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Mr. Gerald Anderson
Assistant Director
Clerk Division
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: H. Hanson
Orlando, FL 32802
H1C-3W-C 12666

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On January 26, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

The issue in this grievance is whether the seniority of an employee returned to the clerk craft in the local office was properly established.

The facts in this case indicate that the grievant returned to the clerk craft after approximately 11 months as a supervisor. The grievant's craft seniority date was reestablished without credit for the time spent as a supervisor.

It is the position of the postal Service that the grievant's craft seniority was properly established. The grievant's return to the clerk craft was on a voluntary basis. Article 37, Section 2.D.7.d.1. of the National Agreement provides . . . "the seniority shall be established after reassignment as the seniority the employee had when he/she left that craft without seniority credit for service outside the craft." It is also our position that no national interpretive issue involving the terms and conditions of the National Agreement is fairly presented in this case.