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SUBJECT	
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Mr. Jim Lingberg
National Representative-at-Large
Maintenance Craft Division
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
1300 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-4107

DEC 16 1987

Re: Class Action
Orlando, FL 32802
H4C-3W-C 55195

Dear Mr. Lingberg:

On December 7, 1987, 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 remanded the union's information request back to the union.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 17 of the National Agreement. It was further agreed that in accordance with the National Agreement, Article 17, Section 3, which states in part;

"The steward, chief steward or other union representative certified in accordance with Section 2 above may request and shall obtain access through the appropriate supervisor to review the documents, files and other records necessary for processing a grievance or determining if a grievance exists and shall have the right to interview the aggrieved employee(s), supervisors and witnesses during working hours. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied."

Therefore, this is a local issue suitable for regional determination.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.