Appendix C

POST OFFICE SECURITY - TOP TEN TIPS

- > Ensure that opening & closing procedures, including lunchtimes, are in accordance with business guidelines.
- ➤ Restrict immediate cash availability to the lowest possible level, certainly not in excess of 60-90 minutes usage. [£600 maximum at open plan counters]
- > Keep all safes locked closed, with keys withdrawn and hidden.
- > Ensure that, where installed, maximum use is made of time delay equipment.
- > Ensure that remittances are secured in the safe immediately until they can be checked.
- Ensure that alarm systems are set correctly, for remotely monitored alarms the safes should be alarmed throughout the day.
- > Ensure that all counter access doors are kept closed and locked.
- > Ensure that parcel hatches are kept closed at all times and only opened to the lowest possible position, when required.
- ➤ Ensure that ATM is replenishment is completed outside of business hours and obscured from public view.
- ➤ Remain vigilant at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Post Office Grapevine team on **GRO** In the event of an imminent threat dial 999.

Please ensure that you are familiar with and comply with the Security Operations Manual issued January 2008.