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American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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SUBJECT	
RELEASE	
	2 Hour

Re: G. Anderson
Seattle, WA 98109
H8C-5D-C 16550

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On May 5, 1981, we met with your representative 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 that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National level as to the meaning and intent of Article XVII of the National Agreement as it relates to the issue in this grievance.

The grievance involves a Union request that stewards be released for Union activity immediately, and in no instance, longer than two (2) hours subsequent to request. The question is one of application rather than interpretation. While we could not agree to the corrective action requested, we did agree that such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

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