



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
 Labor Relations Department
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ARTICLE	15
SECTION	STEP 3
SUBJECT	DECISION

Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
 Vice President
 National Association of
 Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO
 100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, DC 20001-2197

DEC 7 1988

Re: Branch
 Midland, TX 79701
 H4N-C 5S-46677

Branch
 Midland, TX 79701
 H4N-C 5S-47172

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On November 4, 1988, a meeting was held with the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Halline Overby, to discuss the above-captioned grievances at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in these cases. The cases were properly before a region arbitrator, in accordance with Article 15, 4.B. If management determines that a grievance is interpretive at the step 3 level, it must affirmatively express as such in the decision letter.

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

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