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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins Vice President National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20001-2197

> Re: H. Salinas/Class Houston, ATX 77201 H4N-3U-C 27476

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 bargaining-unit work was performed by the supervisor.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. The parties at this level agree that movement of mail by the supervisor for the sole purpose of conducting mail counts or volume measurements does not constitute bargaining-unit work. However, the facts are in dispute as to the nature of the work performed by the supervisor in this instance. Therefore, the grievance is remanded to the regional level for full development of the facts and determination as to whether Article 1, Section 6 of the National Agreement was violated.

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.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

James W. Bledsoe

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