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TO: NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
FROM: JIM MCCARTHY, CLERK CRAFT DIRECTOR, APWU
DATE: JUNE 18, 2004
SUBJECT: CRAFT JURISDICTION ON THE AUTOMATED PACKAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM (APPS)

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The American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, submits the following dispute to the National Dispute Resolution Committee.

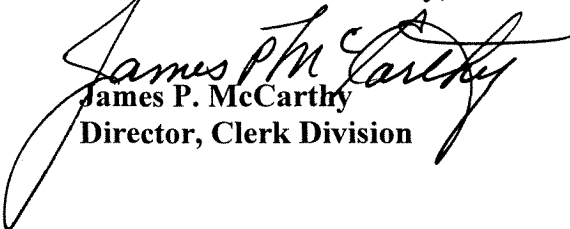
By letter dated 6/2/04 the Postal Service has advised the APWU, it is assigning the craft jurisdiction of the work to be performed on the Automated Package Processing System (APPS) to the mailhandler craft.

The APWU believes the issue is: Is the USPS's decision to assign the work performed on the APPS machine in violation of the National Agreement, RI-399 and the historical application of jurisdictional rules of the parties? Is so, what is the remedy?

The APWU maintains the APPS is involved in mail processing and/or the distribution of mail and is the work of the clerk craft. All mail processing and/or distribution of mail on automated equipment is the work of the clerk craft.

In addition, the wage level of the position assigned to operate this machine (whether an existing position description or one which is newly created under Article 1, Section 5) is not a proper issue for resolution by the NDRC.

Yours In Union Solidarity,


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