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SUBJECT	
ALTERNATE STEWARD RELEASE	

AUG 7 1985

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

Re: J. Mahurin
Little Rock, AR 72201
HIC-3F-C 44026

Dear Mr. Connors:

On several occasions, the most recent being July 18, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether an alternate steward must be released if the regular certified steward is on-the-clock but unavailable because he/she is already processing grievances.

The union contends that the alternate steward should be released when the regular steward is unavailable.

It is the position of the Postal Service that alternate stewards shall not be entitled to official time at the same time the regular steward is processing grievances on-the-clock. Pursuant to Article 17, Section 2 of the National Agreement, "stewards will be certified to represent employees in specific work location(s) on their tour; provided no more than one steward may be certified to represent employees in a particular work location(s)."

Based upon the above considerations, the grievance is denied.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel Aikens
Labor Relations Department