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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins  
Vice President  
National Association of  
Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO  
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Dear Mr. Hutchins:

We recently held prearbitration discussions involving case no. W4N-5C-C 41287.

During our discussion we agreed that the provisions of Article 17.4 do not apply to the facts of this case. In addition, we agreed that where a letter carrier who is also a steward is working overtime and a representation situation arises, a steward's request to perform the function of a steward will not be denied solely because the steward is in an overtime status.

Notwithstanding this principle, the facts in this case are unclear. Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the regional level for further processing, including arbitration if necessary consistent with the above understanding.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Downes  
Director, Office of  
Contract Administration

  
Lawrence G. Hutchins  
Vice President  
National Association of  
Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO

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