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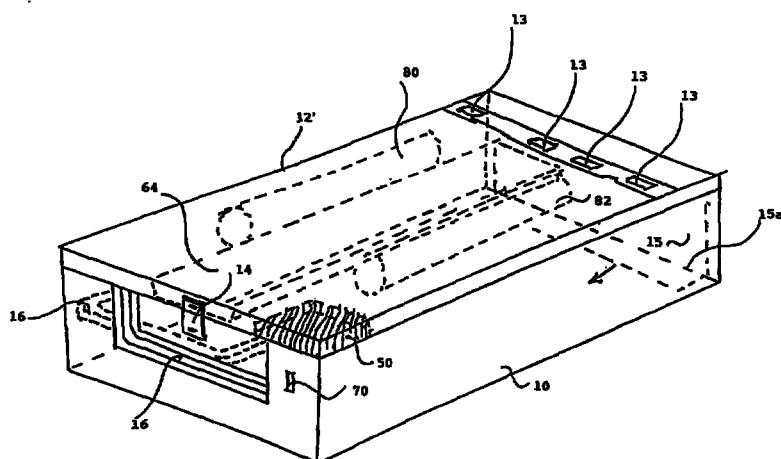
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(57) Abstract: A bank note cassette for use in an automatic teller machine is disclosed. The cassette is provided with a plurality of sensors (52, 54, 56, 58) and a plurality of security devices (60, 62, 64). A central controller (50) is responsive to the sensors for actuating the security devices depending upon the situation of the cassette. The cassette has an independent internal power supply (80, 82) and is thus stand-alone. The cassette is provided with a carrying handle (16) for moving the cassette from one location to another. This handle is movable between two positions for storage and for transit and can only be moved between these positions when an electronic card key is inserted into a reader (70) in the cassette. The number of times that the card is read, to allow movement of the handle, is monitored, this being directly related to the situation of the cassette, since in the normal course of events, the handle should only have to change position when certain events occur, namely on leaving a strong room, on being placed in a van for transit to the bank, for removal from the van and for insertion into the ATM. In dependence of this count, the controller selects sensors applicable to that situation for actuating selected security devices applicable to that situation.