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Mr. William H. Young **Executive Vice President** National Association of Letter Carriers. AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

> Re: H94N-4H-C 96007241 Camper, G. Kingsport, TN 37662-9998

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently, Nora Becker of my staff met with your representative in pre-arbitration discussions of the above-referenced grievance currently pending national arbitration.

The issue in this grievance is whether unassigned regulars may opt pursuant to Article 41.2.B.3 if their unassigned status is not the result of the elimination of their duty assignment.

The parties mutually agreed that the language of Article 41.2.B.3. and 41.2.B.4 intended three categories of employees—part-time flexible carriers, full-time reserve carriers, and unassigned regulars, regardless of the reason for the unassigned status.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for application of the foregoing and agree to remove it from the pending national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,

Manager

Labor Relations Policies and Programs

Executive Vice President

National Association of Letter Carriers.

AFL-CIO

Date: 9-25-2000