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ARTICLE	<u>26</u>
SECTION	_____
SUBJECT	_____
FLAT	<u>FLAT</u>
	<u>SORTER</u>

Re: Local  
Phoenix, AZ 85026  
HIC-5K-C 24196

Dear Mr. Ross:

On April 1, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance involved work clothes allowances for Flat Sorting Machine Operators.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case. We agreed that there is no dispute between the parties at step 4 relative to the meaning and intent of ELM 582 and Article 26. Whether any group of employees meet the requirements for work clothes allowances can be determined by applying the provisions of those references.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing and arbitration, if necessary.

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

Sincerely,



Margaret H. Oliver  
Labor Relations Department

Donald Ross  
Director  
Motor Vehicle Service  
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