



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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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: NALC Branch
Albany, GA
NC-S-18945/58N3DC1998

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 12, 1979, we met on the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1978 National Agreement.

During our discussion, we concluded that at issue in this grievance is whether under the terms of the National Agreement, carriers in the Albany Georgia Post Office should have received line 21 credit for wash-up time during the week of count and inspection.

It is the union's position that wash-up time is a recurring function and as such should be properly credited as a line 21 activity. Additionally, it is the union's position that the Local Memorandum of Understanding regarding wash-up time has been violated.

After reviewing the information provided, it is our position that the issue raised is non-interpretive. Historically, wash-up time has been associated with the personal needs time allowed on line 20 of the 1838; therefore, it is our determination that line 21 credit was not warranted. The information provided by the local union does not demonstrate a violation of the Local Memorandum of Understanding regarding wash-up time.

Thus, management believes no violation of the National Agreement has occurred, and this grievance is therefore denied.

Sincerely,



Viki Maddox
Labor Relations Department