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Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
Administrative Aide, Clerk Craft
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

ARTICLE	17
SECTION	
SUBJECT	INFO. REQUEST
	TIMELY FURNISHING

Re: *A8-5-2720*
Class Action
Key West, FL 33040
H8C-3W-C-35511

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On November 30, 1981, 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.

We mutually agreed that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National level as to the meaning and intent of Article XXXI or Article XVII of the National Agreement as they relate to a union steward's request for copies of, or access to documents, files and other records necessary for processing a grievance or determining if a grievance exists.

The parties agree that there shall be no "game playing" with regard to the above. If the Union requests copies of information as per Article XXXI, they may be required to pay just costs reasonably incurred in obtaining the information and the information shall be furnished in a timely manner. When a steward requests to review information as per Article XVII, such a request shall not be unreasonably denied and it shall be furnished in a timely manner.

The information requested by the steward in this grievance by letter dated July 11, 1981, shall be furnished, notwithstanding the dispute between the parties concerning the information requested earlier in a letter dated March 25, 1981.