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**UNITED STATES
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**CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT
N.A.L.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Re: G94N-4G-C 97075358
CLASS ACTION
SPRING, TX 77373-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On November 21, 1997, I met with your representative to discuss the above-referenced grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance involves management's use of a rubber stamp to record mail volume on Form 3996, Carrier-Auxiliary Control.

During our discussion, we mutually agreed that the issue in this case has been addressed in a previous Step 4 agreement (H4N-5F-C 38907, 4/8/88), and is restated as follows:

PS Forms 3996 are to be completed as provided for in Part 280 of Methods Handbook, Series M-41. Deviations from these instructions, including locally devised rubber stamped modifications to the 3996 are not appropriate. Accordingly, the local Form 3996 modification is to be discontinued.

Accordingly, the parties agreed to remand this case for application of the above understanding.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case to Step 3 for application of the above.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Becker
Grievance and Arbitration
Labor Relations

Vincent R. Sombrotto
President
National Association of Letter
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Date: 1/13/98