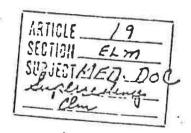


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Mr. Thomas Freeman, Jr. Assistant Director American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3399



Dear Mr. Freeman:

Recently we met in prearbitration discussion of HIT-3D-C 39678, Atlanta, Georgia. The question in this grievance is whether management was proper in requiring the disputed document.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented in this case. No local policy may be established that supersedes the provisions of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM). This is a local dispute suitable for regional determination by application of Sections 512.412 and 513.364 of the ELM. Therefore, this case is being remanded to the regional level of arbitration with the clear agreement between the parties that it is to be arbitrated at the regional level.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter acknowledging your agreement to remand this case, withdrawing HIT-3D-C 39678 from the national pending arbitration listing.

Sincerely, ...

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Enclosure