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Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
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American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
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Re: APWU - Local
Cleveland, OH
A8-C-0740/C8C4EC16071
APWU - 0740

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On July 3, 1980, we met with you 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.

During our discussion, we concluded that the question in this grievance is whether under Article XVII of the National Agreement the local Union can make a one time designation in writing of an officer actively employed at the installation to handle all the grievances of a specific group of employees (deaf). This officer would not be a designated steward under the formula in Section 2A.

After reviewing the information provided, it is our position that Article XVII of the National Agreement does not provide for the procedure described above. The Union may designate in writing a Union officer actively employed at the installation to act as a steward to investigate, present, and adjust a specific grievance or to investigate a specific problem to determine whether to file a grievance. If the grievance of a deaf employee, according to the Union, constitutes a specific grievance or a specific problem, it appears that the actively employed Union officer must be designated in writing on each occurrence.