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Re: Class Action  
Peoria, IL 61601  
HLN-4A-C 27091

Dear Mr. Wevodau:

On December 17, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the use of the Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office (SATO) violates the National Agreement.

The facts in this case indicate that the Postal Service schedules bargaining-unit employees' travel through the SATO.

The union contends that the use of SATO violates the provisions of the Postal Bulletin 21415 (8/4/83) and that all airlines that fly small planes are unsafe airlines.

It is the position of the Postal Service that no national interpretive issue involving the terms and conditions of the National Agreement is fairly presented in this case. Inasmuch as the union declined mutual agreement in this regard, the following represents the decision of the Postal Service on the particular fact circumstances involved.

It is our further position that SATO is not a travel agency and its use is not prohibited by the cited article. The FAA determines whether an airline is unsafe.

Based upon the above considerations this grievance is denied.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

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for  
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