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Mr. Brian D. Farris
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JUN 30 1988

Re: J. Nicosia
Ventura, CA 93001
H4N-5T-C 39102

Dear Mr. Farris:

On May 27, 1988, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether management has properly instructed carriers in the use and completion of Form 3996.

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 by application of the fourth step settlement of Case No. H1N-3W-C 32752 to the specific fact circumstances of this case. Specifically, letter carriers will not be required to enter volume figures on PS Form 3996 unless the reason for the request is related to volume. If the request is related to volume, management may require that the carrier note the volume of mail remaining to be cased at the time the PS Form 3996 is submitted, and may require that the volume be stated in linear measurement terms. If volume is required to be noted in linear measurement terms, it is not anticipated that letter carriers are to be expected to report anything more than their reasonable estimate of volume.

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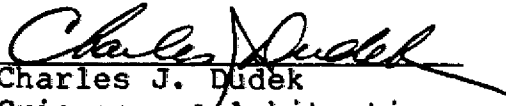
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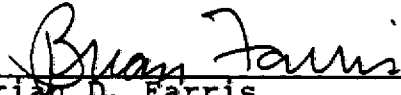
Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.

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,


Charles J. Dudek
Grievance & Arbitration
Division


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