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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins Vice President National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO 100 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20001-2197

> Re: C. Nietzel Bakersfield, CA H4N-5G-D 7167

Dear Mr. Butchins:

On December 14, 1988, a meeting was held with the NALC Director of City Delivery, Brian Farris, to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is the extent to which prior discipline may be utilized under the terms of Article 16.10 of the National Agreement.

We agreed that a notice of discipline which is subsequently fully rescinded, whether by settlement, arbitration award, or independent management action, shall be deemed not to have been "initiated" for purposes of Article 16, Section 10, and may not be cited or considered in any subsequent disciplinary action.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.

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

Mr. Lawrence G. Butchins

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Grievance & Arbitration

Division

Vice President

National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO

(Date) 1/5/89