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Mr. William H. Young  
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National Association of Letter  
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100 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Re: H94N-4H-C 97033967  
Class Action  
Rossville, GA 30741-9998

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently, we met in pre-arbitration discussions of the above-captioned grievance, which is currently pending national arbitration.

This grievance concerns the use of cellular telephones in an effort to improve service and to provide quick contact with a carrier in an emergency situation or an accident.

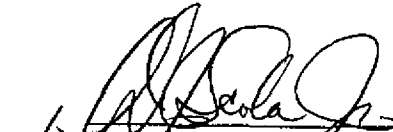
After reviewing this matter, it is mutually agreed that there is no dispute at this level concerning a carrier's responsibility for cellular telephones. The parties further agree that management may document that letter carriers have been given appropriate instructions on the proper handling of such cellular telephones. However, as these cellular telephones 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 cellular telephones.

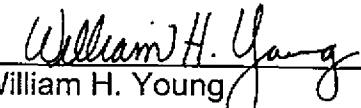
However, once the letter carriers receives appropriate instruction on the proper handling of the cellular telephones, either a management representative or another designated employee may document the serial number of the cellular telephone given to each letter carrier on a daily basis.

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

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,

  
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Pete Bazylewicz  
Manager  
Grievance and Arbitration  
Labor Relations

  
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