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Dear Mr. Devine & Mr. Flynn:

By letter dated 2/8/06 the Postal Service has advised the APWU, it is assigning the current modifications of the Automatic Induction system (AI) and the Automatic Tray Handling System (ATHS) on the AFSM 100 to the mailhandler craft.

The APWU believes the issue is: Is the USPS's decision to assign the work performed in regard to the AI and ATHS on the AFSM 100 to the mailhandler craft in violation of the National Agreement, RI-399 and the historical application of the jurisdictional rules of the parties?

The APWU maintains that AI and ATHS is involved in mail processing and/or the distribution of mail and is the work of the clerk craft.

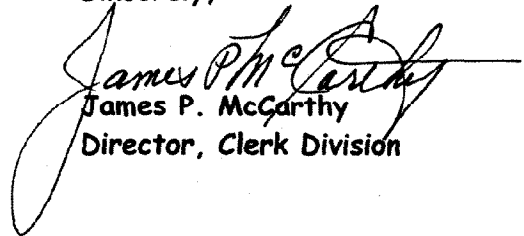


All mail processing and/or distribution of mail on automated equipment is the work of the clerk craft.

The work functions of culling, facing, orienting, loading and unloading of flat sorting machines has always been performed by clerical employees on all predecessor models of flat sorting machines.

Further, clerical employees are more efficient and effective when assigned to and working on automated machinery and any new job or jobs created by technological or mechanization changes are to be offered to employees whose jobs are affected.

Sincerely,



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