



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
 Labor Relations Department  
 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
 Washington, DC 20260-4100

ARTICLE	6
SECTION	
SUBJECT	
	PROTECTED
	STATUS

Mr. Vincent R. Sombrotto  
 President  
 National Association of Letter  
 Carriers, AFL-CIO  
 100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20001-2197

Re: M. Santoro  
 Union, NJ 07083  
 H7N-1P-C 13349

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

Recently, a meeting was held with the NALC Director of City Delivery, Brian Farris, to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant was issued a PS Form 50 improperly beginning a new six year period of continuous service to achieve protected status under Article 6 of the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. The military service as described herein is considered "work" for the purpose of Article 6, Section A3. Accordingly, the PS Form 50 shall be corrected to reflect that no break in service occurred.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing including arbitration if necessary.