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EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP
Washington, DC 20260

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

Re: C. Acox
New Orleans, LA
NC-S-5894/N5-DE-10699

Dear Mr. Riley:

On May 24, 1977, we met with you 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.

Based on the evidence presented in this grievance, we find that normally when letter mail is correctly cased in accordance with instructions contained in the M-41 Handbook, Section 221, it should be in the proper delivery sequence when the carrier is prepared to pull the mail from the case and strap or tray out the relays.

However, in abnormal circumstances where sequence of delivery cannot be maintained during casing, the National Agreement, Article XLI, Section 3(I) anticipates that the required sequencing of letter mail will be accomplished in the office while traying or strapping out.

Therefore, the issues raised have been resolved and the grievance is closed.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Harrison
Michael J. Harrison
Labor Relations Department

NOTE: Carrier cases had three and four deliveries to a separation. Local management would not permit carriers to sequence mail in the office.