



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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Washington, DC 20260

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

Re: APWU - Union
Middletown, NY
N8-N-0007/N8N1Q3022

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On January 11, 1980, we met on the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1978 National Agreement.

We mutually agreed that there is no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National Level as to the meaning and intent of Article XIX, as it relates to the inspection and adjustment of the carrier routes in question.

Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to Step 3 for further processing by the parties at that level based upon the fact circumstances involved.

It is management's position that letter carriers are expected to take available short cuts if the customers do not object and there are no particular hazards to the carrier. Notwithstanding, blanket instructions to all carriers to cross all lawns would not be considered proper.

Please sign a copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,

Viki Maddox
Labor Relations Department

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