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SUBJECT	INTERVIEW NON POSTAL

Mr. Halline Overby
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: M. Bottorff
Miami, FL 33152
H1N-3W-C 11184

Dear Mr. Overby:

On December 20, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

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

We mutually agreed to resolve this grievance with the following memorandum of understanding negotiated at the national level.

The parties agree to recognize the following as nationally-established policy regarding a steward's request to leave the work area while on-the-clock to interview a non-postal witness:

In accordance with Article 17 of the 1981 National Agreement, a steward's request to leave his/her work area to investigate a grievance, shall not be unreasonable denied. Subsequent to determining that a non-postal witness possesses relevant information and/or knowledge directly related to the instant dispute under investigation, a steward may be allowed a reasonable amount of time on-the-clock, to interview such witness, even if the interview is conducted away from the postal facility. However, each request to interview witnesses off postal premises must be reasonable and viewed on a case-by-case basis. For example, it is not unreasonable for a supervisor and/or steward to telephone the