



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
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American Postal Workers
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Re: Class Action
Buffalo, NY 14240
H1C-2W-C 7044

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On July 18, 1983, we met and discussed the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1981 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance is whether the Postal Service, pursuant to Article 31 of the National Agreement, may require the APWU to reimburse the Postal Service "for any costs reasonably incurred in obtaining . . . information" requested by the union under that Article.

We agreed to close this case based on our mutual understanding that labor-management relations in the Postal Service must be governed by private sector labor laws and the National Labor Relations Board and not the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA).

Accordingly, the ruling of the FLRA regarding this issue does not apply to the Postal Service.

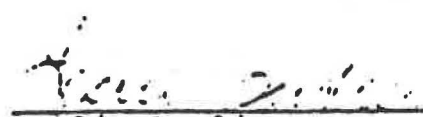
Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to close this case.

Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson

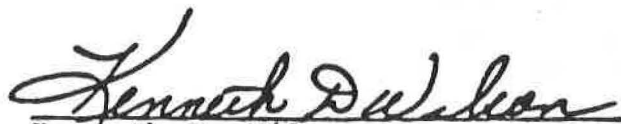
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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Leslie Bayliss
Labor Relations Department



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