

Mr. Halline Overby
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO
100 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: R. Bathurst
Chico, CA 95926
H8N-5H-C-17726

Dear Mr. Overby:

On July 28, 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.

The question in this grievance is whether or not management violates Article XVII of the National Agreement by disallowing local stewards the use of PS Forms 3996 to document grievance activity.

The sole purpose of PS Form 3996 is to record overtime and/or auxiliary assistance. It was not devised nor intended for use as requested by the Union.

In reviewing this case, we find no contractual violation nor do we consider the issue raised to be an interpretive one.

Accordingly, this grievance is denied.

Time limits were extended by mutual agreement.

Sincerely,


Howard R. Carter
Labor Relations Department

ARBITRATION NOT REQUESTED -- Form 3996 is not the form to be used for recording overtime and/or auxiliary assistance. Form 7020 is the form to be used.