



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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ARTICLE	14
SECTION	
SUBJECT	HAMPERS

Mr. Gerald Anderson
Executive Aide, Clerk Craft
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Class Action
Royal Oak, MI 48067
EIC-4B-C-2684

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On June 23, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The question raised in this grievance involved the sorting of flats from hampers and cages.

During our discussion, we mutually agreed to settle this case based on the following:

Part 232.7 of the P-13 Handbook offers specific guidelines for the use of hampers/gurneys and should be followed to the maximum extent.

Operationally, due to equipment unavailability, etc., supervisors may at times have to use these hampers to transport trayed mail, sacks or heavy parcels. Hamper liners or other safety devices should be used to overcome the hazard of lifting mail from these hampers. When used to transport heavy parcels or sacks, the hamper should be tipped over and the items lifted from the floor or liners may be used.