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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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July 9, 1980

Mr. Ronald L. Hughes
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
National Association of Letter Carriers
100 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: J. Brumaster
Melbourne, FL
N8-S-0355/S8N3WC15147

Dear Mr. Hughes:

On June 27, 1980, we met on the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1978 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance involves whether Carrier Danahy's bid for a T-6 route was properly honored in view of the fact that he was serving in a 204-B assignment on the date the bids for the vacancy closed.

Article 41, Section 1A2 states that "Letter carriers temporarily detailed to a supervisory position (204B) may not bid on vacant letter carrier craft duty assignments while so detailed." The record indicates that the grievant was not on a 204B assignment when he submitted his bid for the vacant T-6 route. Moreover, the fact that he was serving in a 204B assignment on the closing date of the bid is of no contractual consequence. Accordingly, the relief requested cannot be granted.

Sincerely,


Viki D. Maddox
Labor Relations Department

Contract excludes a carrier temporarily detailed to a 204-B status from bidding on a vacant assignment. There is no contractual provision requiring a carrier to be in a craft position to be awarded a route. ARBITRATION NOT REQUESTED.