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Mr. Robert L. Tunstall  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Craft Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, AFL-CIO  
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Washington, DC 20005-4107

Re: Class Action  
Columbus, OH 43216  
H4C-4F-C 15838

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On October 6, 1987, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the local policy on LSM keying violates the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. We agreed that this issue requires application of the provisions of the September 18, 1987, EASE settlement and the William J. Downes letter of March 26, 1980, which provides in part that the intent of retraining is to acknowledge that some machine operators may require limited retraining after an absence from MPLSM duties for a significant period of time. "...It was not intended that such employees be required to pass a requalification test after this retraining."

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing including arbitration if necessary.

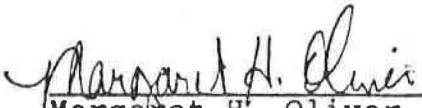
Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

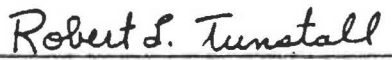
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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret H. Oliver  
Grievance & Arbitration  
Division

 9-19-88  
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