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Art. 7.1

MOE BILLIE
President

James Gildea
Assistant Postmaster General
Labor Relations Department
United States Postal Service
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Mr. Gildea:

During the 1981 national negotiations USPS and APWU/NALC in joint bargaining reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding providing for cross craft assignments consistent with Articles 7, 12 and 13. This Memorandum specifically continued the practice existing among the six crafts under the 1978 National Agreement.

The Rural Letter Carriers are not included in the referenced six crafts and are not covered under the provisions of Article 7 governing cross-craft assignments. Information received from Conifer, Co. and other small post offices where hours for clerical PTF's are limited indicates that such hours are being supplemented by Rural Letter Carriers.

The union interprets the above cited provisions as excluding Rural Letter Carriers and thereby they are prohibited from performing work normally assigned to crafts represented by our union.

Please respond as to the employers interpretation. William Burrus of my staff may be contacted for further discussions.

Sincerely,

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President

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