

EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP Washington, DC 20260

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Mr. Joseph H. Johnson Director of City Delivery National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your letter of May 1, 1979, concerning the designation of a break location on the line of travel to or from the route.

As we have advised in previous discussions, the Postal Service considers the line of travel to and from the route as being "part of the route". The negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with the Letter Carrier Craft and the implementing instructions issued incident thereto provide that letter carriers, through their local union, can take two 10-minute breaks on the street or take one 10-minute break in the office and one 10-minute break on the street. Inasmuch as the designated line of travel to and from the route is part of the route street time, a designation of an approximate break location on the line of travel is considered appropriate.

The necessary measures will be taken to assure that this interpretation is promulgated to local management at West Palm Beach and Pompano Beach, Florida.

Sincerely,

William E. Henry, Jr. Acting General Manager Grievance Division

Labor Relations Department