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SUBJECT	<u>ARB AWARDS</u> <u>RECONSIDERATION</u>

Mr. James V. P. Conway  
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Dear Mr. Conway:

At the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on September 23, 1975, the subject of the filing of requests for reconsideration by arbitrators of their awards was discussed. It was agreed that sound labor relations policy and the arbitration processes established under Article XV would be better served by precluding requests for reconsideration by either a Union or Postal Service for reconsideration of arbitration awards. Accordingly, it was agreed that, beginning with the date of this letter, no requests or motions for reconsideration of arbitration awards would be filed by any Union signatory to the 1975 National Agreement or by the Postal Service.

Out of an abundance of caution, I wish to make clear that nothing herein is intended to preclude any right that any party may have to seek judicial review of an arbitrator's award. Nor is anything herein intended to preclude an arbitrator from correcting clerical mistakes or obvious errors of arithmetical computation.

If you find that this letter accurately expresses our agreement, please sign in the space provided below.

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 /s/  
 James V.P. Conway  
 Senior Assistant Postmaster  
 General

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 /s/  
 Bernard Cushman  
 Chief Spokesman for the  
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