



June 8, 2006

Mr. Greg Bell
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RE: Q94C-4Q-C 96092498
Washington, DC 20260-4100

Dear Mr. Bell:

Recently we discussed in pre-arbitration the above-referenced case which is currently pending national-level arbitration.


The issue in this dispute involves proposed revisions to Section 473.12 of Handbook F-1, Post Office Accounting Procedures (April 1991), which were provided to the APWU in a draft Postal Bulletin excerpt attached to a letter dated July 5, 1996. Specifically, among the language changes proposed to Section 473.12, was inclusion of the following language:

"Employees cannot grieve or request a hearing for salary or travel advances."

After full discussion of all the issues in this matter, the parties agree to the following:

1. The parties acknowledge that Section 473.12 was not amended to include the aforementioned language, as proposed in the July 5, 1996, correspondence.
2. The Postal Service hereby rescinds the July 5, 1996, proposal to include the aforementioned language in Section 473.12 of the F-1 Handbook.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of the agreement to settle this case, removing it from the pending national arbitration listing.



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Date: 6-13-06



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