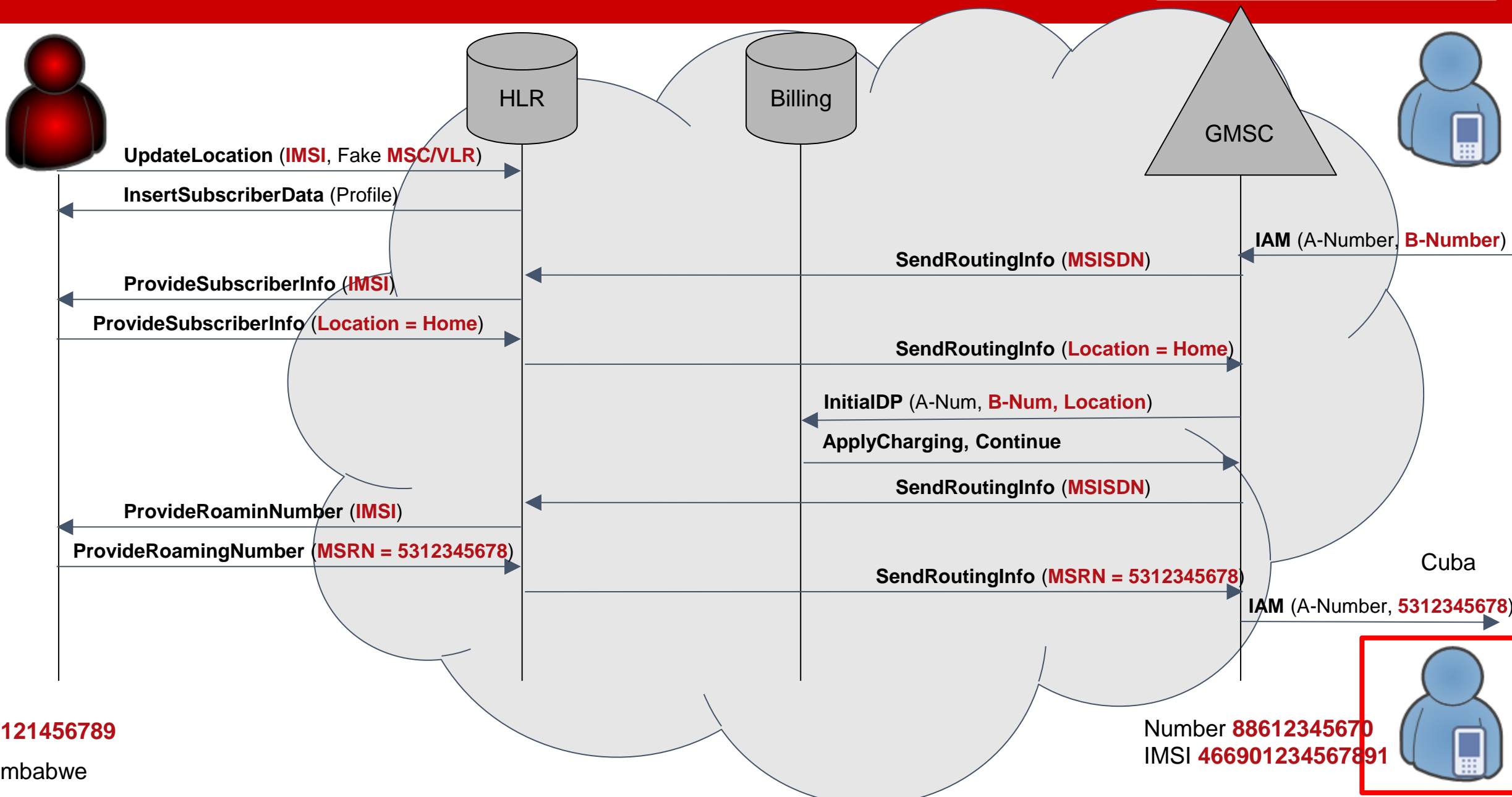
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