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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
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Re: J. Guerra
McAllen, TX 78501
H4N-3U-C 25870

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On March 10, 1987, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether an available full-time regular Reserve Letter Carrier assignment of anticipated duration of 5 days or more should be open for "opting" under the provisions of Article 41, Section 2.B.3 and 4 of the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This case is suitable for regional determination through application of the Step 4 resolution in H1N-3W-C 8041 dated December 15, 1982, which states:

"The provisions of Article 41, Section 2.B.3 and 4 apply to a full-time Reserve Letter Carrier position, as identified in Article 41, Section 1.A.1 of the National Agreement."

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.


Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

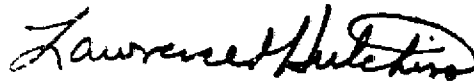
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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


James W. Bledsoe
Grievance & Arbitration
Division


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