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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260

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: V. Randle Sacramento, CA 95813-9998 H1T-5H-C 28879

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Dear Mr. Connors:

On May 9, 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 management violated rticle 17 of the National Agreement by denying a steward's request to interview employees of different crafts.

After further review of this matter, we agreed that there was no 'national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 17 of the National Agreement.

The parties at this level agree that a steward may interview employees of different crafts if such request is being made pursuant to Article 17, Section 3, of the National Agreement. However, if the steward is investigating a grievance not relevant to the steward's craft, the provisions of Article 17, Sections 2.B. and 2.E., must be followed.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bayliss

Labor Relations Department

James Connors Assistant Director Clerk Craft Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO