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SECTION	_____	_____
SUBJECT	_____	_____
<u>ATTORNEY FEES</u>		

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

*AG-1967*

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 the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The 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.

Sincerely,

*George S. McDougald*  
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Labor Relations Department

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