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April 18, 1983

Mr. Dallas N. Fields
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National Rural Letter Carriers' Association
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20006-3399

Re: R. Temple
Slidell, LA 70458
H1R-3Q-C 14191

Dear Mr. Fields:

On March 24, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

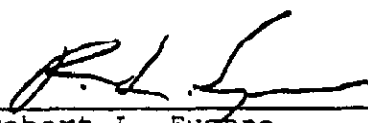
The question in this grievance is whether or not management violated the 1981 USPS/NRLCA National Agreement when the grievant was not given credit for address correction service provided during the 1982 mail count because there was no 3575 on file.


A review of Part 159.311, Domestic Mail Manual, reveals no absolute requirement that a Form 3575, Change of Address Order, be on file to effect address correction service. A postal change which causes mail to be forwarded or returned, and on which the grievant was providing address correction service prior to the mail count would be proper for credit.

If the above applies in this case, the grievant shall be given appropriate credit for such items.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of agreement that the above will resolve this case.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Eugene
Labor Relations Department


Dallas N. Fields
Director, Labor Relations
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