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Dear Mr. Burrus:

This is in reference to your letter of February 24 concerning a Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) directive. In the letter, you asked to be advised as to whether the Postal Service intended to comply with the directive from the MSPB as it relates to reimbursement for witnesses appearing at an MSPB hearing.

We have looked into this matter. There was an Opinion and Order issued by the MSPB on August 6, 1985, in the case of Frank F. Black, Jr., a Postal Service employee who testified at the hearing in the appeal of the removal of Alfred D. Maisto, an employee of the Santa Ana, California, Post Office. Information received as a result of our inquiries into this matter disclosed that Mr. Black and other witnesses involved in that case have been compensated in accordance with the MSPB Order.

Sincerely,

William J. Downes

Director

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