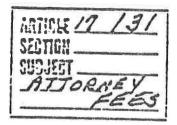


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July 31, 1981



Mr. Gerald Anderson Executive Aide, Clerk Craft American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 - 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

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Re: L. Suson Ft. Worth, TX 76101 H8C-3A-C-18233

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On June 18, 1981, we met with your representative to discuss -b above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our ractual grievance procedure.

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

The question-raised in this grievance is whether or not the grievant, is entitled to reimbursement for the fee charged by an attorney.

Information in the file discloses that the grievant retained the attorney, of her own volition, in connection with her attempt to obtain a copy of her injury compensation file. Inasmuch as the grievant elected to hire an attorney, it was her obligation to pay the attorney's fee.

We do not see that provisions of the National Agreement were violated in this instance. Accordingly, the grievance is denied.

The time limits were extended in this instance by mutual consent.

cerely,

George'S. McDougald

Labor Relations Department

