



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

JUN 1 1981

May 29, 1981

ARTICLE	19
SECTION	M-49
SUBJECT	SIAT
	HANDBOOK

ABE 1776

Mr. Wallace Baldwin, Sr.
Administrative Vice President
Clerk Craft
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Malak
Pittsburgh, PA (BMC) 15090
H8C-2F-C-8565

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

On May 21, 1981, we met with your representative to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The question raised in this grievance is whether or not a Sorter Induction Accuracy Test (SIAT) was properly conducted. Specifically, the Union maintained that provisions of the M-49 Handbook were violated by conducting the test with the supervisor standing in a location where he did not have a clear view of the grievant and the supply of mail to the keyers.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no National interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case. The question as to whether or not the supervisor referred to in this case was positioned in a manner that would enable him to make observations in a given situation as required by the referenced handbook is a matter that should be determined locally.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing if

necessary. Please sign a copy of this letter as your
acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,

George S. McDougald
George S. McDougald
Labor Relations Department

Wallace Baldwin Jr
Wallace Baldwin, Sr.
Administrative Vice President
Clerk Craft
American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO