

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260

September 23, 1988

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

> Re: J. McVay St. Petersburg, FL 33730 H7N-3W-D 3069

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On September 7, 1988, a meeting was held with the NALC Director of City Delivery, Brian Farris, to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. The Postal Service agrees that a union steward who is processing and investigating a grievance shall not be unreasonably denied the opportunity to interview Postal Inspectors on appropriate occasions, e.g., with respect to any events actually observed by said Inspectors and upon which a disciplinary action was based.

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,

Dominic J. Scola, Jr.
Grievance & Arbitration
Division

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