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TRAVEL

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

part 36.2, 1960-91

Re: Class Action
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
HLC-3A-C-10417

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On November 1, 1982, we met 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.

The question in this grievance is whether or not management violates Article 36 of the 1981 National Agreement as it relates to travel allowances while assigned to postal military units. A 50 cents per day travel allowance paid to employees assigned by bid to Sheppard AFB for many years was discontinued in this local office because of an alleged conflict with current F-1 Handbook regulations.

Part 433.441 of the F-1 Handbook states, "On receipt of notice of establishment of postal units at military, defense or other strategic installations from the Regional Postmaster General, postmasters may authorize employees detailed from post offices to the units an allowance, instead of actual expenses, of not more than \$4 for each day while so detailed."


It is the position of the Postal Service that employees are not authorized an allowance if they are not on detail. While

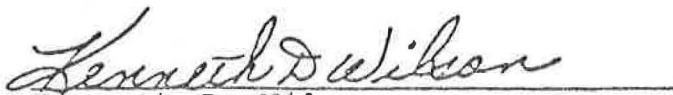
the Postal Service intends to correct any misapplication of regulations in such cases, it also intends to be fair and reasonable to those already receiving payment. Thus, those employees paid the travel allowance prior to May 28, 1982, will continue to be paid as long as they remain in this bid assignment; however, payment will be discontinued when filling future vacancies of this type and the job postings will so state.

If you concur with the Postal Service's position as stated above, we can remand this case for any appropriate application at the local level.

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

Sincerely,


Robert L. Eugene
Labor Relations Department


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