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Re: Class Action  
New Haven, CT 06511  
H1N-1J-C 34481

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 28, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether a carrier craft employee in a 204(b) position is precluded from bidding for a choice period vacation.

The union contends that 204(b) employees are not bargaining unit employees and are not eligible to bid for choice period vacations.

It is the position of the Postal Service that an employee in a 204(b) position should not be precluded from bidding for choice vacation periods. Such requests are submitted in advance to cover the entire choice vacation period. The employee who is in a 204(b) position at the time of bidding may or may not be in a 204(b) position at the time the leave will be taken.

Based upon the above considerations, this grievance is denied.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

*Leslie Bayliss*  
Leslie Bayliss  
Labor Relations Department