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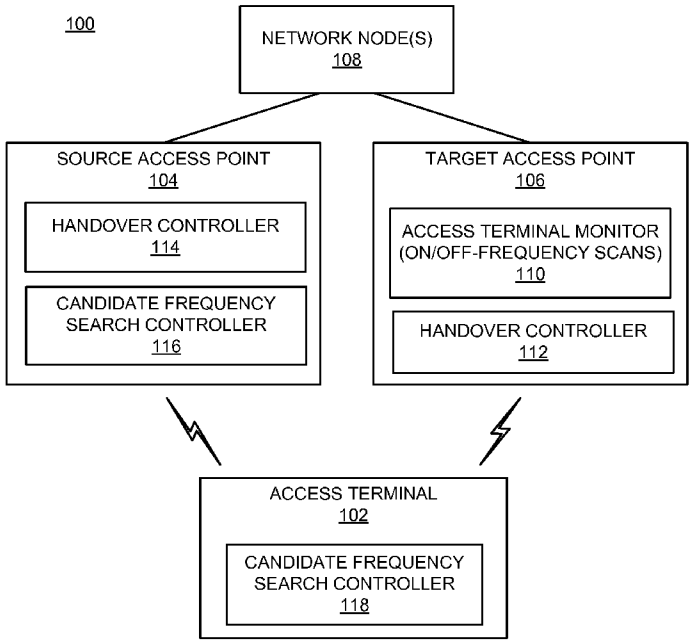

FIG. 1

108 NŒUD(S) DE RESEAU
104 POINT D'ACCES SOURCE
106 POINT D'ACCES CIBLE
114, 112 DISPOSITIF DE COMMANDE DE TRANSFERT INTERCELLULAIRE
110 MONITEUR DE TERMINAL D'ACCES (BALAYAGES DE FREQUENCE MARCHE/ARRET)
116, 118 DISPOSITIF DE COMMANDE DE RECHERCHE DE FREQUENCE CANDIDATE
102 TERMINAL D'ACCES

(57) Abstract: In a handover operation an access terminal is handed over from a source access point to a target access point. To facilitate efficient identification of a target access point, a handover operation may be initiated by the target access point. A candidate frequency search also may be invoked to confirm that an access terminal identified by a target access point for a handover is in the vicinity of the target access point. A source access point may verify whether an access terminal is in a vicinity of a target access point to determine whether to perform a handover operation. A source access point may handle potential ambiguity between several target access points by sending handover commands to each of these target access points. An access terminal also may assist in the determination of whether to perform a handover operation.

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