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June 25, 1982

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

Re: M. Sullivan
Covington, KY 41018
H8N-4P-C-21675

Dear Mr. Overby:

On June 8, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.


We mutually agreed that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National level as to the meaning and intent of Article XXV of the National Agreement, as it relates to higher level assignments.

For details of an anticipated duration of one week or longer to those higher level craft positions enumerated in the craft Articles of the National Agreement as being permanently filled on the basis of promotion of the senior qualified employee, the senior, qualified eligible, available employees in the immediate work area in which the temporarily vacant higher level position exists shall be selected. A carrier in one station is not considered eligible or available to compete for higher level vacancies in another station. He is not in the immediate work area.

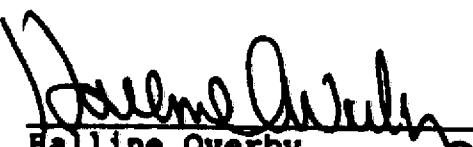
Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to Step 3 for further processing based on fact circumstances involved in the instant matter.

Please sign the attached copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Eugene
Labor Relations Department



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