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SUBJECT	<u>HAMPERS</u>

Mr. Cliff J. Guffey
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Clerk Craft Division
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
1300 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-4107

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Re: Class Action
Madison, WI 53707
H4C-4J-C 34075

Dear Mr. Guffey:

On August 22, 1988, 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 should have removed all 1046-S hampers manufactured by the Doniger Corporation from service because some are defective.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. There are three manufacturers of the 1046-S hamper and since the discovery that some of the elastic cords are of insufficient strength, all future procurements included strengthened elastic cord requirements. If the above-referenced hampers are identified as defective, they should be red tagged for repair.

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.