

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260

June 7, 198.

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

Re: G. Rugler

Torrington, CT 06790

H1N-1J-C 6766

Dear Mr. Overby:

On April 26, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

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

The question in this grievance is whether management restricted the bidding for a temporarily vacant VOMA position to employees with the same schedule as the position.

The union's position is that all employees regardless of this schedule should be provided the opportunity to bid for the temporary position.

The position of the Postal Service is that the subject position is to be filled on a temporary basis in accordance with Article 25 of the National Agreement. Therefore, an employee must be available for the assignment. We find that by restricting the bidding of qualified employees to the same schedule does not violate the National Agreement.

Accordingly, this grievance is denied.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. and

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