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SUBJECT	
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ESTIMATE	

Mr. Kenneth Wilson
Assistant Director
Clerk Division
American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Art. 17
AS-77-2967

Re: S. Albanese
GMF Boston, MA 02109
H8C-1E-C 12385

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On December 8, 1982, we met 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 XVIII of the National Agreement. It concerns whether management can ask a steward seeking permission to investigate, adjust, or write a grievance to estimate the length of time that the steward anticipate he or she will be away from his or her work station.

It is our understanding that management may make such a request (ref: MB-NAT-562, Garrett).

Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to step 3 for further processing by the parties at that level if necessary.

Similar Decisions: AC-N-1485 - Amityville, NY and AC-S-2233 - Miami, FL