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Mr. Vincent Sombrotto President National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue NW Washington, DC 20001-2197

> Re: D94N-4D-C 97104406 BROWN, J.

JACKSONVILLE, NC 28540-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On January 9 and 16, 1998, I met with your representative to discuss the abovecaptioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

This grievance concerns management's requirement that the city carrier sign for delivery confirmation priority mail prior to delivery in an effort to improve service.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that there is no dispute at this level concerning a carrier's responsibility for the delivery of mail or management's right to assign the carriers work during the normal performance of their duties. The parties also agreed there is currently nothing in Handbook M-41 which identifies priority mail pieces as accountable.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Becker

Grievance and Arbitration

Labor Relations

National Association of Letter

Carriers, AFL-CIO

Date: 4/2/ /98