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Mr. Gerald Anderson
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ARTICLE	14
SECTION	
SUBJECT	
DROPPER JAM	

Re: Class Action
Columbus, OH 43216
H1C-4F-C 11089

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On June 22, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1981 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance involved clearing dropper jams on MPLSMs.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case. Although postal employees have an excellent safety record while clearing dropper jams, two additional safety features are now being added. A modification is being made to MPLSMs that will reduce dropper jams and allow employees to correct dropper jams without coming in contact with any MPLSM moving parts. Those offices that do not choose to make the modification may use a hand tool extraction device to clear dropper jams.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to resolve this case.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Lang
Labor Relations Department


Gerald Anderson
Assistant Director
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