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Mr. Vincent Sombrotto
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National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO
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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT M.A.L.C. WASHINSTON, D.C.

Re: C94N-4C-C 97055832 CLASS ACTION

BRADFORD, PA 16701-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On several occasions, I met with your representative to discuss the above-referenced national level grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether management is in violation of the National Agreement by requiring carriers to use a one bundle system in an office that has not implemented Vertical Flat Casing (VFC).

The September 1992 MOU on Work Methods provides for the following approved work methods: "Case residual letters in the same separations with vertically cased flat mail, pull down and carry as one bundle." The alternate choice would be to "case residual letter mail separately into delivery order, pull down and carry as a composite (third) bundle."

In this case the only choice available is for carriers to "case residual letter mail separately into delivery sequence order, pull down and carry as a composite bundle since there is no VFC in this site.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this agreement as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case for further processing and application of the above understanding.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Becker

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Date:

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