



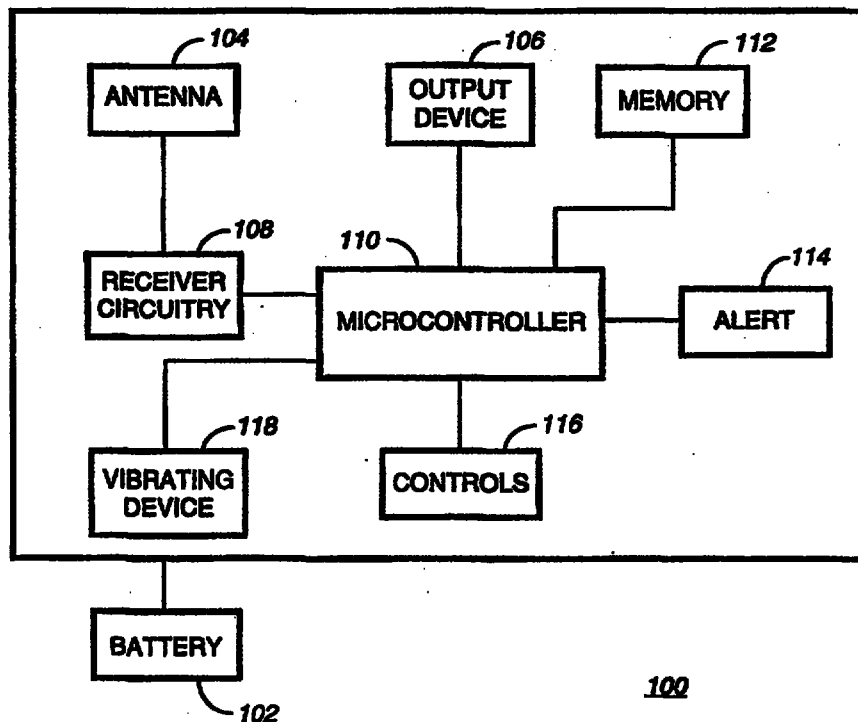
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(57) Abstract

A communication device such as a pager (100) includes a controller (110) which helps decode an incoming high priority message and stores it in memory (112). A user control (116) such as a "Read" control switch is then used to display at least a portion of the high priority message on the display (106). Once the high priority message has been read, it is persistently displayed on display (106) until the user decides to erase the message. Depending on the size of the display screen (106) a portion or all of the high priority message may be displayed. Alternatively, in situations where the display screen (106) is too small to accommodate all the information which needs to be displayed at one time, a portion of the high priority message or an icon is displayed on a periodic basis.



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