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**SUBJECT:** Special Route Inspections

**TO:** General Manager  
Delivery Division  
ALL REGIONS

In the Memorandum of Understanding of July 21, 1981, between the USPS and NALC, we agreed that our joint objective is to reduce the number of carrier routes that will be scheduled for annual mail counts and route inspections. The Memorandum does not limit or preclude inspections required under the provisions of Section 271g, Handbook M-39.

If a route meets the criteria in Section 271g, M-39, and the regular carrier assigned to the route requests a special mail count and inspection, management must conduct the count and inspection within 4-weeks of the request and in accordance with appropriate procedures outlined in Chapter 2, M-39.

Unsatisfactory conditions such as "poor case labels," "poor work methods," or "no route examiners available," should not be used as an excuse not to conduct the inspection within the 4-week time frame.

Please communicate the above information to delivery managers in your Region.

  
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