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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'Enlant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20222

September 14, 1983

Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson Assistant Director Clerk Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIC 817 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

> Re: Sheavly Johnstown, PA 15901 E8C-2F-C 8251

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On July 15, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant is entitled to compensation for time spent returning from a training session.

After further review of the matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Articles 8 and 19 of the National Agreement.

The parties at this level agree that Section 438.134 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM) does not provide for the requested payment. In addition, the Department of Labor has reviewed and approved the travel and compensation provisions of the ELM.

Accordingly, we agreed to close this case.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as a cknowledgment of agreement to close this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,.

A.J.XJohnson Labor Relations Department

Kenneth D. Wilson Agsistant Director Clerk Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO