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FIG. 14A

(57) **Abstract:** The disclosure provides methods and devices for object allocation. In one embodiment, the method comprises receiving, at a server, an object allocation message submitted by an allocation source via a communications application, the object allocation message including an identification of the allocation source, a number of to-be-allocated objects, and an object allocation time; extracting, by the server from an object set corresponding to the allocation source, objects corresponding to the number of to-be-allocated objects; controlling, by the server, acquisition times when the allocation destination will acquire the objects, so that the acquisition times do not happen before the object allocation time.

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