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Mr. Robert L. Tunstall  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Craft Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, APL-CIO  
817 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: Class Action  
Wichita, KS 67276  
H4C-4H-C 9886

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On several occasions, the most recent being August 19, 1986, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether Forms 3579 are properly forwarded to associate offices for completion by clerks.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. Whether the procedure for completion of the Forms 3579 is proper is a local issue suitable for regional determination based upon the particular circumstances.

The parties at this level agree that the April 10, 1974, Step 4 letter prohibits postmasters in third class offices from completing the aid forms, but does not preclude bargaining-unit employees from doing so.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. Aikens  
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Labor Relations Department

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