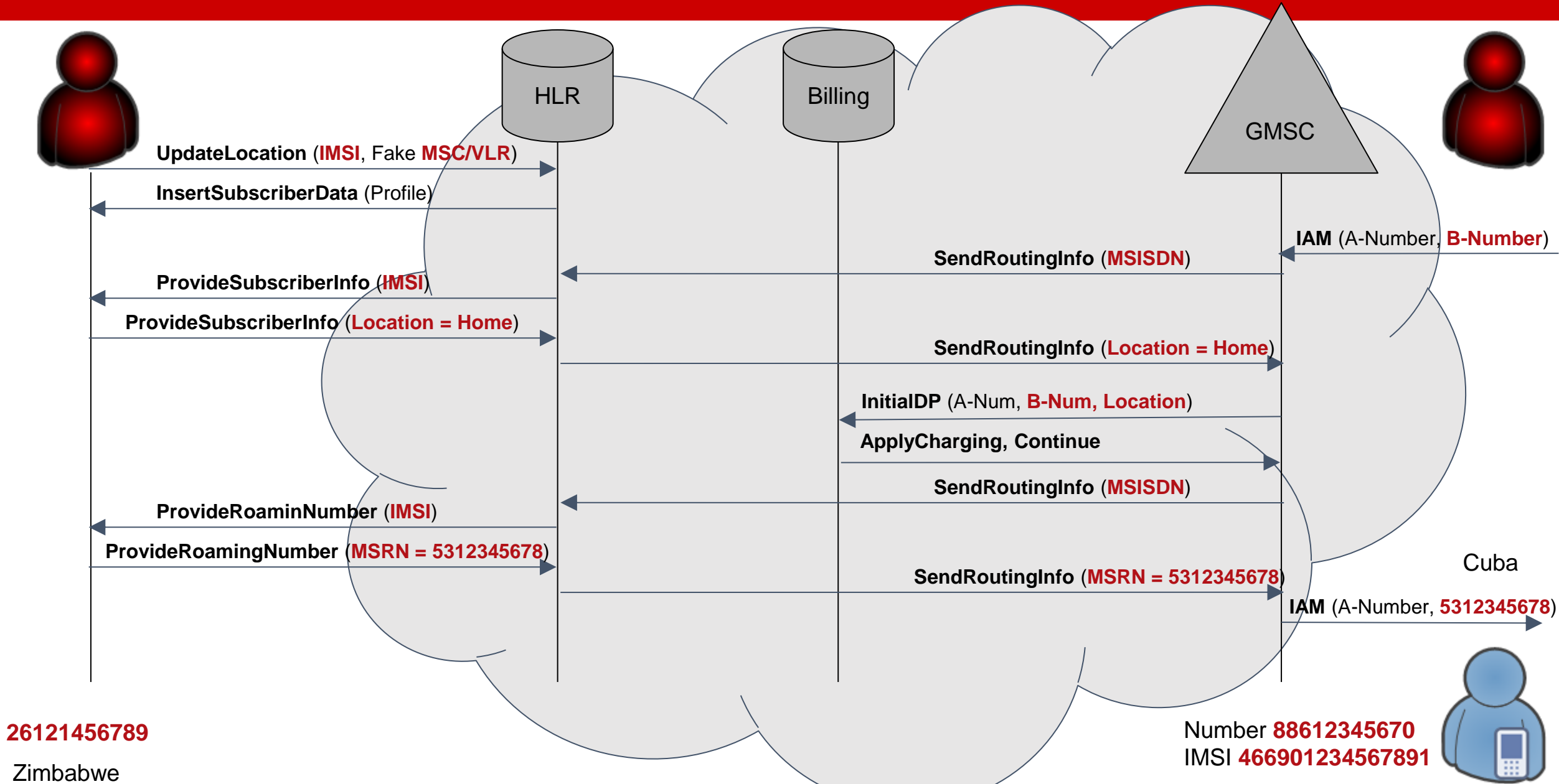
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