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ARTICLE	7
SECTION	2
SUBJECT	SPREADING MAIL



Mr. Cliff J. Guffey
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Union, AFL-CIO
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Re: H7C-3R-C 24453
Class Action
Tallahassee FL 32302

H7C-1M-C 9412
Class Action
Flushing NY 11351

H7C-2F-C 3965
Reichert
Erie PA 16501

Dear Mr. Guffey:

On July 24, 1991, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievances at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in these grievances involves the spreading of mail to letter carrier cases.

In initiating Grievance No. H7C-NA-C 32 on November 18, 1988, the APWU advised the Postal Service that an interpretive dispute existed between the parties concerning spreading the mail. The APWU subsequently advised the Postal Service, in a February 6, 1990 letter, that further review has resulted in a determination the issue is non-interpretive and should be referred to the regional level for disposition.

The Postal Service maintains that an interpretive dispute does exist. Furthermore, in accordance with Regional Instruction 399, the basic function of transporting mail



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