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Re: Class Action
Manchester, NH 03103
H4C-1K-C 41761

Dear Mr. Connors:

On February 10, 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 properly denied the union's request for information under the provisions of the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This is a local dispute suitable for regional determination by application of Articles 17 and 31 of the National Agreement. The union agreed that they will be required to reimburse the USPS for any costs reasonably incurred in gathering requested information, in accordance with the schedule of fees outlined in Section 352.6 of the Administrative Support Manual. Management should provide the union an estimate and may require payment in advance. With this in mind, requests for information should not be denied solely due to compliance being burdensome and/or time consuming.

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.