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ARTICLE	19
SECTION	
SUBJECT	Flat Sorter Staffing

Re: Class Action
Buffalo, NY 14240
H1C-2W-C 10867

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On March 27, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

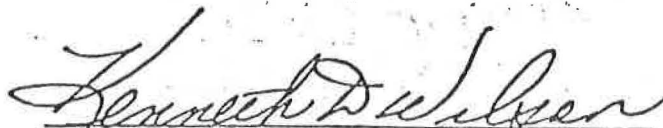
We mutually agreed that staffing of the multi-position flat sorting machine will be determined by the FSM 775 Flat Sorter Machine Guidelines. This handbook, presently being published by the Postal Service, will allow for flexibility in personnel management on the MPFSM as determined by mail volumes, both available and anticipated, and the sort plan. Therefore, grievances concerning staffing on MPFSMs are considered noninterpretive and must be processed at the lower levels based upon fact circumstances. Accordingly, this grievance is remanded to Step 3.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this decision as acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


Margaret H. Oliver
Labor Relations Department


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