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SECTION	
SUBJECT	Firearms

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
 Washington, DC 20260
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Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
 Assistant Director
 Clerk Division
 American Postal Workers
 Union, AFL-CIO
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Art. XIV

A9-5 2053
 Re: G. Willis
 Mobile, AL 36601
 H8C-3D-C 21334

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On January 24, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure. The grievance had been discussed previously.

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

The question raised in this grievance is whether or not management violated provisions of the National Agreement in connection with the elimination of Non-Inspection Service firearms and the Firearms Program. Specifically the Union contended that the action taken in this instance violated the safety and health provisions set forth in Article XIV of the National Agreement.

Information in the file discloses that the program with which this grievance is concerned was eliminated in accordance with instructions issued in Postal Bulletin No. 21251, dated June 26, 1980. Moreover, we do not believe that elimination of the program is, in and of itself, a violation of the provisions of Article XIV of the National Agreement as has been contended.

Accordingly, as we find no violation of the National Agreement, this grievance is denied.