

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'E. fant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20250

November 29, 1982

Mr. Gerald Anderson Assistant Director Clerk Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 - 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: APWU - Local Seattle, WA 98111 H8C-5D-C-6631 A8111-2996

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On November 4, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned acievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance ocedure.

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 management violated Article VIII of the National Agreement by utilizing mail handlers to load 2MT ledges prior to the beginning of the machine operation.

A review of the information provided did not disclose a contractual violation. The mail handler's position description allows the performance of duties incidental to the movement and processing of mail as well as that of carrying mail to distributors for processing.

Information in the case file indicates that the mail handler involvement occurs prior to the time ZMT crews report for duty. Also, non-machine qualified personnel is neither assigned to the crews nor permitted to participate in the operation during the ZMT crews' tour of duty.

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DATED MAY 1984

Considering all the circumstances, we find no violation of the national agreement and the grievance is denied.

Sincerely,

Margaret H. Oliver

Labor Relations Department