



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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November 3, 1983

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

Re: D. Rathbone
Van Nuys, CA 91409
HLN-5G-C 14177

Dear Mr. Overby:

On September 20, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The question in this grievance is whether a letter carrier who has been assigned to a "hold-down" under Article 41, Section 2.B.3 or 2.B.4, is available for higher level detail before the "hold-down" assignment has ended.


During our discussion, it was mutually agreed that the following would represent a full settlement of this case:

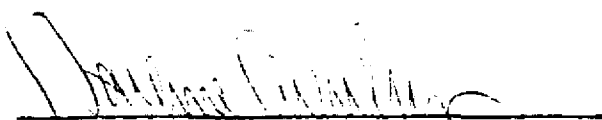
An employee who has exercised a bid option under Article 41, Section 2.B.3 or 2.B.4, of the National Agreement, shall work that duty assignment for its duration except in very limited circumstances. Accordingly, such employee is not available to be detailed to higher level bargaining-unit work under Article 25.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


Leslie Bayliss
Labor Relations Department


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