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Mr. Halline Overby  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO  
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001-2197

Re: Branch  
Seattle, WA 98109  
HLN-5D-C 16445

Dear Mr. Overby:

On November 18, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1981 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance is whether management violated Article 8, Section 5, of the National Agreement.


After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case. Whether or not management made every effort to equitably distribute the opportunities for overtime among those on the overtime desired list (OTDL) is a factual dispute and is suitable for regional determination. A full-time regular letter carrier is considered to be a qualified craft employee, and the overtime provisions in Article 8 do not provide for the assignment of the "best qualified" employee available.


Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, if necessary.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie Bayliss  
Labor Relations Department

  
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Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
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