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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT
N.A.L.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re: J94N-4J-C 98033595
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ROYAL OAK MI 48068-9500

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On February 6, 1998, I met with your representative to discuss the above-referenced grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

During our discussion, we mutually agreed to that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case.

Accordingly, we mutually agreed to remand this case to the same stage of the grievance/arbitration procedure from which referred to Step 4, with the following understanding:

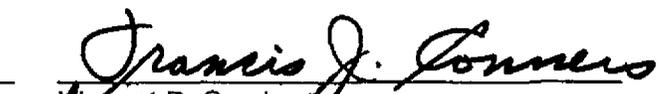
There is no disagreement between the parties at the National level that the Union may interview Postal Inspectors if the interviews would be relevant and necessary for processing a grievance or in determining if a grievance exists. We further agreed that whether or not the steward's request was unreasonably denied is a matter of local fact circumstances that should be determined by a regular arbitrator.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Murmer
Grievance and Arbitration
Labor Relations


Vincent R. Sombrotto
President
National Association of Letter Carriers,
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Date: 5/26/98