



OPERATIONS GROUP
Washington, DC 20262

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MEMORANDUM TO: General Manager
Delivery Division
All Regions

SUBJECT: Conversions from Rural to City Delivery

During negotiations relative to the 1973 National Agreement, management agreed to issue a statement covering the general practice involving conversions from rural to city delivery. That statement was issued in a memo by the Director, Delivery Services Department, dated September 17, 1973.

This statement was reaffirmed by management during the 1975 negotiations; and, as agreed, is reissued as follows:

As a general rule, conversions from rural to city delivery shall be considered only to:

1. Provide relief for overburdened rural routes when all other alternatives are impractical.
2. Establish clear cut boundaries between rural and city delivery territory and eliminate overlapping and commingling of service.
3. Provide adequate service to highly industrial areas or apartment house complexes on rural routes.

Areas considered for conversion must meet all the basic requirements for an extension of city delivery and must be contiguous to existing city delivery service. However, the fact that a given area is fully developed and adjacent to city delivery does not, of itself, constitute sufficient justification for conversion.

Please take the necessary action to see that field managers are reminded of this position.


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cc: Mr. Gildea, APMG, Labor Relations Department