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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'Entant Plaza, SW Washington, OC 20260 March 18, 1981

Mr. Wallace Baldwin, Sr. Administrative Vice President Clerk Craft American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 - 14th Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20005

Re:

V. Arias / / Patterson, NJ 07510 H8C-1N-C 17340

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

On March 6, 1981, we met with you to discuss the " above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

We mutually agreed that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National level as to the meaning and intent of Article 10 of the National Agreement as it relates to sick leave restriction.

The steps and conditions for placement on sick leave restriction in Part 513.37 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual are very specific. Except where there is evidence that abuse of sick leave is involved, the listed actions in 513.371 must be followed.

Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded back to Step 3 for any necessary application of Part 513.71 and any local agreements applicable.

This case should be processed and/or disposed of at that level.

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

Sincerely,

Robert L. Eugene Labor Relations Department

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Administrative Vice President, Clerk Craft American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

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