



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260
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15
STEP 2
MGT.
DESIGNEE

Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
Assistant Director
Clerk Division
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Class Action
Mountain Home, AR 72653
H1C-3F-C-10264

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On December 1, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

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

The question in this grievance is whether management violated Article 15 of the 1981 National Agreement by designating a postmaster from another post office to serve as the step 2 official at the Mountain Home office. The union contends that in offices with more than twenty employees, management cannot have a step 2 designee from outside the installation.

It is the position of the Postal Service that, as stated in the step 2 decision, article 15 does not preclude the employer from designating a step 2 designee, but indicates the action which must be taken in associate offices of twenty or less employees.

Information in the file indicates that local officials determined that the designation should be made in order to