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Gentlemen:

On Thursday, April 12, members of your respective staffs, Thomas Neill, Randy Sutton and Steve Hult, met with Curtis Warren and Robert Ledoux of my staff to discuss a revision to Handbook F-10, Travel, Section 715, and PS Form 2444, Postal Service Relocation Agreement. During the meeting, the union representatives requested that the PS Form 2444, Postal Service Relocation Agreement, be changed to specifically exclude employees exercising their retreat rights. They also requested that the 12-month commitment not be additive.

After considering all responses, we have decided not to make the 12-month commitment additive. However, we do not feel that the changing of the Form 2444 as requested by the unions is necessary. It is understood and accepted that the national agreement takes precedence over the relocation commitment. If a bargaining unit employee was involuntarily relocated and, within the 12-month commitment period, exercises his/her retreat rights to return to the original duty station, the 12-month commitment would be waived by the Postal Service.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact Curtis Warren of my staff at 268-5359.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Mahon, Jr.
Assistant Postmaster General