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EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP Washington, DC 20260

MAY 20 1977

Mr. Thomas D. Riley Assistant Secretary-Treasurer National Association of Letter Carriers 100 Indiana Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

> Re: NALC Branch San Jose, CA NC-W-5872/W2364-86N

Dear Mr. Riley:

On May 12, 1977, we met with you 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.

Based on the evidence presented in this grievance, we find that local management will in future instances allow "ample" time for the local union to participate in new employee orientation in conformance with Article XVII, Section 7 of the National Agreement. Therefore, the issues raised are resolved and this grievance is closed.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Harrison

Labor Relations Department

NOTE

Management informed the local union that time to speak to new employees during orientation would be only 15 minutes.

COMMENT: Webster's Dictionary defines "Ample" as generous or more than adequate, enough to satisfy; more than enough.