



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

ARTICLE	37
SECTION	3 F 4
SUBJECT	MACHINE DEFERMENT

No. ARBITRATION

Mr. Robert Tunstall
Assistant Director
Clerk Craft Division
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
817 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

JUN 3 1985

Re: Class Action
Wichita, KS 67276
H1C-4R-C 37428

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On May 21, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The question in this grievance involves the amount of training for an employee who voluntarily bids and is the senior bidder on a duty assignment requiring machine qualifications prior to completing training on his/her present assignment which requires the same qualifications.

The union contends an employee would be entitled to again begin the allotted training because of the new assignment.

It is the position of the Postal Service that when an employee is named the senior bidder on a duty assignment which requires machine qualification prior to exhausting the allotted training hours on their present assignment, which required the same training, the employee would simply continue with his/her training rather than being afforded an opportunity to begin the training again.

Accordingly, this grievance is denied.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Lang
Labor Relations Department

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