

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE Labor Relations Department 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260-4100

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

> Re: Class Action Douglas, GA 31533 H1N-3D-C 38508

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On October 20, 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.

The issue in this grievance is whether letter carriers at the Douglas, Georgia Post Office are permitted to have personal portable radios in postal vehicles.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case.

We mutually agreed that any use of personal portable radios that is not covered by the postal policy published in Postal Bulletin 21397, dated March 31, 1983, is subject to local determination based on such considerations as safety, past practice and operating feasibility.

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.

Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent. Sincerely,

Charles J Dudek Grievance & Arbitration Division

Vice President

National Association of Letter

Carriers, AFL-CIO

(Date) 2/1/99