



EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP
Washington, DC 20260

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Mr. James H. Rademacher, President
National Association of Letter
Carriers, AFL-CIO
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Branch 130
Tacoma, WA 98402
N-W-3165(66V2)/G-314-73
RA-73-1182

Dear Mr. Rademacher:

As a result of a pre-arbitration discussion on the above-captioned grievance, we have reconsidered the problem posed therein, and have reached the following conclusion:

The grievance is sustained. The per diem allowances to the particular grievants will be reinstated and continued as long as they are assigned to the Fort Lewis Military Installation. The grievants will also be made whole for monies withheld since the allowances were discontinued.

It is understood, however, that these allowances are contrary to postal regulations and are being continued solely because there had developed a past practice as to the grievants. The practice will be discontinued when and if the grievants leave their assignments to the Fort Lewis Military Installation, and such allowances will not be paid to employees bidding on like assignments in the future.