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DEC 31 1986	
ARTICLE	14
SECTION	
SUBJECT	Smoking RT
	SPLBM

Re: Class Action
 Iron Mountain, MI 49801
 H4C-4J-C 18924

Dear Mr. Guffey:

On December 15, 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 management violated the National Agreement by prohibiting smoking at single position letter sorting machines.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. We agreed that local policy on smoking is not a matter that requires national interpretation.

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,

Margaret H. Oliver
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