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SECTION	ELM
SUBJECT	
FORM	3971

Mr. Thomas Freeman, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Maintenance Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, AFL-CIO  
817 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: R. Garwacki  
Bangor, ME 04401  
H1C-1K-C 18940

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On October 25, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

We mutually agreed that this grievance does not fairly present a nationally interpretive issue.

The provisions of Part 513.34, ELM, provide sufficient guidance concerning the approval/disapproval of Forms 3971, Request for, or Notification of, Absence.

Accordingly, this grievance is remanded to Step 3 for further processing as necessary.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Eugene  
Labor Relations Department



Thomas Freeman, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, AFL-CIO

