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Mr. William H. Young
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National Association of Letter
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Washington, DC 20001-2197

Re: G90N-4G-C 95035453
Class Action
New Orleans, LA 70113-9995

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently, you met with Patricia Heath in pre-arbitration discussion of the above-captioned grievance, which is currently pending national arbitration.

This grievance concerns the use of "collection verification cards" in an effort to improve service through proper collection of mail.

After reviewing this matter, it was mutually agreed that there is no dispute at this level concerning a carrier's responsibility for the collection of mail, and for proper use of cards used to verify and/or remind carriers of such collections. The parties further agree that management may document the fact that letter carriers have been given appropriate instruction on the proper handling of such cards. However, as these cards are not currently identified as "accountable items" in part 261 of Handbook M-41, carriers are not currently required to sign/initial to verify receipt of these cards.


However, once the letter carriers receive appropriate instruction on the proper handling of these cards, either a management representative or another designated employee may document the number of cards given to each letter carrier on a daily basis.

Accordingly, it was agreed to settle this case consistent with the above understanding.

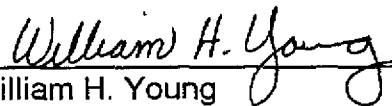
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Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to settle this case, removing it from the national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,



Pete Bazylewicz
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