APPENDIX R

ALERT HOLDING AREA (AHA)

A. GENERAL

The AHA is the vehicle, equipment, supply, and personnel control area. The AHA is under the control of the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group (A/DACG). It should be located near the departure airfield. It is used to assemble, inspect, hold, and service aircraft loads. Specific responsibilities within the AHA are as follows.

B. DEPLOYING UNITS

Deploying units will:
1. Move aircraft loads from the marshalling area upon notification from the A/DACG
2. Ensure aircraft mission loads arrive at the prescribed times
3. Provide the A/DACG with load plans, passenger manifest, cargo manifest, and other required documentation
4. Correct load discrepancies identified during pre-inspection.

C. A/DACG

The A/DACG will:
1. Coordinate the arrival of the mission loads with the deploying unit
2. Receive, inventory, and control the aircraft loads
3. In conjunction with the deploying unit personnel, inspect aircraft mission loads to ensure they are complete and correctly prepared
4. Establish a discrepancy correction area for cargo and documentation
5. Inspect documentation for accuracy and completeness
6. Ensure passengers are accounted for and available
7. Provide emergency maintenance, petroleum, oil, and lubricants (including defueling capability) and related services
8. Establish a traffic flow pattern
9. Establish communication with the deploying unit(s) and the mobility forces, and establish backup communication with the mobility forces
10. Direct or guide the mission loads to the call forward area
11. Provide a liaison individual to the mobility force (normally the Air Terminal Operations Center).