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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT
 N.A.L.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re: D94N-4H-C 99221361
 Class Action
 Birmingham, AL 35203-9995

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On March 10 and most recent on April 10, 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 case concerns the recording of time credit during route count and inspection on Form 1838, when carriers retrieved bar code scanners.

The parties agreed that the carriers were properly given credit for the scanners on Form 1838 on line 14. If instructed by local management to retrieve scanners as a separate process, time credit is recorded on line 21. Scanners are not accountable items. However, for the purposes of completing an 1838, if the carriers are instructed by management to retrieve scanners as part of the normal process of obtaining accountable items, time credit is recorded on line 14.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing and application of the above, including arbitration, if appropriate.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Becker
 Labor Relations Specialist
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Date: 5/17/00