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SECTION	3 A1
SUBJECT	VACANCY
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Re: Class Action
Philadelphia, PA 19104
HLC-2B-C 10812

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On January 11, 1988, 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 procedures followed in posting a position violated the National Agreement.

During our discussion, we agreed to settle this case based on the following understanding:

1. Normally, a duty assignment, once it has been posted for bid, will be filled consistent with 524.1 of the P-11 Handbook.
2. There may be, on occasion, exceptions wherein the Postal Service may leave vacant a duty assignment after it has been posted and no bids were received or there were no successful bidders. However, these exceptions must be operationally justified, and will be limited to changes such as those occurring through mechanization and technological changes, transportation changes, etc.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for application of this settlement and any further processing that is necessary.

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

Mr. Robert L. Tunstall

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Margaret H. Oliver
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