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Mr. Vincent R. Sombrotto President National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001-2197 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT N.A.L.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re:

G94N-4G-C 97121978

Class Action

Dallas, TX 75260-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On several occasions, the most recent on January 13, 2000, I met with your representative to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether management may eliminate detached address mail (marriage mail) days from the PS Form 1840 in evaluating routes during a 6-day mail count and route inspection.

During our discussions we mutually agreed that such adjustments must be made in accordance with the provisions of Handbook M-39, subchapter 24.

We agreed that there presently are no provisions permitting certain days of the route examination to be excluded from the 6-day average, as outlined on the 1840, based on locally developed criteria.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 to be rescheduled for regional arbitration in accordance with the Memorandum on Step 4 procedures.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgement of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Becker

Labor Relations Specialist Labor Relations Policies

and Programs (NALC)

Vincent R. Sombrott

President

National Association of Letter

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02-03-2000

Date:

Enclosure

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