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Mr. James Connors  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Craft Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, AFL-CIO  
817 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: Young  
Charleston, WV 25301  
H1C-2M-C 7183

Dear Mr. Connors:

On July 10, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant was entitled to have a union steward present during a discussion under Article 16, Section 2, of the National Agreement.

After further review of this matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 16 of the National Agreement. This is a local dispute over the application of Article 16, Section 2, of the 1981 National Agreement as discussions of this type shall be held in private between the employee and the supervisor. However, in cases where a reasonable basis exists for the employee to believe that the discussion will result in disciplinary action, a steward may be present. The parties at the local level should apply the above understanding to the specific fact circumstances in order to resolve this case.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Mr. James Connors

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

  
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Thomas J. Lang  
Labor Relations Department

  
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James Connors  
Assistant Director  
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